



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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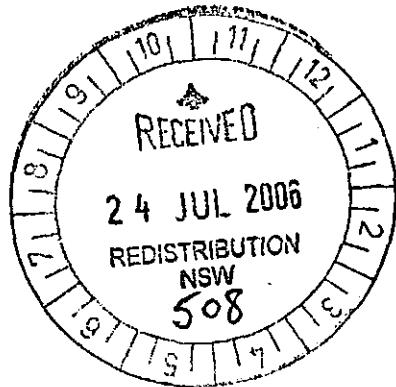
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The Australian Electoral Commission
Redistribution Committee for NSW.

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Dear Committee Members,

I would like to register my objection to the proposed merge of Gwydir seat with Parkes.

Country people have so few comforts in comparison to city folk that I wonder why you would want to take more away from us. It truly makes me think that you all believe NSW stands for Newcastle, Sydney & Wollongong. In Sydney people are often only 10 minutes from their MP's office but this newly proposed seat of Parkes would make country people have to drive for hours to see their MP. Also 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. I can't understand why you

Would want ² to create such a huge seat again.

I think you are totally ignoring the legislative requirements for the communities of interest and the size of the electorates to be considered in this redistribution process. I'd like to point out that the estimated growth rates provided by the Australian Electoral Commission do NOT predict Parkes or Gwydir to have the lowest rates of growth. How ludicrous is this =

This proposal to merge Parkes & Gwydir would create a new electorate that would be almost 380,000 sq. Kilometres in size - or 47% of NSW - and make it bigger than Japan and Germany and 5½ times the size of Tasmania = ????

HOW ROUGH IS THIS ON THE BUSH?

Yours sincerely

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Yours