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We have attached our views for your consideration

Regards

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21st August, 2009

The Manager
The Australian Electoral Commission

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Proposed Federal Electoral Boundary – Herbert Electorate

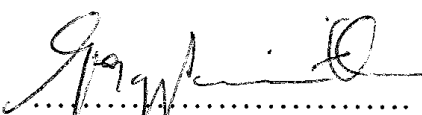
We wish to advise of our objections to the proposed changes to be made to the Federal Electorate of Herbert that will result in the Townsville suburbs of Annandale (excluding Lavarack Barracks) and Wulguru being shifted from the Herbert Electorate to the Dawson Electorate.


Our reasons include the following:-

- (a) it does not make sense for the suburbs of Annandale and Wulguru which are located a stones throw from the Townsville CBD, in the Herbert Electorate, to be shifted into the Dawson Electorate. The Dawson Electorate is basically a rural electorate with its office based 400 kilometres away in Mackay;
- (b) the Federal Electorate of Dawson is based in Mackay, and there would be no doubt that a Federal Member of Parliament with an office in Mackay, would have little interest in a couple of suburbs in Townsville, 400 kilometres away;
- (c) face to face contact with our Federal Member will require a 400 kilometre journey over some very poor roads to Mackay, which is unacceptable;
- (d) the retention of Lavarack Barracks only in the Herbert Electorate is farcical when we know that more of our Defence Force friends who are stationed at Lavarack Barracks actually live in Annandale; so that they will travel from their homes in the Dawson Electorate to their worksite in the Herbert Electorate, each day, and;
- (e) our community interests are closely involved with the economic, social and regional interests of the Townsville Region of which these two suburbs are a part.

We trust that you will agree with our views and leave Annandale and Wulguru in the Herbert Electorate where they belong.

Yours sincerely,


George Smith


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