



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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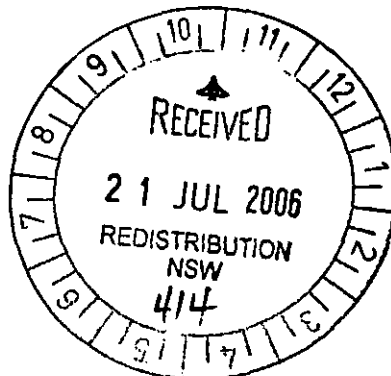
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The Redistribution Committee
for New South Wales
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)
PO Box 20014
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Dear Sir

Re: 2006 Federal Electoral Redistribution

I object to the proposal to abolish the Seat of Gwydir. I believe there is strong argument in favour of abolition of a Sydney electorate. This would be more equitable than abolishing the Gwydir electorate.

The estimated growth rates provided by the Australian Electoral Commission do not predict Parkes or Gwydir to have the lowest rates of growth.

The Electoral Commission's proposal creates a new electorate of Parkes that would be almost 380 square kilometres in size or 47% of the size of NSW. This makes the electorate bigger than Japan and Germany and 5½ times the size of Tasmania.

By creating such a huge electorate the proposal effectively reduces the voice of country people in the Federal parliament.

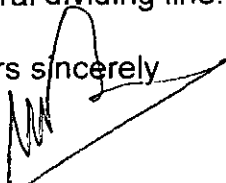
In Sydney people often only have a ten minute travelling time to their local Federal member's office. In Parkes people will have to drive for days.

It seems that the legislative requirements for committees of interest and the size of electorates to be considered in the redistribution process have been ignored.

In the most recent NSW electoral redistribution the commissioners were mindful of the huge size of the State seat of Murray Darling and those commissioners took the opportunity to reduce the size of that electorate.

I support the retention of existing boundaries between coastal and inland divisions where possible so that the Great Dividing Range continues to act as the sensible, natural dividing line.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. M. Boyce', written over a diagonal line that extends from the top right towards the bottom left.

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