



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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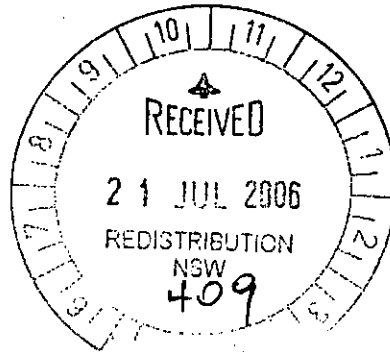
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Dear Sirs,

As a citizen of NSW who has lived and worked in fairly diverse areas of the state including Bourke, eleven years, Walgett five years, Bathurst eight years, Sydney fourteen years plus a total of 17 years in the Riverina and the mid-north coast, I have a first-hand knowledge of the variation in services which applies in different regions.

A very high percentage of the population would not tolerate the lack and poor quality of services in areas such as the far west, but the lack of a voice due to low population and voting clout condemns them to standards which in some respects are comparable with third world countries.

By creating a monster electorate in NSW by merging the seat of Gwydir with Parkes would be a most telling example of a bureaucracy losing touch with the real world. To create an electorate nearly half the size of NSW to be serviced by one member of parliament would greatly increase the likelihood of constituents facing huge logistical problems in having access to their member, while other constituents of small electorates paying the same taxes can, figuratively speaking, walk around the corner for access.

If that is the best that your committee can come up with I suggest you all take an extended trip to the far west of NSW in the summer, to experience at first hand the meaning of lack of services, including representation.

I register my protest.

Yours faithfully,

Rodger Alden