



**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**

The proposed changes to the electoral boundaries to abolish the seat of Gywdir and create the "super" electorate for Parkes is unworkable and will severely disadvantage those living in the area.

We have a right to access to our representatives. Distances will be prohibitive both for the member and the constituents of the electorate. The proposed center of Dubbo is at least five hours travel from Moree and that is on reasonable roads. What about those further west? They can be a good day away, plus there is accommodation involved. People in smaller urban electorates are only at most a few hours from their members' office. This is inequitable and unfair. It is a cost imposition and unrealistic.

Toowoomba, Brisbane and Tamworth are more business centers for those living in the north of the state, while Adelaide is for those in the west. Dubbo certainly isn't, for a large part of those affected by the proposed changes.

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. .

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 and fair representation.

Yours truly,

JT Blackburn

