

The Federal Redistribution 2009 QUEENSLAND



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Dear Commissioner,

With reference to the Proposed Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries in Queensland, Map 3. I ask that the boundary between Wide Bay and Fairfax be re-drawn to show a connection between the townships of Cooroy and Noosa along the connecting road between the two. That is; the part of the (now) electorate of Wide Bay, south of the suggested connecting road between Cooroy and Noosa be included in the electorate of Fairfax. My reasons for wanting the above is based on the obvious commonality of human interests, local knowledge, culture, infrastructure, business interaction and co-operation from Caloundra to Noosa, commonly known as the Sunshine Coast, as opposed to Fraser Coast, to the north of Noosa.

The population of both Wide Bay and Fairfax are in a state of flux due to a constant drift of permanent residents into those electorates from other Australian states and Territories. Economic circumstances will provide volatile impetus to population figures in both electorates for some time before it can be imagined that a more predictable population growth can be relied upon for the calculation of voter numbers. Meaning; that the drawn boundary between Wide Bay and Fairfax (Map 3) that excludes an area from Cooroy to Noosa to Peregian Beach back to Cooroy from the electorate of Fairfax will have the effect of dividing an area of common interest as stated. Residents of Peregian Beach, as an example, under current boundary arrangements, are no longer perceived, by a great many electors, to be part of the Sunshine Coast and this misconception reflects rather badly upon the judgement and purpose underpinning the decision to maintain the *status quo*, with regard to the anomaly as outlined above. Thank you for the opportunity to 'have a say'. Yours sincerely

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