

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales

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Dear Sir,

The members of Merriwa Branch of The Country Women's Association of NSW, wish to lodge an objection to the AEC draft boundaries and the proposal to abolish the seat of Gwydir. Members are alarmed at the suggestion of making one huge electorate, which certainly reduces the voice of those living in a 380,000 sq. kilometre radius, these people would definitely become the "Voice in the Wilderness."

Where is the logic in this decision?

Please reconsider this proposal and give some consideration to the one person who would be responsible for the seat. How can anyone spread themselves so thinly to cover 47% of NSW and be expected to do the job well? Is this what the AEC really wants? Does Rural NSW mean so little to the city?

Trusting the Commission will give these comments due consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs.) Kay C Burgess

Hon. Secretary