



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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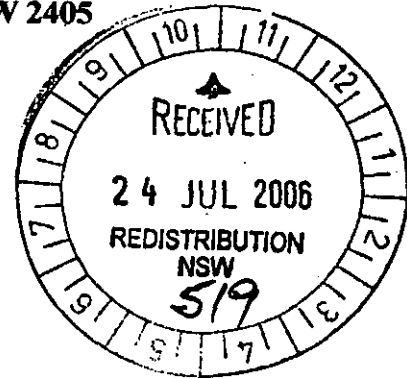
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Redistribution Commission for NSW
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)
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Dear Sir,

RE: Submission of rejection - abolition of the Seat of Gwydir.

With regard to the proposed abolishment of the seat of Gwydir and the proposed merger of the electorate into the seat of Parkes I formally lodge the following objections.

1. Residing near the town of Boomi in Northern NSW, approximately 550 km from Parkes, it will take over seven hours to drive to Parkes to meet with our elected representative should a face to face meeting be required. Apart from the distances involved it should be noted that unlike the infrastructure provided to city dwellers there is no government transport from Boomi to Parkes.
2. The proposed redistribution would decrease the voice of country people in the Federal Parliament. Such a re-distribution is both biased and unethical and ignores the legislative requirements for the communities involved and the size of the electorates.
3. The most recent NSW electoral re-distribution of the State seat of the Murray-Darling reduced the size of that electorate. The Commissioners involved were aware of the fundamental challenges associated with the 'fair and equitable' treatment of such a large area and accordingly reduced the size of the electorate.
4. The creation of an electorate that would represent 47% of NSW, instead of the more feasible and less disruptive option of abolishing a Sydney electorate sends a strong warning to those who believe in the spirit of the democracy and an equally representative voice for all.

I strongly object to the proposed merger. Leave the boundaries where they are.

Yours faithfully,

F. I. Alexander.