



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Subject AGAINST GWYDIR Redistribution

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My name is Robert Lamond of "Solbakken" Upper Piambong Rd Mudgee 2850 and I wish to record my objection to the elimination of the Gwydir Electorate for the following reasons :

The proposal creates a new electorate of Parkes that would be almost 380,000 square km in size, or 47 per cent of NSW. That is bigger than Japan and Germany and five and a half times the size of Tasmania. By creating such a huge electorate the proposal effectively reduces the voice of country

people in the Federal Parliament. In this proposed seat of Parkes people will have to drive hours and hours to see their MP and no MP will be able to effectively service this HUGE electorate.

How come the Commissioners were mindful of the huge size of the State seat of Murray-Darling and took the opportunity to reduce the size of that electorate. It is perplexing that in this current redistribution such a huge seat would be unnecessarily created.

The proposal creates massive inequity between city and country people and is contrary to our Australian spirit of fair-play.
 Bob Lamond

