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We are sending this to voice our strong disapproval of the abolition of the Gwydir Electorate and the proposed amalgamation into Parkes. Country people already suffer the disadvantages of remoteness and have to travel extreme distances to many services that are "just down the road" for our city cousins.

The task of one member to represent such a vast area, as will happen if the merger takes place, is ludicrous. How can one person suddenly fulfil the duties that currently takes two members to do?. We need more Electorates, not less.

We are angered at the loss of representation in Parliament this will cause by sacrificing The Hon John Andersons' Electorate. It is purely a numbers game and penny pinching. It shows the lack of regard you hold for rural people and our opinions if this merger actually takes place. How about cutting or decentralising some services or electorates in Sydney and Canberra and/ or moving them to the bush and let city people 'enjoy' the frustrations we deal with daily eg; NO mobile phone coverage, long telephone delays when trying to contact services as we cannot access them locally, fuel prices for trips to Sydney to see specialists, closure of rail infrastructure causing increased freight costs and increased usage of trucks on our already appalling roads, rickety bridges (which we are told money was made available for but has somehow been redirected), a three day a week mail service and the list goes on.

The Australian Electoral Commission should be ashamed and tell the people who is really behind this orchestrated push to remove a member who is a strong voice for all things rural!

Yours Sincerely

Jenny and Jason Goodsell

