



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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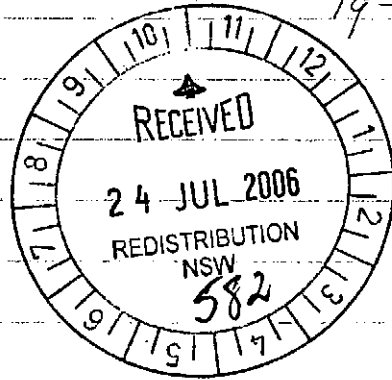
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Redistribution Committee for N.S.W.  
Australian Electoral Commission  
World Square



Dear Sir,

I urge you to reconsider your decision to abolish the seat of Gwydir. Following are the reasons why.

1. The new seat will cover 47% of the state which is far too large an area for the member to cover.
2. Country voices are struggling to be heard in Parliament now, & the new plan will decrease our voice further.
3. The estimated growth rates do not predict Parkes & Gwydir to have the lowest growth rates.
4. In the most recent N.S.W. electoral redistribution, the commissioners were mindful of the huge seat of Murray-Darling & they reduced the size of that electorate.
5. The legislative requirements for communities of interest & the size of the electorate to be considered have been ignored.
6. In Sydney people are often only 10 minutes from their M.P.'s office. In this newly proposed seat of Parkes, people will have to travel hours & hours to see their M.P.

The electoral commission has overlooked the commercial & social association between the communities of Parkes/Forbes & Dubbo & Broken Hill & Dubbo.

Fosber / Parkes do NOT do most of their business in Orange, as there is no major road between the communities.

Wilcannia, Milparinka & Menindee DO NOT do most of their business & socialising in Dubbo. They do it in Broken Hill.

The cost of funding & time for the new member for Farver would need to travel Albury, Sydney, Dubbo, Broken Hill, at an increased cost of \$1,800 per visit & two days travel time, whilst the member for Parkes would have to travel Broken Hill also to reach unincorporated communities at the current cost & time.

It would seem there are very strong arguments for the abolition of a Sydney Electorate. This would cause far less disruption & be much more equitable than abolishing the Gympie electorate.

Yours Faithfully,  
Ian Hamilton