



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Dear Committee

I am writing to express my objections to the proposed electorate redistribution for New South Wales.

I am a third generation farmer and can't believe that country people are being further ignored to such a large extent by our city cousins. It seems that Australian farmers are again being penalised for their geographic location.

It is uncertain why the abolishment of the already large electorate of Gwydir would even be considered. The time constraints involved with covering this proposed new electorate will make it impossible for one Member of Parliament to give fair and equitable representation to his or her constituents.

The new proposal will require one member to cover 47% of New South Wales whilst there will be 48 members to cover the remaining 52% of the State. How is that fair!

A more sensible redistribution would have included changes to one of the Sydney seats that currently provide city residents with yet another service that people in country areas will not have – political representation!

The Government is supposed to represent all Australians equally and provide all residents with access to essential services. How then, can it be proposed that an area in New South Wales that is currently unable to access these essential services can be seen to require less representation?

I urge you to reconsider this ridiculous proposal and give rural and regional Australia a fair go.

Yours sincerely



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