



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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The Chairman  
Redistribution Committee for New South Wales  
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)  
P.O. Box 20014  
World Square NSW 2002

Dear Sir,

**RE: GWYDIR REDISTRIBUTION**

I am writing to you to protest at the plans of your Committee to eliminate the Federation Seat of Gwydir.

I cannot see how you expect one elected member of parliament to effectively represent 379,400 square kilometers or 47% of the State effectively.

The rural areas of Australia have had enough shoddy treatment from Committees and Government Bodies centered in Sydney. Life in the bush is tough enough without being continually told that we have to put up with less services where the metro areas continue to attract more services.

By creating this huge electorate the effectiveness of our country voice is lost. How many of the residents in the new "super" electorate will ever see or be able to discuss problems with their local member.

In the past, your committee has taken into consideration the huge size of the state seat of Murray-Darling and it was reduced in size. Why have you not taken a similar position on Gwydir.

I respectfully suggest you take the opportunity and re-distribute a few seats in Sydney. The residents will hardly know the difference.

Please stop this absurd decision and let sanity prevail:

Yours sincerely



Michael O'Connor

