



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND



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Dear Sir/Madam

**OBJECTION TO PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION - FEDERAL ELECTORATE OF
HERBERT AND DAWSON WITH SUBURBS OF ANNANDALE AND WULGURU
MOVING TO DAWSON ELECTORATE FROM HERBERT**

My wife and I and our family reside at 34 Riverpark Drive, Annandale, Townsville, which is currently and sensibly located in the Federal Electorate of Herbert.

Under the proposed redistribution, we would no longer be residing in Herbert but would be residing in the Mackay based Federal Electorate of Dawson.

As a Solicitor and my wife as a General Practitioner, we both work in Townsville and have done so for the past 27 years.

We have four children residing with us in Townsville who are all educated and maintained on a daily basis for their upbringing from the Townsville community.

Neither our work bases or social and cultural interests have any community of interest whatsoever with Mackay or the Mackay based Federal Electorate of Dawson.

Our business, social, medical, sporting, recreational, cultural and all other needs and community interactions derive almost solely from the Townsville Community.

Whilst the report for the proposed redistribution, so far as it relates to the redistribution with Annandale forming part of Dawson rather than Herbert, states that it took into account community of interest, it is glaringly apparent that community of interest could not have been considered whatsoever.

The proposed redistribution excises Annandale leaving boundaries to the north and south (including Lavarack Barracks) in Townsville. It is only sensible that Lavarack Barracks remain in Townsville. A large proportion of soldiers and associated staff who work at Lavarack Barracks live in Annandale. It is nonsensical to excise Annandale from Townsville and place it effectively into the Mackay Electorate.

All of our family needs of any nature whatsoever are based in or derived from Townsville. Our interests and community of interest are common only to Townsville and not to Mackay. It is an absurdity to anticipate or expect that for any business or family reason we would approach a Federal Member based in Mackay to remedy our needs in Townsville.

Accordingly, I object to the proposed redistribution. It takes no account of community of interests, no account of communication and transport links, no account of physical features and current boundaries and seems to take account only of population numbers which can be dealt with in far more sensible and appropriate ways for a redistribution.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip Askin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Philip Askin