

## The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee of New South Wales, Australian Electoral Commission (NSW) P. O. Box 20014 World Square. NSW. 2002.

Dear Committee,

I write to register my strong objection to the proposal to abolish the Federal Electorate of Gwydir and create a ridiculously large Electorate of Parkes covering 47per cent of the State of NSW.

Electorates that are very large in area have been condemned as difficult to service and unfair to electors by experienced parliamentary representatives of all major parties and independent members.

Every effort should be made to keep the population numbers in sparsely populated areas as low as the tolerances permit and incorporate clusters of population to keep area size as low as possible.

I am reliably informed both the Liberal and National Parties believe the Electorate to be abolished in this State should come from the more densely populated area near Sydney.

Recent reduction in population in the Electorate of Gwydir and Parkes can be attributed mostly to the drought. With the return of more favourable seasons and much activity in the Mining Industry the population in these Electorates can be expected to start rising considerably.

To persist with this proposal must expose your committee to allegations of political bias and discrimination against a group of people already disadvantaged by isolation, lack of services, drought, high unemployment and a large population of Aboriginal people.

Yours sincerely,

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