



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Committee Members,

re; Objection to the abolition of the Federal electorate of Gwydir

As a constituent of the Federal electorate of Gwydir I strongly object to the abolition of this seat and the proposed boundary changes. The proposed seat of Parkes takes in 43% of NSW which is unworkable and unfair both for the people and the member of the electorate. The people living in the north of the state travel to either Toowoomba or Tamworth for business reasons rather than Dubbo and certainly do not head west. Why would we want an electorate centered about Dubbo? .

The distances involved in the new electorate of Parkes are huge, the roads in the many cases, are unsealed, rough and isolated. Thousands of kilometers of travel are involved. Accommodation is in the nearest large centre necessitating members to take days just to visit their constituents let alone understand the diverse range of issues involved. Contrast this with people living in the smaller electorates in urban areas with public transport and their member's office centrally located and easily accessed.

It is difficult enough now to see our Parliamentary representative it will be impossible with a large part of their time just taken traveling. Not a very productive use of time. .

The issues facing people the North of the state around Moree are different from those at Parkes and completely different to those in the far west of the state. Everyone has the right to have timely access to their member and this proposal absolutely negates any possibility of that for the majority of the electorate.

I object strongly to the abolition of the Federal seat for Gwydir. Rural NSW needs more representation not less. There must be equitable access for all.

Yours truly,

H Blackburn

