



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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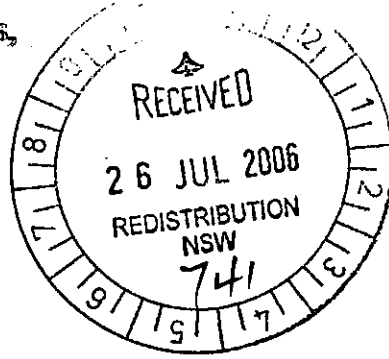
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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales,  
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)  
PO Box 20014  
WORLD SQUARE NSW 2002.



Dear Electoral Commissioner,

The abolition of a further Rural seat in NSW will not just affect the residents in the adjoining seats of Gwydir and Parkes, but all Australian citizens not living in Metropolitan areas.

The proposed area of almost 379,474 square kilometres, 47% of NSW; the magnitude of an area five and a half times the size of Tasmania, just for the one Seat of Parkes is ridiculous. It is negligent and grossly unfair to expect a member of Parliament to represent nineteen (19) local Government areas of the proposal.

All citizens of Australia should be provided in a fair and equitable manner. While citizens in Metropolitan areas have government transport at their disposal. They can reach their MP or the MP's office within a very short period of time and could return home in a short period at a minimum cost. Rural residents do not have this benefit, they have to drive many hours, and many more if this proposal goes through, in their own vehicle at a high personal cost.

Metropolitan areas have the benefit of the cost of a local phone call to their Member while their Rural counterparts have the added expense of a long distance call.

The Member of Parliament representing this massive area would have to be living their life on the run continually, to even try and represent their constituents fairly. A very real risk to their own physical, mental health and their family life. Metropolitan Politicians can cover their electorate in very short time and can far more easily cover more area with the travel time they do not have to make to reach the outmost point of their electorate.

If a seat has to be dropped, the facts are evident that Metropolitan areas can more easily be altered and people and shires still covered with fair and equitable representation.

Yours sincerely,

*Nicol Woods*

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21st July, 2006