

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES



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The Chief Electoral Commissioner The Australian Electoral Office for New South Wales Level 1, Roden Cutler House 24 Campbell St HAYMARKET NSW 2000



Dear Sir/Madam

Abolition of the seat of Gwydir

I wish to protest in the strongest possible terms against the proposed abolition of the seat of Gwydir and incorporation into the seat of Parkes.

Simply put, it is not possible to achieve democratic representation from a sitting member who is obliged to service 48% of the land area of New South Wales. A resident living only a few kilometres from Broken Hill has no community of interest and little hope of contact with a member who is based in Moree, for example. This proposed redistribution would represent a failure of democracy.

I urge you to reconsider the proposed redistribution and to maintain the seat of Gwydir.

Yours faithfully

JWH Barrett