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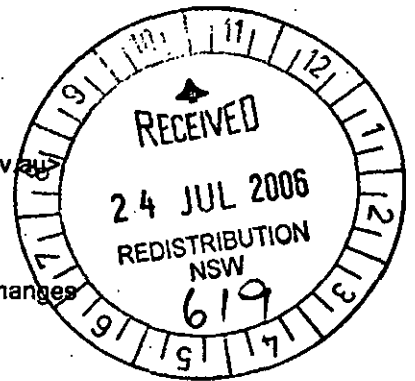
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I hereby lodge my strongest possible protest of this latest move by the AEC to abandon the electorate of Gwydir by amalgamation into the Parkes electorate due to population adjustments.

It would be far more appropriate to adjust the population content / boundaries of the metropolitan electorates on the sandstone belt of Newcastle - Sydney - Wollongong. After all, these areas are so small in area that virtually no-one will be disadvantaged, nor will they face the geographical difficulties in trying to make contact with their elected representative, and they do enjoy the benefits of public transport accessibility, local phone call costs, and functional internet.

Whereas, rural people are perpetually faced with the problems of ever increasing isolation, tyranny of distance, overwhelming fuel price increases and taxes of all sorts, reduction of all types of essential services - bureaucratic and medical; lousy phone and internet lines; nil public transport.

There are many people in rural Australia who are not primary producers, who cannot claim travel and accommodation costs as business deductions; an older people of the barest of incomes do live in rural and remote regions, also lots of disadvantaged aboriginals.

Which raises the fact of the dangers of travel in remote areas, especially in droughts and floods, and appalling road conditions at the best of times.

It is beyond belief that some bureaucrats who reside in metropolitan areas and work in air-conditioned comfort zones can, knowingly and deliberately, inflict upon these people and their elected representative and allied staff members, the well known and legally recognised hazards of driver fatigue / accidents / deaths especially on long distance driving. Nil comfort stop facilities in these remote areas!

Such a decision to wipe out the electorate of Gwydir, invokes automatically, non-compliance with driver safety standards and OH&S regulations, and invokes family lifestyle discrimination.

It is HUMANLY IMPOSSIBLE for one elected person to provide even the barest amount of effective coverage of such a huge electorate as the enlarged Parkes will become.

The death and/or untimely death / disability / health breakdown of the elected representative of this new electorate of Parkes shall be on your hands.

Such a move is totally impractical in all aspects. It is also inhumane It is discriminatory.

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