



**The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

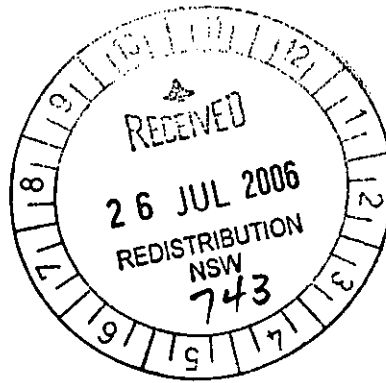


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MAYOR'S OFFICE

Mr Ian Campbell  
Chairman  
Redistribution Committee for New South Wales  
Australian Electoral Commission  
PO Box 20014  
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Dear Mr Campbell

### **PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**

On 30 June 2006 the Australian Electoral Commission Redistribution Committee for New South Wales published a report detailing the proposed new federal electoral boundaries and as part of the consultative process, called for comment.

With the proposed abolition of the Gwydir electorate the area now proposed for the electorate of Parkes will be increased by one hundred thousand square kilometres (100,000 sq km) making it a complete impossibility for one member of parliament to adequately represent those within the electorate.

The electors west of the mountains should not be disadvantaged by comparison to those electors who live in a densely populated metropolitan/coastal electorate, each have the same rights of fair and equal representation. A person at Wilcannia or Ivanhoe does not have the same opportunity of face to face representation/contact with their local member as does a person in say Marrickville.

I understand that the electoral boundaries are based on numbers. Not only is this unfair on the electors but, how is it possible for one member to understand the different "community of interest" that exist between Moree or Gunnedah and Dubbo and Parkes and how can he possibly be expected to fairly represent those communities. It is an impossible task.

Densely populated metropolitan seats share similar interests with the next door seat - there is much less diversity yet much better local representation. This needs to be recognised and a fairer distribution formula based on a combination of area and population needs to be implemented.

All sectors of Government have agreed on the importance of stemming the population shift to coastal areas and support efforts to create strong economic inland cities. This can only be achieved through adequate representation and reasonable access to a Member of Parliament.

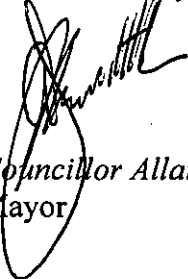


**DUBBO**  
CITY COUNCIL

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In the interests of fair representation for all electorates I ask that the issues raised in this letter be given consideration before any changes to the existing electoral boundaries are finalised.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Allan Smith', written over a large, loopy circular scribble.

*Councillor Allan Smith*  
Mayor