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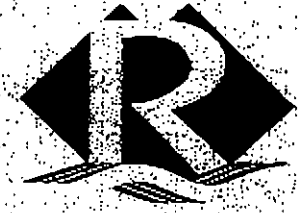
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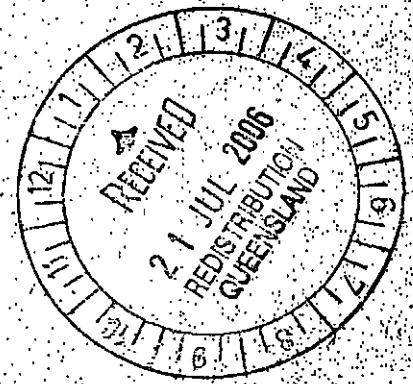
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Dear Sir/Madam

Federal Electoral Redistribution

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the proposed redistribution and in particular the implications on Rockhampton and its region.

In the first instance Council has a good understanding of the demographic influences that necessitate change to electoral division boundaries. In fact Council undertakes the same exercise with its own divisional structure every four years.

Council considered your proposals at its meeting on 17 July 2006 and resolved as follows:

That the proposed submission by the Chief Executive Officer be endorsed expressing concern that the proposal does not give sufficient consideration to the importance of communities of interest and that Rockhampton's advocacy may be detrimentally affected.

The importance of communities of interest is the main issue that Council wishes to emphasise. The new Capricornia division extends considerably to the north to include communities that do not associate directly with Rockhampton. This is necessary of course in Queensland with its geographic and demographic nature. However the communities that directly relate to Rockhampton and lie just a few kilometres from its centre have been excised and are proposed now to be part of the new division of Wright.

For these communities and for the issues that they unavoidably have in common with their service centre, the proposed redistribution is highly undesirable.

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Further the creation of an electoral boundary through the greater community of Rockhampton will result in two members of parliament representing two parts of the one community. While in some sense this may be desirable, it also has the potential to be of detriment to Rockhampton's advocacy if the two representatives adopt divisive stances.

For these reasons Council wishes to place on record its objection to the proposed redistribution and respectfully requests that the proposal be removed.

Yours faithfully



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