



The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES



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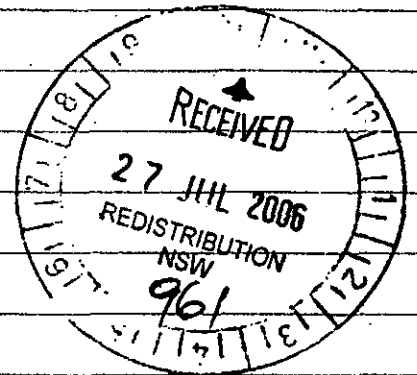
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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales

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Dear Committee,

Being a voter in the Electorate of Gwydir, as it is now, I object to Gwydir being absorbed into the Electorate of Parkes, because the Electorate will be nearly half the size (47%) of NSW.

To me the most sensible way of going about the redistribution, would have been to break up the Sydney Electorates that are under quota and make one bigger one.

The new seat of Parkes will be from just west of Jerrrell, taking in from Queensland Border to the South Australian, down nearly to Broken Hill, South East, Central and North West of the State.

With such a sizeable Electorate, it is going to make it very hard for the Member to give us a fair representation. We do like to see our Member, so as she/he can hear what we want. If she/he has such a large Electorate, we will only see the Member occasionally.

In Sydney a Member can drive from Point A to Point B in an hour. They have public transport, taxis and other modes of transport.

In the country, we do not have public transport, unless it is on a main train line. If the Member has to travel by car from the furthest part of their Electorate to the other end, it could take him twelve hours or more, depending on the road conditions.

The Airlines only service the profitable routes. Whenever the Member might be, and the person decided to use the aeroplane, could mean they fly to Sydney and catch another plane to wherever she/he wants to go. Hire a plane, could be quite expensive, or own their own.

Using the roads can be quite dangerous, especially on the Newell Highway, which is the main thorough fare from Victoria to Queensland.

There have been many vehicle accidents, especially being between Coonabarabran and the Queensland Border. People being killed or severely maimed for life. City Members do not have the problems of kangaroos, wallabies, emus, cattle and sheep running out onto the road all of a sudden, especially at night. Running into a large animal like I mentioned can cause death to the victims, or severe injury.

We do have to have Country Members in the Ministry as there are Portfolios that cover the country. With such a big Electorate it ^{will} make it nearly impossible for a bright Member to represent her/his Electorate properly and hold a position in the Ministry.

Please do come and see what a great distance the Member will have to travel in such a big Electorate.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Janet Fearby