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Dear Committee,

This submission to your committee is made because of my concern and displeasure after the last Electoral Redistribution in 2003 when the Federal Electorate of Bonner was created for the 2004 Federal Elections.

As a result of the Electoral Redistribution, the "Eastern Boundary" of the Moreton Electorate was moved 'west' using the Pacific Motorway [M3] as the Boundary for Moreton Electorate to the East and Bonner Electorate to the west. The suburban residential area between the Pacific Motorway [M3] and the Gateway Motorway [M1] was removed from the Moreton Electorate and placed in the Bonner Electorate.

This area, with an estimated number of 25,770 electors out of the estimated 89,254 electors for the Moreton Electorate would be the equivalent to 1.35 electors moved out of the Moreton Electorate for the 2004 Federal Elections. Without going into too much detail, this ratio of electors would not be consistent with the other electorates after the 2003 redistribution.

Using the criteria set out in Section 66[3] and 66[3a], there is considerable diversification of communities in the Bonner Electorate, and, they are as follows:-

- [a] Residential Suburban ;
- [b] Rural/Acreage area;
- [c] Bayside Residential;
- [d] Island Residential.

There is no cummuniality or commonality of area [a] with areas [b] [c] or [d]. The commonality and communiality is with the communities of the residential suburban area west of the Pacific Motorway [M3]. The business community of area [a] deals with the Distributors, Manufacturers and Suppliers in the Archerfield, Salisbury and Acaia Ridge suburban areas. The Schools, from area [a], for their interschool relationships of sports, music, debating and Regional Zone competitions and activities, often competing for the "Moreton Shield", between the schools in the communities west of the Pacific Motorway. The direct transport route of supply for area [a] is Kessels Road, therefore the Pacific Motorway is not a "barrier" between the commonality of all aspects of area[a] in the Bonner Electorate.

During the Public Enquiry into Objections to the 2003 Proposed Redistribution of Queensland into Electorate Boundaries on 16/10/03, Mr Milner, for the ALP, mentioned the imbalance and attempts that should be made to restoring the balance of electors in the 28 electorates of Queensland. In reply, Ms Bright, of the AEC, stated "...actually 390,000 persons of 2 million odd electors in Queensland if fact the ratio of people that have had to be moved to accommodate the proposal is 1 in 6, which, in fact is significantly less than what is has been in the past.

In relation to the 1 in 3.5 people moved out of Moreton, that is area [a], and, moved into Bonner in 2003, this area [a] is now in an electorate with no commonality or communiality with the rest of the electorate of Bonner. It would appear to me that section 66[3A], which states "the Redistribution Committee must treat the matter in subparagraph [3] [b] [v] as subordinate to the matters in subparagraphs [3] [b] [i] [iii] and [iv]" did not apply to area [a], formerly in the electorate of Moreton.

It also surprised me, that even when the Australian Electoral Office wrote to the electors in Moreton, advising them that they would be voting in the new electorate of Bonner, no mention was made that there was the possibility of another Redistribution before the next Federal Election.

It is my request that due consideration be given to returning area [a] to the Moreton Electorate and the eastern boundary of Moreton be the Gateway Motorway [M1].

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission for the 2006 Queensland Redistribution.

Yours faithfully,

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