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**From:** Semra Guler Toprak [semra.guler.toprak@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 2 September 2009 2:54 PM  
**To:** NSW Redistribution  
**Subject:** I want to understand the reason behind Abolishing Reid seat in NSW as a civil citizen of this democratic country!

Hi there

I am a proud citizen of Australia who has been living here more than 17 years now. Since I came here I was introduced a politician who was very friendly, more honest than many other politicians, helpful to myself and my community members, cut it to short who helped us a lot to enjoy our democratic rights and contribute to this country.

I have been informed that there is a new distribution which will abolish the seat at Reid that will cause communities in the area to become extremely disadvantaged. I am coming from a country that to see an MP you have to know some important people to suggest to see you (if you are a woman it is extremely difficult anyway) and you would need to pass through very strong security devices, you wouldn't feel as a human being however as a little piece of paper that sitting (or most of the times standing) in front of the MP etc etc. Because of the Hon Laurie Ferguson I've learned that it's nothing like that to be representative of people; he was very friendly and taking you as his human equal. Because Mr Ferguson's supports I felt that migrants and refugees in the area were getting their voice heard. Because of Mr Ferguson's involvement within the community events my 70 years old mother-in-law felt that somebody cared for her. I lived in various electorates and worked with my own community to have connections with various parliamentarians in various regions and I can tell you that he has best understanding and connection with residents, community members, workers in Sydney.

I am extremely sorry to hear that it will be his seat. I haven't been educated here and although I have a good understanding of system in this country I do not have a deep understanding of electorates; how they are chosen, how they need to be abolished or established. I believe Reid has a growing population including new arrivals that have been benefitted to have a place in Reid especially in Granville which is very accessible for public transport users. I really would like to understand the reason behind abolishing the Reid seat. I also would like to know what an ordinary citizen who votes during elections however not member of any party can do about not to lose Mr Ferguson's support and presence in the area. Any ideas?

Kind regards

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