



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee of NSW
Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to strongly protest to the changes to our electorate of Gwydir that are preposed.

I have watched the sitting member try to get around the present huge seat. It has been just about geographically possible. The new preposed seat would definitely geographically IMPOSSIBLE.

Would the members of the committee like to drive to nearly Victoria to attend a two hour meeting or sort out some problem that needs the personal touch, not a computer or the phone? Of course not, but that is what our member does now, and to double that would be criminal.

Surely voters should have a chance to be able to see their member of parliament if they need to. That is the basic right of any Australian. You city folk can see yours in, at the most, two hours.

You will tell me that it all depends on population. When did your last statistics date from? In our area alone two new coal mines are building up to come into production soon, one will employ 80-90 and the other nearly 200. That is only the workers, add to that spouses, children and new enterprises that work in conjunction with the mining industry

There are other huge mines planned for Narrabri, Breeza. I am sure an up to date survey would show the population is on the increase. If prices of houses are an indicator Boggabri's house prices have nearly doubled in the last 12 months

I am quite sure a Sydney electorate could easily be amalgamated with one or two others, and not have we bush people deprived of a chance to see our local member

If you still say it's population then change it by an act of parliament, it's been done before.

I'm sure the members of the committee like to eat, wear clothes of cotton or wool, wear leather shoes, keep warm and have electric power driven by coal for light and warmth. Please spare a thought for those who produce it for you

Please find some other way to help us retain our present electorate

Yours sincerely

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