



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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The Chairperson
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Dear Sir/Madam

I write to you expressing my dissatisfaction and displeasure at the redistribution's committee for NSW putting politics before the people of this state in the Australian Electoral Commission plan. The proposal of extending the Parkes electorate over a greater area does no justice to the people of Central NSW compared to those in smaller electorates.

The proposal to extend the Parkes electorate places greater effort on the sitting member to cover the extended geographical area which at the present time is really beyond the capabilities in time and travel for him/her to do justice to his constituents.

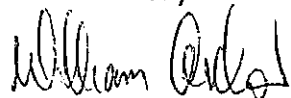
I recently wrote to the Federal member, John Cobb, expressing my concern with the sale of the Snowy Hydro Scheme along with other issues that I believed needed to be addressed. The Snowy Scheme, as you realise, evaporated with public pressure and common sense prevailed. However, with the other issues, in reply I was asked to discuss these in person the next time he was due in Parkes. This was a fair response from the Minister knowing that the local member has meetings in Parkes. But if I was a constituent from Mt Hope or Menindee or Fifield then would I be expected to travel vast distances to have an audience with him? Where is the equality compared to other electorates?

Country NSW does it hard with inadequate roads, inadequate public transport, inadequate telecommunications, inadequate skilled populations, inadequate educational facilities, inadequate hospital facilities to name but a few. How does one member fight for these things over such a vast majority of the state away from the city boundaries? Does changing these boundaries mean that the areas will automatically receive dollar value to what the city electorates are receiving? If millions can be spent in the city electorates then millions should also be spent in the country electorates instead of trying to extract teeth without anaesthetic.

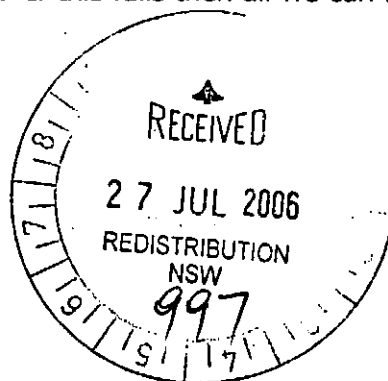
Consider this: Country NSW is important to the coastal electorates as it puts bread, butter and meat on the table of everyday Australians who never appreciate where this all comes from originally. We have to endure hardships to provide these essentials to our fellow countrymen. In so saying what I really mean is that we need to be seen as part of the team that is working for Australia and not the forgotten and considered unimportant. A tunnel in Sydney is probably important to those who need to get from place to place. How does an isolated person in the country get from town to town with no public transport and usually roads that are deemed unsafe in many areas.

Give us a break and again common sense needs to prevail. If this fails then all we can hope is for bandaids and not solutions.

Yours faithfully



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PS: How about abolishing the electorate and dividing the area evenly amongst all the other 48 electorates in NSW and therefore having those electorates giving 1/48th of their funding to that country area which has been designated as part of their electorate. This would mean that every sitting member would have a share and would know what is happening in country NSW and would all be part of a team.