



**The Federal Redistribution 2006
NEW SOUTH WALES**



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I have recently become aware of the proposed redistribution of federal electoral boundaries required in NSW & congratulate the AEC & committee on the easily read an informative insert in the Sunday Telegraph (July 2nd 06).

I am manifestly aware of the need for equitable representation however I wish to voice my objections to the opposed abolition of the seat of Gwydir

As a social worker working in the city I am only too well aware of the range

of issues metropolitan members of the House of representatives face, the big difference is metropolitan voters have a whole range of infrastructure and services both government and non-government to attempt meet their needs and far better infrastructure, transport etc.

Rural NSW Australia our big broad heartland is dying, droughts, unemployment, significant indigenous issues, high suicide rates in youth, disillusion, this is our outback and our heritage, we need to breath new life into these areas provide meaningful employment and services to these close-knit communities, to stop the exodus of the young from the bush & in fact we need to stem the flow of immigration into Sydney & the ghettofication of some metro regions.

A thriving rural NSW is fundamental to our economic wellbeing, it opens up opportunities for new Australians to move west and truly assimilate in a bi-cultural sense and add diversity and new life into these communities, to assist this we need MP's with passion and commitment to servicing the peoples needs.

Don't further shrink the rural representation.
 Gwydir must stay.

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