



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 39

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Dear Australian Electoral Commissioner,

I am writing to you in relation to the proposed redistribution in the seat of Herbert.

I wish to lodge an objection to these proposed changes which would result in significant parts of Townsville become a part of the division of Dawson.

I set out hereunder reasons for my objection :-

I strongly disagree with having to travel 450 kilometres from the City of Townsville to Mackay to attend the office of my federal member.

The cost of telephoning my local federal member will be altered from a local call to an STD call thus increasing costs.

I have already been allocated to the state electorate of Dawson which is based on the Burdekin area and I do not see nor hear anything from that local member.

I do not believe that federal nor state electorates require equal population to be adequately represented.

I do not believe that any person, especially including a politician, will be able to adequately handle any conflict between the cities of Townsville and Mackay. A recent item in the Townsville Bulletin (7 August 2009) referred to the variation in the standard of roads at the entrances to Mackay and Townsville in that the Mackay area has been given preferential treatment.

It appears to me to be most illogical to take an area of the second largest City in Queensland and allocate to an electorate which is based on a much smaller city.

Mackay will become the main centre with Wulguru, Annandale and Oonoomba becoming distant 'suburbs' and insignificant within the division of Dawson.

The section of Townsville which is the main entrance to the Bruce and Flinders highways will be unlikely to be allocated sufficient funds to develop road works necessary for a junction of this magnitude.

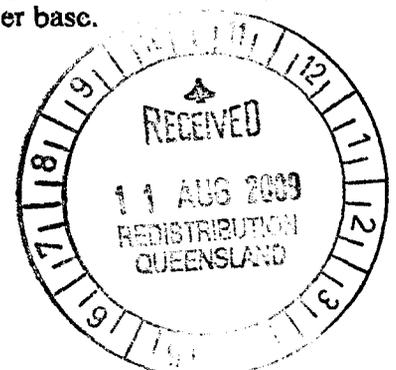
I have yet to see any reasons for the proposed redistribution and suggest that this is because there are no logical ones.

I am under the impression that the population per division already varies dramatically throughout Australia.

The guidelines set down for the Australian Electoral Commission require investigation and amending to ensure that representation in larger city areas is not split into an area with a much smaller base.

Yours sincerely,

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