

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

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Redistribution Committee NSW P.O. Box 20014 World Square NSW 2002



Dear Sirs,

Ref: Proposed abolition of Gwydir Electorate.

I wish to register my objection to the proposed abolition of the Gwydir electorate and its amalgamation with the Parkes electorate.

Although we in Tamworth are adequately represented by State and Federal members, we are acutely aware of the terrible travel conditions prevailing in outback NSW where a two hour comfortable highway drive becomes an all day ordeal. I am sure that many city Members who could drive across their electorates in an hour or so would never have been on a really bad road or experienced the everyday lack of services, such as communication, medical, transport etc..Thank goodness for the Flying Doctor service.

The Gwydir electorate is actually too large as it is for adequate representation by the local member and it would be impossible for the member for Parkes to service this area in addition to his own large electorate. It would require an everyday helicopter service!.

I feel that distribution of electorate boundaries must be based not only on population and projected growth but on the size of the electorate and the practicality of servicing it with the services available; also that constituents not be discriminated against by the imposition of further hardship.

May I suggest that your committee inspect both the Parkes and Gwydir electorates, preferably by bus or four wheel drive, to get an appreciation of the facts and enable a fair decision.

Respectfully yours,

Harold Ernest Hill