



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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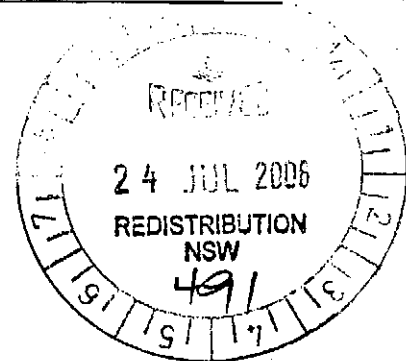
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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
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Dear Members,

I would have thought common sense would have prevailed when you consider the size of the proposed electorate of Parkes consisting of 380 000 sq. kls., how could one member service the members of this electorate?

I agree with:

1. Both the National and Liberals argue strongly that there is a case for the abolition of a Sydney Electorate. This would cause far less disruption and be much more equitable than abolishing the Gwydir electorate.
2. By creating such a huge electorate the proposal effectively reduces the voice of country people in the Federal Parliament.
3. In Sydney people are often only 10 minutes at the most from their MP's office but in this newly proposed seat of Parkes people will have to drive hours and hours to see their MP. Why isn't the boundaries of the city electorate given more attention where the people can be served more effectively?
4. It seems that the legislative requirements for communities of interest and the size of the electorates to be considered in the redistribution process have been ignored.
5. 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. It is perplexing that in this current redistribution such a huge seat would be unnecessarily created.
6. I support the retention of existing boundaries between coastal and inland divisions where possible, so that the Great Dividing Range continues to act as a sensible natural dividing line.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Olsen".

For: D A OLSEN