



**The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES**

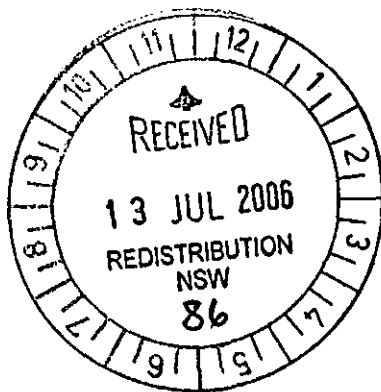


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The Chair  
Redistribution Commission of New South Wales  
PO Box 20014  
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: **Abolition of the electorate of Gwydir**

I believe the proposed absorption of Gwydir into the electorate of Parkes disadvantages the electors and constituents of rural New South Wales.

Accepting the fact that NSW must lose one seat in Federal Parliament due to the arithmetic formula used to calculate representation, I do not accept that a seat the size of Parkes is either a practical or a fair solution to such redistribution.

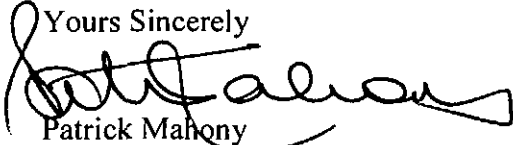
An electorate covering almost 60% of the New South Wales would be almost impossible to represent, not simply due to the vast distances and poor communications, it is also unfair due to the varied demographics of such an electorate.

A redistribution allowing a small change in representation in the metropolitan area would not disadvantage constituents as dramatically as the one proposed by your commission.

I believe your commission should reconsider this proposal due to its impact on the constituents of rural and remote New South Wales. I have spent more than twelve years fighting for equal access to health care for rural Australia, particularly rural pharmacy. I clearly understand the city-centric attitude to services in the widest sense. I also understand that Australia is not just Sydney, Melbourne and other capitals, but a vast continent inhabited by many people who contribute to the wealth of Australia, well beyond their numerical value.

I no longer reside in the electorate of Gwydir. I however urge your commission to consider more than the simple arithmetic and consider the rural people for whom the representative sits in the Parliament of Australia. To lose one representative is too much.

Yours Sincerely



Patrick Mahony