



The Federal Redistribution 2009  
**QUEENSLAND**



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on Objections**

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**Sent:** Friday, 28 August 2009 7:39 PM  
**To:** QLD Redistribution  
**Subject:** Proposed redistribution in the seat of Herbert

QLD Redistribution Secretariat  
Australian Electoral Commission

Dear Sir/Madam,

Regarding the proposed redistribution in the federal seat of Herbert, I wish to lodge my objection to the proposed changes that would result in the Townsville suburbs of Annandale and Wulguru becoming a part of the federal seat of Dawson. My reasons for this objection are as follows:

- Townsville is my community and I would not be able to be part of the decision-making for my community;
- The office of my federal member would be 400 kilometres away and, I understand, this member would have little interest (or capacity) to have an office in Townsville to enable him/her to serve the members of this particular community;
- If I wish to see my federal member, I would need to travel 400 kilometres;
- I do not believe that this federal member would provide unbiased representation to this community and would favour his/her own community;
- The approximately 10,000 residents of these suburbs would be determining decisions in respect to a community 400 kilometres away for which we would not have any interest and most likely any knowledge about the issue/s to be determined;
- A large number of residents in these suburbs would not live within the same seat that they work and socialise within.

I can understand this type of action and decision if we were in a remote area where we had a choice of two different sitting members, both of whom may be remote. However in this instance we already have a sitting member located in the same suburb as we are residing. I believe that our local member is the person who would provide us with the best representation in respect to local issues.

Yours sincerely,  
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