



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**

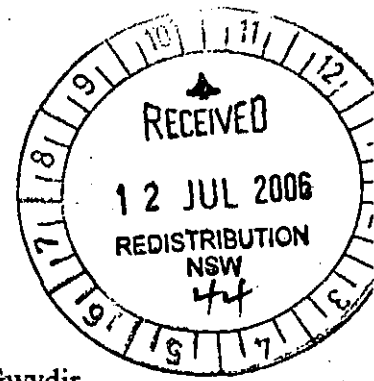


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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
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Committee Members.



Our submission is asking that the Commissioner reconsider the merging of Gwydir Electorate with the Parkes Electorate and choose a city based electorate such as Blaxland. My reasons are as follows;

1. The total area of the new electorate will be 379,474 square km, 47% of the State of New South Wales. The area alone will be impossible for the one person to give proper consideration to the constituents living in the electorate. Whereas a city electorate such as Blaxland is in a more populated area and closer to other electorates with easier access to a Parliamentary member. Surely we are entitled to equal representation.

2. The rural community needs as strong a voice to be heard in today's city based governments. A senior member with a strong voice would be unable to give proper time for his electorate. More people are adopting the 'Tree Change' philosophy to improve their life style and are moving away from city based and coastal environments. They are also entitled to better representation.

3. With the drought pushing more farmers against the wall, be it banks wanting money or government instrumentality. There is need now for equal representation and access to our parliamentary representative than ever before.

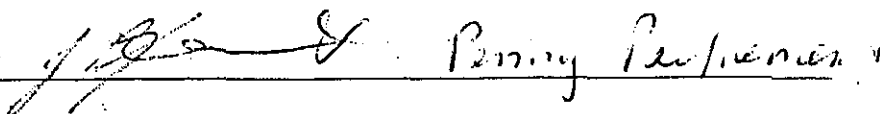
4. Although the population is changing, new industries are developing in the Gwydir electorate providing more employment to an increasing population. Ethanol Production and the new mines opening in the Gunnedah Boggabri area are such industries which are increasing the demand for workers and houses to accommodate these new industries.

5. Consideration should be given to the Aboriginal population. They also have concerns although they may not be enrolled, it doesn't mean they don't exist. By including the Aboriginal population perhaps we could reach the imaginary figure that would assist with keeping our electorate.

6. Consideration should also be given to the hidden population of towns such as Lightning Ridge. Not every body is considerate enough to enrol for the electorate as many prefer to remain anonymous. Conceivably with both these populations, that is the Aboriginal and hidden community the electorate has more people than realised.

In conclusion country electorates are becoming of less consequence than city electorates, but we should have equal say and access to our parliamentary members.

Yours faithfully,
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