

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Dear Committee Members,

I have been disappointed and horrified to learn of the proposal to eliminate Federal seat of Gwydir in the forthcoming electoral redistribution.

We have been informed that we will be put into an electorate that will cover 47% of N.S.W. making it the largest in the state and be nearly twice the size of Victoria. If this is the case we will hardly ever make contact or see our local member. I find this smacks of discrimination when I have been told that Tasmania with 5 seats and one fifth of the area has 29% less voters in their electorates than here.

It will be impossible for our local member to hold a position in Cabinet as they will be too busy trying to service their electorate. This will reduce our influence in Government.

Gwydir was formed at Federation and it must have a lot of Heritage value, Do you think that we should throw away our Heritage values?

As far as I know the abolition of Gwydir was not recommended by any of the political parties and its abolition would result in loss of representation in Federal Parliament.

Yours faithfully

Graham Donaldson..