



**The Federal Redistribution 2003
QUEENSLAND**



Comment Number One on Public Suggestions

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the member for Griffith, I appreciate the opportunity to submit a few brief comments on the redistribution of federal electorates in Queensland.

I am aware of the suggestions submitted by the Australian Labor Party and support them.

This submission comments on the division of Griffith.

The enrolment in Griffith at 30th May 2003 was 92,684 and above the quota set for that date. The maximum number of electors in a Queensland electorate, having regard to the 10% variation provided for in the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, is 92,485. Consequently, Griffith must lose a number of voters to bring it into line with the requirements set out in the Act.

At the 31st July 2007, the date fixed for the purposes of Section 66(3) of the Act, the Australian Electoral Commission estimates that there would be 102,986 electors in Griffith. This is 6085 more than the maximum number of electors in a division at the projected time (96,901).

Griffith was established in 1934 and has long-standing community recognition, covering several generations of residents in this area, as an electorate covering the Inner-Southern and South Eastern suburbs of Brisbane. In determining new boundaries, due regard should be given to the community of interest of constituents who live in those areas.

I look forward to the opportunity to review and add further comment on the Redistribution proposal at a later stage in the redistribution process.

Yours sincerely

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Federal Member for Griffith

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