

## The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES



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The Commissioner
Australian Electoral Commission
Att: Redistribution Secretariat
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Dear Sir/ Madam,

We strongly oppose the proposed abolition of the Electorate of Gwydir.

As residents in this Electorate we feel we will no longer have representation in the Federal Parliament. The new proposed electorate of Parkes would be over 47% of NSW. This would make it impossible for the sitting member to service in a satisfactory manner. No MP can physically cover such a vast, partly-isolated part of NSW. The proposed 'Parkes' has no natural 'centre' in this enormous area to make contact easy and the many communities do not naturally interact.

Gwydir has been unfairly targeted. Other electorates are also under the population quota but most would not already suffer so much from the effects of distance and isolation.

Rural people deserve proper representation in our Federal government. We urge you to leave Gwydir intact.

Yours faithfully

SJ Onus

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