



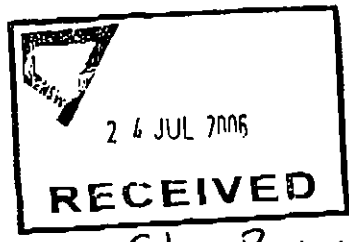
**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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Australian Electoral Commissioner
PO Box 6172,
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~~Colin Barry~~
~~cc Christine Haastard~~

Dear Sirs,

Objection to proposed changes to Federal Electorate Boundaries of Parkes, Gwydir and Farrer.

Has the Australian Electoral Commission considered the ramifications of their proposed changes to the above electorates?

By implementing the proposed changes the then new electorate of Parkes would cover 47.3 per cent of New South Wales an unmanageable size for any Parliamentarian to service. This proposed electorate is based on population and not equity of representation. This centric approach is at the expense of rural and regional New South Wales giving the people just a 28 per cent of the States voting power. Is this a fair deal?

Would it not be fairer to abolish one of the Sydney seats where the distance to see your Member of Parliament is minimum? People in the new proposed electorate will have very great distances to travel to have the same privileges as their city cousins.

Please take into account the down turn of rural commodities due to the prolonged drought, the worst in a century. Many families and workers with their families have had to seek employment else where, and hopefully this will change when the drought breaks and irrigation dams are replenished enabling rural areas to be viable and workers and their families will be sort again.

Also it must be taken into consideration the commercial and social association between the communities of Parkes, Forbes and Dubbo, along with Broken Hill and Dubbo, with all the smaller towns and districts within the net. Please be kinder to the people in this vast area.

I hope the Australian Electorate Committee will take the above concerns into consideration and NOT abolish the Gwydir Electorate or change the boundaries.

Yours faithfully

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Chris J. Quigley

