



The Federal Redistribution 2009  
**QUEENSLAND**



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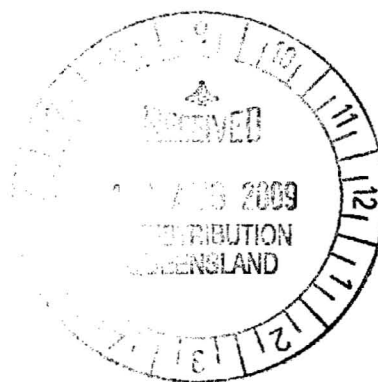
**Objection Number 369**

**Gregory Tam**

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6<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2009

**The Australian Electoral Commission**  
GPO Box 2590  
Brisbane QLD 4001



Dear Australian Electoral Commissioner,

I am taking the time to write to you to lodge an objection to the proposed redistribution in the seat of Herbert; whereby, significant parts of Townsville will become a part of the Dawson division.

I live in Wulguru which is part of your proposed redistribution from the division of Herbert to the division of Dawson. I don't know how much you know about our area but presently the representative for Herbert lives approximately five minutes from my home in a neighbouring suburb. The Representative for Dawson is over four hours away from my location whose representation requirements are totally different to those required in our electorate. Between Mackay and Wulguru you have Proserpine, the Whitsundays, Bowen, Ayr and Home Hill each of these areas are made up with people of different demographics, social requirements and local issues (Sugar, Mining, Tourism etc.). The representation requirements for Dawson are different to that required in my locality or at the best have a lower representative priority.

Therefore, how can a representative four hours away fill his/her duty of care and properly represent me in Parliament when he or she doesn't know what our local issues are compared to a representative living and working in my community only five minutes away?

Additional, if this redistribution of boundaries were to take place I would feel marginalised as the Townsville area of the Dawson electorate wouldn't hold any voting power in relation to the rest of the Dawson electorate, based on voting numbers.

I would also like to highlight that I'm not really interested in the issues surrounding Mackay, Proserpine etc. and therefore when required to vote I cannot make an informed or an opinionated decision on whom to vote for as their electoral promises will more than likely preclude marginal voters like Wulguru.

In closing as I stated, selfishly or not, I am concerned about issues that affect me, my locality, QLD and the country in that order. I believe that if this proposed redistribution goes ahead that my rights to good representation and the ability to vote for a representative that I share a local concern or issue with would be stripped from me.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory Tam'.

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