



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND



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RE: QUEENSLAND ELECTORATE REDISTRIBUTION (2009)

Dear Commissioner Killesteyn,

Thank you for the opportunity to make my submission for the consideration of your redistribution committee.

I believe it is important on this occasion to minimise the impact of the redistribution as much as possible.

In previous redistributions the numbers of electors who were moved from one electorate to another electorate in some cases numbered between 30,000 to 40,000. It is intuitively obvious the impact that such major changes have on communities of interest and the ability of the sitting members to communicate with their electors on a continuing and familiar basis.

Queensland will have an additional seat. Disruption in the growth areas could be minimised if one Brisbane seat, eg Ryan or Moreton, was abolished and two new seats were created to cushion the impact in the high growth areas such as the Gold Coast to Brisbane and Sunshine Coast to Brisbane corridors.

I wish your committee well in their endeavours to complete the complex task that lies ahead.

Yours sincerely

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