

## The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES



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To Whom It May Concern:

Subject: Gwydir Electorate

Please reconsider the decision to abolish the Federal Seat of Gwydir which has existed since Federation in 1901.

A larger "mega seat" means it is much more difficult for constituents to have access to their local Member.

It means the future MP has a larger constituency (geographically) which put him/her at a disadvantage, compared to city-based electorates, and unable to fully represent his/her constituents.

I grew up near Pilliga. Some relatives still live in the area, and it takes about 2-2½ hours' drive (about 180km) – depending on road conditions – to visit our current Member in person at his office.

My current Member in Sydney is roughly a ten minute walk (or less than five minutes' drive) as his office is just up the road.

Country people are already disadvantaged thanks to the city-centric NSW Labor Government who ignore their existence since winning government twelve years ago.

Why isn't your office considering abolishing one of the city seats where the population keeps increasing?

Yours sincerely,

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