



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 25

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Subject: 2009 Redistribution of Queensland Electorates

Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I wish to register an objection of the proposed new electoral boundary between the seats of Dawson and Herbert.

As a resident of the suburb of Annandale, I see this redistribution as taking away the connection that Annandale has with the rest of the urban area of Townsville and places the suburb in Dawson which is dominated by Mackay, an area with which Annandale has little in common. I fear that we will be poorly represented by whoever is the member for Dawson.

The university, hospital, port, major retail shopping, CBD, major events, etc that is of interest to Annandale residents remains in the seat of Herbert. The member for Dawson will no doubt feel obliged to promote the Mackay version of those facilities even in opposition to Townsville's development ambitions. This will be contrary to the interest of Annandale residents.

The proposed redistribution also excises the military base from the seat of Herbert. This means that the member who represents the majority of Townsville has no representation of the one of the most major contributors to the economy and social fabric of the city of Townsville!

My preference is to have Townsville unified in one electorate. If this is not possible then I would recommend that Townsville be split equally across two electorates so that there are sufficient Townsville voters in each electorate to ensure that Townsville interests are adequately addressed.

Yours faithfully,

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