



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
NEW SOUTH WALES



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Australian Electoral Commissioner  
Redistribution Committee for New South Wales  
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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing in relation to the proposed redistribution of Federal electorates in New South Wales following the decision to reduce the number of seats from 50 to 49.

As the representative for the Federal Electorate of Riverina, I am advocating that Riverina remain largely as it is following any redistribution in New South Wales. This is an electorate made up of rural and regional communities that have a great deal in common. With two regional cities Wagga Wagga and Griffith – that are continuing to grow and develop – this electorate is complemented by a number of smaller communities many of which are maintaining and indeed expanding in population.

The Riverina is an electorate that continues to work exceptionally well together. It shares a great deal of industry and interests in addition to well-developed organisations such as local government bodies that have developed excellent working relationships.

Another such example is the recent bushfires at Juneee. Offers of financial assistance and support flowed in from across the Riverina reflecting the strong community ties and interests that bind this region. The communities that make up the electorate of Riverina associate themselves with this particular division and have worked closely to achieve objectives and outcomes for this region and its future development.

The Riverina electorate has 87,998 enrolled voters which I understand is 0.26 per cent less than the average based on 49 seats. There are a number of electorates throughout NSW that have a much larger deviation from the average.

I believe that as part of this redistribution the adjustment of geographical boundaries to redraw seats should occur in metropolitan areas. A number of metropolitan seats are more than 7.5 per cent below the average and another seven throughout the State are between 5 and 7.5 per cent below the average. I understand this will in turn flow on to rural and regional electorates, but believe this should be kept to a minimum where possible.

I understand that low enrolment levels in northern and western NSW are centred on the electorates of Parkes and Gwydir and this may require an expansion of the boundaries to increase their enrolments which should occur in the north of the State.

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My proposal is that in order to increase the number of enrolled voters in the Riverina electorate while keeping disruption to this seat to a minimum that a natural addition would be the town of Harden which currently has 2776 enrolled voters and the inclusion of the rest of Jugiong which is currently split between Hume and Riverina with 171 enrolled voters in the Hume division. These communities have a great deal in common with the communities of Cootamundra, Temora and Gundagai – all located within the Riverina electorate.

The electorate of Riverina is continuing to develop and expand and continues to entice people seeking a regional lifestyle. The community of Griffith also attracts a significant number of refugees and immigrants, many of whom wish to become Australian citizens.

Through the addition of Harden and Jugiong to the electorate of Riverina, such a redistribution will ensure this division remains a region representative of rural and regional communities and that the number of enrolled voters continues in line with the quotas outlined by the Australian Electoral Commission, while ensuring the quota allows additional room for growth to occur.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to make a submission and please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information or clarification.

Please find enclosed a copy of DISCUSS MAPS

Yours sincerely,

Kay Hull, MP

**Federal Member for Riverina**

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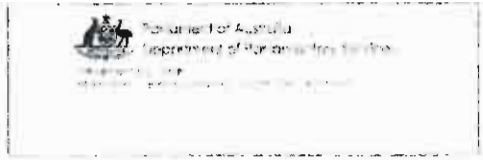
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# Riverina and Hume Electorates



**key:**  
 Red stars are location of towns with a Census population greater than 5,000 people (population size is displayed).  
 Other red areas are selected minor towns.  
 Major highways shown as grey dotted lines.

