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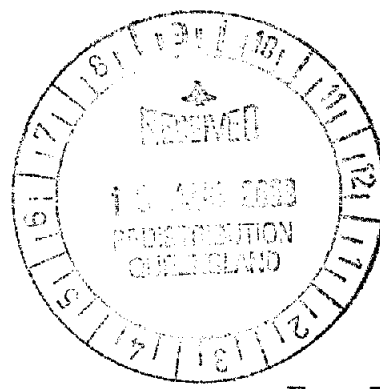


Objection Number 385

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Ms Anne Bright,
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Ewan Filmer
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16 August, 2009

Dear Ms Bright,

Re: Proposed Redistribution - Federal Seat of Capricornia

The 8,244 residents of Gracemere and Mount Morgan are included in the 382,462 electors changing electoral division in the proposed federal redistribution, in this case being moved from Capricornia to Flynn.

Gracemere people have a very strong community of interest with Rockhampton. In my case we live only 7 km from Rockhampton as compared to more than 1½ hours from Gladstone and around 400 km from the southern boundary of Flynn. Gracemere and Mount Morgan are also in Rockhampton Regional Council's area and including them in Flynn appears to be an anomaly, as we do not identify Gladstone as our centre for economic, social and regional activities.

It is obviously a very difficult task for the AEC to review boundaries between divisions, however, I would like to offer a suggestion of further expanding Flynn at the expense of Hinkler and retaining at least Gracemere in Capricornia.

As Capricornia varies from the projected average enrolment of minus 1.45%, if it was expanded, the adjoining division of Dawson should consequently retain some of the electors in Ooralea, Alexandra, Walkerston and Pleystowe areas west of Mackay proposed to move to Capricornia. Dawson should include areas nearer Mackay than Rockhampton and this exchange would recognise existing communities of interest.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ewan Filmer".

Ewan Filmer