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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my concern that the seat of Gwydir will be eliminated and the electorate will be merged into the seat of Parkes. I have always been conscious that if democracy is to work fairly and with justice some allowance needs to be made in the voting system to compensate for the remoteness or inability of the elected representative to be in close contact with the voters. Whilst Australia seems to have unfairly glossed over this principal most other countries do give a weighting for this factor.

Your proposal now to make one huge electorate which takes up nearly half of the state of New South Wales can only be seen as absurd. How rural people can ever make reasonable contact with their member of parliament, or their member of parliament make contact with them, will be near impossible. I would suggest that the proposed seat of Parkes should be divided in two and appropriate adjustment be made to other seats to fit such a proposal.

I have made my concern to you as brief as possible and hope that such consideration might be given with wisdom.

Yours sincerely,

J.D. Anthony