

The Federal Redistribution 2006 NEW SOUTH WALES

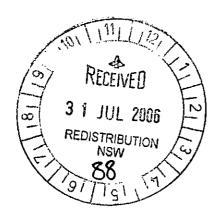


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Redistribution Committee for New South Wales Australian Electoral Comission P.O. Box 20014 World Square N.S.W. 2002

Dear Sirs.

We wish to condem the proposal to abolish the electorate of Gwydir and merge with the seat of Parkes. We understand the size of the proposed electorate would be nearly 380,000 sq. kilometers, five times the size of Tasmania.

All this, at a time when we are desperately in need of better services and better representation in rural areas. Please compare this with a city electorate where a sitting Member may drive round his area, and be part of several meetings in one day, allowing him discussion time with a large number of community members.

Expecting a sitting member to meet and represent the people of such a large electorate, is a totally impossible expectation, the workload would be too great. If the Member happens to have a portfolio, the people he represents would never see THEIR LOCAL MEMBER

We believe that the less representation rural areas have, the worse transport, communications, and all services become, leading to the drift of population from those areas to the cities.

Please reconsider the proposal to abolish the seat of Gwydir.

Yours sincerely

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