



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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As electors in the Federal seat of Gwydir we vehemently oppose the merging with the Parkes electorate. Politics aside (ie: who holds the seat) it is not possible for a single member to properly look after such a large physical area. The member will not need a car to cover this whole area, they will need a plane, which will increase travel expenditure. If the population in this **half (47%)** of the state is, in fact, equal to the other electorates then physical size, diversity of landuse, history, culture and the number of hours in the day (for the sitting member) must all be taken into account.

Other points to note:

- Enrolment projections made at present will be greatly affected by the current drought.
- Products/industries in the proposed new area are very varied & diverse. It will be very hard for one member to understand all these industries.
- The average population base of Australian electorates seems to be around 90,000 electors. Without having specifics of small sections taken off Parkes & Gwydir prior to redistribution, how can combining 82,626 + 81,972 electors leave the new seat at similar populations to all other seats.
- Why does the proposed new seat become Parkes when Gwydir was proclaimed in 1901 and Parkes only in 1984. Does history have no meaning.

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