



The Federal Redistribution 2003  
**QUEENSLAND**

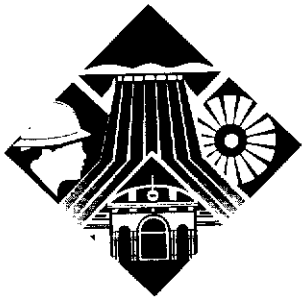


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**Comment Number Three on Public Suggestions**

**Cr Peter Maguire  
Mayor – Emerald Shire Council**

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**EMERALD**  
Shire Council

26 June 2003

**FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

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**COMMENT**

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The Redistribution Committee for Queensland  
GPO Box 2590  
**BRISBANE QLD 4001**

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: Queensland Electoral Redistribution**

We write on behalf of the Emerald Shire Council and understand that a recommendation / suggestion has been put to you to remove Emerald Shire from the Federal Electorate of Maranoa and put it in the Federal Seat of Capricornia.

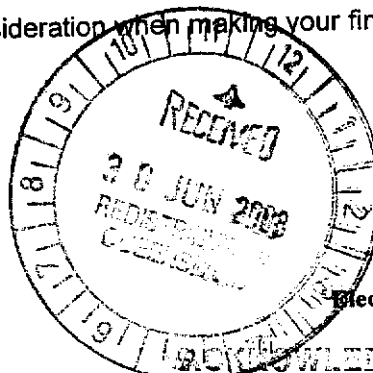
At our monthly Council meeting yesterday, Councillors unanimously voted to object to this proposition on the following grounds:

- (a) It is not that many years ago that Emerald Shire was in the Electorate of Kennedy. We feel that we are being used to make up the numbers and we need some certainty of the Electorate we are to be in.
- (b) We believe the Electorates in parts of rural Queensland are, in most cases, too large in area for the members to provide the representation voters expect. Even though Capricornia is less than half the area of Kennedy or Maranoa, it is still unrealistic for people to expect the member to supply adequate representation from Rockhampton.
- (c) We are the major regional centre west of Rockhampton on the way to Longreach. To be swallowed by Capricornia which already includes Rockhampton and the Capricorn Coast would, we believe, leave us in "no mans land" to receive fair representation.
- (d) In our present Electorate of Maranoa, we have a community of interest with the other towns and Shires in the Electorate being rural based.
- (e) We also believe that all parts of a Local Government Authority should be in the same Federal Electorate not placed in different Federal Seats simply to make up the numbers.

We trust you take these comments into consideration when making your final recommendations on this matter.

Yours faithfully

  
**Cr. Peter Maguire**  
Mayor - Emerald Shire Council



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