



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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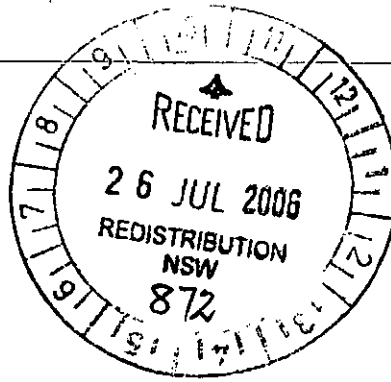
Dear Redistribution Committee,

Attached is my submission regarding the above electorates.

Please forward a receipt acknowledging my email. Many thanks.



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GWYDIR AND PARKES ELECTORATES

I wish to place on record my submission objecting to your Commissioner's decision of the draft redistribution for the Gwydir and Parkes Electorates. In these electorates a case study by voters has clearly justified that your decisions will not work because of the large areas being joined together to form one sitting member of this entire area. In making my decision to put pen to paper my reasons are as follows:

1. The draft redistribution of these two electorates is definitely against the country voter who simply needs a good working member close by, and a manageable distance to travel to work with his/her sitting member. Why impose on the country voter these penalties which they would be if the AEC draft redistribution falls into place. No one in their right mind could possibly think that an electorate as large as Tasmania could run in an efficient manner with one sitting member in Parliament for this large electorate. It appears to me that the Commissioner of the AEC has not fully read and understood the ramifications of this draft redistribution otherwise Gwydir and Parkes Electorates would not be faced with this dilemma. People like myself should not have to write submissions advising the AEC of this catastrophic exercise if the right decision was made in the first place.
2. With the increase of petrol prices surely the Commissioner and the AEC Commission (NSW) would surely understand that the country voter's life is about to change dramatically let alone the country voter the city voter to is going to change their habits and of course their lifestyle is going to be so much different in so many ways because of petrol prices. With this thought in mind who pays for the petrol and let us not forget the time factor wasted in these cases for the country voter when he/she wishes to visit his/her local sitting member? Fancy thinking that an area as large as Tasmania and the likes could be run by ONE sitting member under these circumstances alone.

3. Why is it that the country people have to miss out all the time?
4. Paying the high price in petrol and all the other commodities to make their farms run smoothly it is not up to the Commissioner of the AEC to make these unfair decisions without any good sound reasons as to why the AEC want to change voting electorates.
5. Although draft decisions are being made by your Commissioner at present this does not mean that they will work, when, after all, the AEC is only in the area on polling day. These country voters have much more foresight than this draft decision which is being made by the Commissioner and staff of AEC. Country people always have the proof in the eating not the proof in the AEC.
6. It is a funny thing change never proves to be the right way in the long run.
7. I beg you to please look seriously at the repercussions that the country voter will experience if your draft redistribution gets up and running. Australia needs good country working people to make up good working electorates and this draft redistribution is not the way to go about it.
8. Please look at the trail of disaster that your Commissioner of the AEC and your staff can do to these country voters if your draft redistribution is allowed to be put in place.
9. I now look forward to your reversal by the Commissioner and his/her staff in his/her decision in seeing that the country voter in these areas get a fair go.
10. Please let me know your decision in this very devastating case of sheer waste of time and money in humiliating the poor country voter.

Sincerely,

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