



The Federal Redistribution 2009
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Winton Shire Council

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Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box 2590
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir

Re: Electoral Redistribution Maranoa District

In reference to the above I advise that Council considered this matter at its meeting of the 16th April 2009. Council wishes to convey its thoughts on the possibility of the transfer of Winton from the electoral district of Flynn to the electoral district of Maranoa.

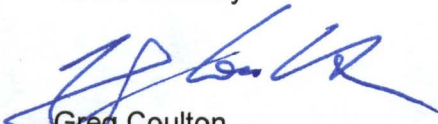
The Winton district is located in the rural western region of Queensland. Our community of interest lies generally north to south with like minded communities such as Jundah, Quilpie and Charleville. Our remote areas face similar problems and challenges, have comparable lifestyles and enjoy a collective awareness of our place in Queensland and Australia.

Our means of communications are for the most part road based to the south east. There are rail communications from Winton east, but this is restricted to freight only from Longreach. Air travel to Townsville and Longreach are available twice weekly with connecting flights further afield. There is no direct air travel link with Gladstone or Rockhampton. Our affiliations are not to the east coast nor the coal resourced central highlands. Our social and commercial links and associations are to the south east.

Motor vehicle travel is our primary means moving within the proposed division. The major regional and interstate road link is the Landsborough Highway. However, many of our local roads run north south and link our small isolated communities. Public transport services are of a minor factor in this region.

In conclusion I would reiterate that the Winton District identifies strongly with the western Queensland Maranoa electoral district. Should the option arise Council would be pleased to be relocated into this district.

Yours faithfully


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