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NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Sirs/Mesdames,

Proposed new giant electorate eliminating Gwydir

It seems impossible for me, and any other people to whom I have mentioned the subject, to believe that presumably intelligent people should not recognise the ridiculous situation created by the proposed amalgamation of Gwydir electorate and the newly proposed Parkes one.

The area so proposed is hugely cumbersome, impossible for one member to represent, impossible for constituents to handle at all, let alone with any semblance of justice and support for any problems which may need attention.

In Gwydir we have been very well looked after, with ready contact with our member and help in all sorts of necessary circumstances. We very much wish Gwydir to remain.

It suggests that your Sydney office has no conception of distances and road conditions in areas beyond the coastal areas. It may be plausible to have an approximately equal number of electors in each area, but that should not be the only basis of distribution of boundaries. It is also fair that people should have roughly equal opportunity for representation and for access to their member. If this huge electorate is allowed to exist, it will, in effect, disenfranchise most, if not all, of the people living within it.

I do earnestly request that this matter be urgently reconsidered and realities taken into account.

Yours faithfully,

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