

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Redistribution Committee of NSW PO Box 20014 World Square NSW 2002

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to register our objection to the proposed redistribution of Gwydir Electorate. If Gwydir is abolished we will have to travel 9 hours (round trip) rather than 5 hours to see our parliamentary member.

How can our proposed representative effectively manage the problems of a diverse electorate covering 47.3% of NSW? In our opinion it is physically impossible to do so. Shouldn't we of the Gwydir electorate (part of the proposed Parkes Electorate) have the same opportunity to see our elected member as those in other electorates?

We understand that there are seats in Sydney that are further under the average seat population quota than Gwydir or Parkes. All three major parties have suggested that an electorate of Western Sydney be abolished. With the discovery of extensive coal reserves in the Gunnedah - Boggabri area and now the commencement of large scale mining there will be a significant inflow of population into the Gwydir Electorate.

Gwydir Electorate is a specific regional area divided from the Central West (Dubbo-Parkes) by distance and to some extent the Pilliga Scrub. So, in our opinion, each region requires their own representation to deal with specific regional requirements.

Regards.

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