



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Sirs

I am writing to oppose the suggestions by the AEC to abolish the Federal Seat of Gwydir and turn it into a mega-seat, Parkes. By creating such a huge electorate the proposal effectively reduces the voice of country people in the Federal Parliament. This is unacceptable.

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.

The proposal put forward by you will make it extremely hard for a Member to be at a senior level in the Government, where they can really give a powerful voice to rural concerns, and still look after the electorate.

I fail to see why a Sydney seat can't be abolished, as this would not be a loss of representation for voters.

Please consider changing the boundaries so that the seat of Gwydir can be retained.

Yours sincerely

William Lyle