



The Federal Redistribution 2009  
**QUEENSLAND**



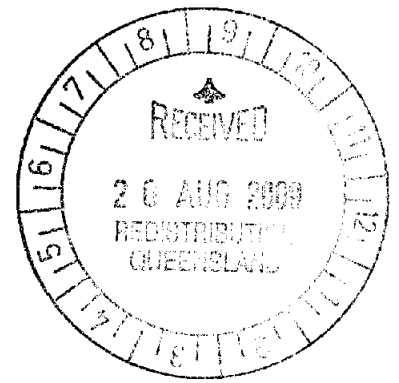
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**Objection Number 404**

**Mirjam Maughan**

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4<sup>th</sup> August, 2009



The Australian Electoral Commission  
GPO Box 2590  
Brisbane QLD 4001

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 see significant parts of Townsville become a part of the division of Dawson.

These are the reasons for my objection.

Annandale is very much part of the Townsville community. With the hospital only 3km from my front door, I would like to be <sup>public</sup> involved in decisions about that hospital.

If my federal member has an office 400km away, I feel that I can't visit, and that his/her interest is not the same as mine.

If any money would be available, why would they spend it on a suburb 400km away. Also: if a decision has to be made where Mackay competes with Townsville (eg. Port development) - I could not vote FOR Townsville, even though that hospital or port would be minutes from my home.

Lastly, ~~when~~ at voting time, on the rest of the year, we do not get any coverage in the local media about Mackay issues, so it would be difficult to make an informed decision when voting.

Yours sincerely,

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