



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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Redistribution Committee for NSW
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am strongly opposed to the proposed electoral redistribution which would see the abolition of the Electorate of Gwydir and its amalgamation with the Electorate of Parkes, thereby effectively reducing the voice of country people in Federal Parliament.

I believe that the huge level of community opposition to this proposal from residents of all political persuasions, clearly demonstrates its unfairness to the people of rural NSW. As someone who has lived in Sydney but now resides in the north-west of the State, I can say with certainty that had this proposal advocated the abolition of a Sydney electorate, it would have been met with little or no concern.

The loss of a Sydney seat, as opposed to losing one in country NSW, would cause minimal, if any, disruption or inconvenience to the lifestyle or political representation of its residents. For those who live in the forty-seven percent of NSW affected by the current proposal, however, the effect would be devastating.

The proposed new electorate is so economically, geographically and socially diverse that it is impossible to find any community of interest throughout. The vastness of the area and the lack of readily available transport links would cause huge problems for both the residents and their elected Federal political representative.

The Electoral Commission's current proposal is unnecessary, inequitable and ultimately does not serve the democratic rights of the citizens of almost half of the State of NSW. As one of them, I firmly believe that the boundaries should be completely redrawn in order to avoid an injustice of this magnitude.

Yours sincerely,

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