



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Redistribution Committee for NSW  
 Australian Electoral Commission (NSW)  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to register my strong objections to the proposal by the Commission for abolish the Federal seat of Gwydir and to incorporate it into the seat of Parkes.

I find it hard to understand how such a proposal can possibly enhance the processes of democracy. If it is felt there is a need to reduce or rationalise the number of seats in NSW, then surely voters' interests would be better served by the abolition of a Sydney electorate, where constituents are rarely more than a short drive or bus ride from an electorate office and a meeting with their MP.

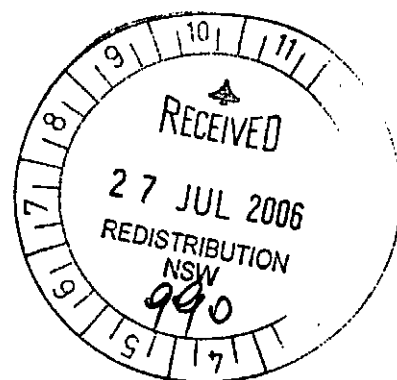
In contrast, the current proposal would create a seat covering 47pc of NSW, bigger than Japan or Germany, and five-and-a-half times the size of Tasmania. The prospect of many hours' travel to see an elected Member, which in many cases would not be remotely practicable, would only serve to increase the isolation many living in regional Australian already feel.

In the most recent NSW electoral redistribution, the Commissioners were mindful of the huge size of the State seat of Murray-Darling and 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.

I trust this proposal will be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely,

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**The Nationals Federal Member for Cowper**  
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