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**To:** QLD Redistribution  
**Subject:** Redistribution in the Hinkler Electorate

To: Committee Members

I wish to object to the suggested redistribution of the boundaries of the Hinkler electorate which would place at least of the parts of the town of Childers out of the Hinkler electorate and into the Hervey Bay electorate.

As a resident of this locale for the past 30 years I have seen several redistributions, during which this particular area has been moved from one place to another. Recently the residents of the Isis Shire voted very strongly not to be amalgamated with the Bundaberg Regional Council. However, that is now a *fait accompli*, and now it seems that there is a possibility that we must reside in the Bundaberg Region, but vote in Hervey Bay.

It would seem logical to move the boundary in North Bundaberg into the Flynn electorate since much of the North Bundaberg area is already in Flynn.

The people of the Childers area are already heavily involved in the Bundaberg district - our education and other administrative functions are based in Bundaberg, our children play sport in the Bundaberg district and our financial institutions are located in Bundaberg. In fact Bundaberg is the administrative and commercial base for Childers and its environs.

Childers is a low socio-economic district and the moving of the voters of Childers from one electorate to another would only serve to prove to ourselves that we are of little importance in the greater scheme of things.

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