



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND



**Comment Number 5
on Objections**

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Dear Sirs

Please find attached my comments on the published objections as called for.

Regards
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Dear Sirs

In response to your call for comments on the published objections to the proposed Federal redistribution for Queensland, I wish to make the following comments:

1. It is quite clear that the residents of the southern suburbs of Townsville are justifiably upset with the prospect of being represented by someone based 400km away in Mackay.
2. This is a similar situation to that which residents of rural and remote areas have been experiencing for many years and it reflects the shortcomings of the Federal Electoral Act. There should be more flexibility on numbers of voters built into the act and a greater weightage on community of interest. If it is within the brief of the Commission, I would urge that it makes such a recommendation to the federal government.
3. While I did not read every objection, I identified only one concerning the proposed boundary changes between Flynn and Maranoa – that of the Longreach Regional Council. Given the large number of public suggestions from residents of that shire lodged at the beginning of the process (all of them requesting the changes subsequently made by the commission), it would appear that the Longreach Regional Council is offering an objection that does not have the support of the majority of its residents.

I would urge the commissioners to resist any representations that advocate a reversing of the proposals for Maranoa and Flynn.

Yours sincerely

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