



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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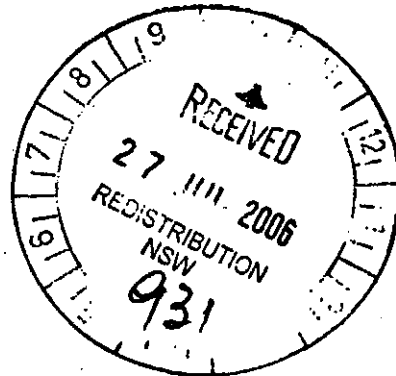
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Dear Sirs

Having read the Australian Electoral Commission draft on the boundaries redistribution and the proposal to abolish the seat of Gwydir and merge the electorate into one seat of Parkes, I was completely shocked on reading this. This would mean one seat covering 379,474 square kilometres or 47% of the state of NSW. This would mean the electorate is larger than Japan and Germany or five & a half times the size of Tasmania.

This proposal would reduce the voice of country people in Parliament. It also seems that the Legislative requirements for communities of interest and size of the electorates to be considered in the redistribution process, have been ignored.

In the most recent NSW electoral redistribution the Commissioners were mindful of the huge size of the seat of Murray-Darling and these Commissioners took the opportunity to reduce the size of that electorate. It is perplexing that in this current redistribution, such a huge seat would be unnecessarily created.

The Sydney people have only a short distance to travel to see their M.P. In this newly proposed sea of Parkes, country people would have to drive for hours and hours to see their M.P.

I am totally against this redistribution and hope that common sense will prevail and leave Gwydir and Parkes as separate seats.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Gourley".

SAM GOURLEY