



The Federal Redistribution 2009
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Objection Number 452

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Dear Sir/ Madam,

Please find attached letter objecting to the proposed changes to the Lilley electorate.

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Australian Electoral Commission
By email: qld.redistributions@aec.gov.au

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Proposed redistribution and the Lilley electorate

We are long-term residents of the Lilley electorate and are writing to express our grave concern about the proposed changes to the Lilley electorate, which changes would see our suburb of Shorncliffe, together with other northern Bayside suburbs, transferred from Lilley to Petrie.

Racing industry

The thoroughbred racing industry in Brisbane is centred on the suburbs of Eagle Farm/ Hendra and Deagon. There is a strong community of interest between the racing industry personnel who reside in those suburbs. Over many years, racing industry participants in Brisbane have worked through the Federal Member for Lilley in dealing with the Australian Government. This was of particular importance during the equine influenza crisis in 2007.

The proposed redistribution would take both racing areas out of the Lilley electorate. To the significant detriment of the industry, it would also split the racing areas – with Deagon going to Petrie and Eagle Farm/ Hendra going to Brisbane.

The thoroughbred racing industry is currently facing unprecedented challenges from corporate bookmakers. Increasingly, corporate bookmakers are based off-shore. The future of racing's income stream may well depend upon a tightening up of relevant Federal legislation. Having a common spokesperson in the member for Lilley is of significant importance to Brisbane racing industry participants as the industry endeavours to advance its case before Federal parliamentarians.

Brisbane Airport

The northern Bayside suburbs of Sandgate, Shorncliffe, Brighton and Deagon are under a major Brisbane Airport flight path. This is also the case with Hendra, Eagle Farm, Ascot and Doomben.

Over many years, residents in both suburban clusters, as constituents in the Lilley electorate, have been able to work through the member for Lilley to ensure that their interests are adequately represented in airport management, upgrade and expansion issues.

This is of particular importance presently, given the proposed duplication of the main runway with a new 3,600 metre runway, two kilometres west of the existing runway, which is closer to residential areas and close to Moreton Bay. The duplicate runway was approved by the Federal Government on 18 September 2007 and is planned to be operational by 2015.

Port of Brisbane

The upriver wharves controlled by the Port of Brisbane Authority are at Hamilton. But, the Fisherman Island Wharves, which now extend significantly into Moreton Bay, are adjacent to the northern Bayside suburbs of Shorncliffe, Sandgate, Brighton and Deagon.

Over many years, residents in these Bayside suburbs have relied on the member for Lilley to pursue any Federal issues relating to shipping and maritime affairs.

Historical

The Lilley electorate is named after Sir Charles Lilley 1830-97, pioneer Queensland Premier, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland, and educationalist. Sir Charles' most important work as Premier was the introduction of free education in January 1870. Queensland was the first of the Australian colonies to adopt this principle. For part of his premiership, Sir Charles served concurrently as Attorney-General, and then as Colonial Secretary.

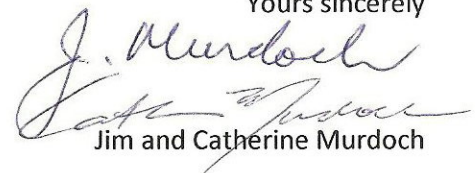
At one time, Sir Charles¹ lived in near the Eagle Farm racecourse. Lilley Street, which borders the northern boundary of the racecourse, recognises that fact.

Many in the electorate regard that historical connection as having great significance. Sadly, the boundary changes would remove Lilley Street from the Lilley electorate.

Conclusion

We urge you to keep our northern Bayside suburbs of Shorncliffe, Sandgate, Brighton and Deagon in the Lilley electorate.

Yours sincerely



Jim and Catherine Murdoch

¹ On 10 April 1858 Sir Charles married Sarah Jane, daughter of Joshua Jeays, an architect with radical political views. Joshua Jeays' grandson Charles Joshua Jeays founded Jeays Hardware, a business that has operated, and still operates, in the suburb of Sandgate since WWII.