



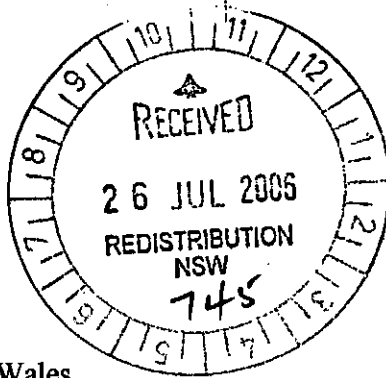
The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales
Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)
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Dear Sirs,

**RE: LODGMENT OF OBJECTION
2006 FEDERAL ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION**

I wish to lodge the strongest objection possible to the proposed plan by the Commissioners to abolish the Electorate of Gwydir and thereby enlarge to an unmanageable size the Electorate of Parkes.

In the first instance the new electorate will be something like 4-5 times the size of Tasmania. Do you honestly believe that one person can traverse that area to adequately serve the people who voted for him (or her). Not to labour the point too much I would suggest, that in your deliberations as a result of the very large amount of objections you will receive on this matter, you give serious consideration to taking an aircraft to Broken Hill (this will take approximately 4-5 hours with a stopover in Dubbo) After you have spoken to the good folk out there, who are also unhappy I imagine with the prospect of being in an electorate with which they will have no community of interest, I would suggest you hire a car and drive the 965 kilometres to Moree to speak with the electors there. It will be necessary to drive there as the cost involved in flying back to Sydney and then connecting with another flight to Moree would be prohibitive, given the travel allowance of a Federal Member of Parliament. At the moment, we have been blessed with rain so to do the trip I suggest there will be about 300 kilometres of dirt roads closed, which will necessitate the trip to take about two days at least. Do you honestly believe that this is a fair and equitable way to treat the people west of the sandstone curtain.

By taking this incredibly ridiculous action you will be deliberately reducing the voice of we country people in Federal Parliament. We have fed the people of this great country of ours for two centuries now and I believe we deserve better than this proposal by a city centric group of Commissioners.

Finally, I would like to add that if there is no way you are prepared to re-draw the proposed boundaries, I would beg you to at least **PLEASE** retain the Name of **GWYDIR**. This is a Federation Electorate and as such should be respected.

Yours sincerely,
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