



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Sir,

What can the AEC be thinking of to suggest the abolition of the Gwydir Electorate which has existed since 1901 and to amalgamate with Parkes Electorate?? How can one person be expected to cover an area of 380,000 sq. kilometres and be answerable to the people of 47% of NSW? This seems designed to reduce Country representation in Federal Parliament. Country people would need to drive for many hours to speak with their Representative, where if any two Sydney Electorates were to be amalgamated most people could reach their Representative's Office in 10 minutes to half an hour. Telecommunications is not always available to those in more isolated areas and doesn't replace personal contact.

We object strongly to the proposed boundary changes to Gwydir and wish to see the Gwydir Electorate remain as is.

Yours faithfully,

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