



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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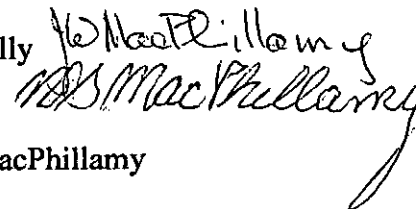
Australian Electoral Commission
Atten. Redistribution Committee for NSW

We are writing to express our deep concerns about the proposal to abolish the seat of Gwydir & merge with Parkes. Distance & isolation in rural areas creates enormous difficulties & for one representative to cover 47% of the state is quite unrealistic. This is the size of Germany or five times the size of Tassie. Surely you must consider distance as well as population when these decisions are made. If this action is taken you will be setting up another problem like the Murray-Darling seat in the state which has just been corrected by those wise Commissioners. Not only that but you effectively reduce even more the voice of country people.

The great Dividing Range forms a natural boundary & we support it's retention. May we suggest it would seem to be more fitting to abolish a Sydney seat rather than make more difficulties for many country communities. If I may digress in the state, Lachlan has been abolished which means Dubbo now becomes enormous, & western area health service stretches from Lithgow to Broken Hill ----not your problem but you take my point.

We ask you to reconsider this proposal & we hope you can make a better decision.

Yours Faithfully



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