



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES

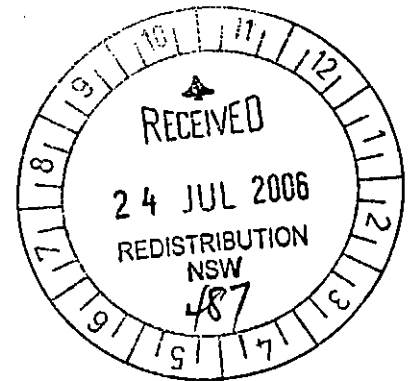


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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)
PO Box 20014
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July 21st 2006

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: Objection to the abolishment of the Gwydir electorate and its merging into the Parkes electorate

I am writing to express my concern about the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries in NSW. In particular I object to the abolishment of the seat of Gwydir and the creation of a 'super-seat' of Parkes.

In my opinion, the creation of a 'new' Parkes electorate that would be almost 380,000 square kilometers (and cover 47% of the state) is both unfair to voters residing in that area and seemingly contrary to the criteria the Redistribution Committee is supposed to consider in these matters, particularly means of communication and travel within a division.

As a regional voter residing in the electorate of Farrer, I am very concerned about the effect this redistribution will have on the voice of country people in parliament. As it stands, regional issues already have limited representation in Canberra and the proposed redistribution serves to weaken this further.

The Commission does not predict Parkes or Gwydir to have the lowest rates of growth. In the most recent redistribution they were mindful of the huge size the seat of Murray-Darling would create and reduced the size of that electorate accordingly. For the current proposed redistribution it appears that the Great Dividing Range would be a logical and natural dividing line. Factors such as these and the fact that voters would be required to travel several hours to meet with their representative should be enough for the Commission to rethink their proposed redistribution.

I hope that the Commission will take on board the feedback it has received from voters and relevant parties in this matter and reconsider their proposal of merging these two electorates.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tanya Rorato'.

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