



The Federal Redistribution 2003  
**QUEENSLAND**



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**Public Objection Number 6**

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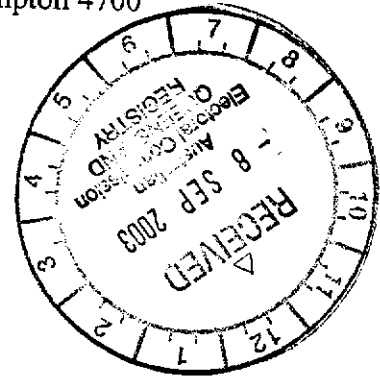
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# OBJECTION

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Dear Sir / Madam.

Re : Redistribution of seats – Capricornia.

I have looked at the proposed map for the seat of Capricornia. Under the proposal the seat has become three disparate communities put together, where there is little or no community of interest.

I start from the position that Rockhampton, Yeppoon, Gracemere and Mt. Morgan are all in effect one population. The people in Gracemere and Mt Morgan do almost all their shopping and private and Government business in Rockhampton and Many people in Yeppoon work in Rockhampton. The inclusion of Mt Morgan into Capricornia is an overdue positive move.

The people of Bowen and Nebo shires however have no community of interest with the Rockhampton area they do not travel here except on the way through to somewhere else. All the services for those areas come from Mackay, as such the people in those shires should vote with Mackay. It is noted that Bowen shire is split so that the southern part of the shire is separated from the town of Bowen , this is not necessarily a problem for a community of interest standpoint as the people in that area have more affinity with Mackay that Bowen. This alteration may mean an alteration in the shape of Dawson, perhaps putting Burdekin shire with Herbert.

The primary point of this letter is to state that the community of Emerald should be included in Capricornia before the shires of Bowen, Nebo or Banana.


The town of Emerald has a great affinity with Rockhampton, they are on the main road west, and while not a small town many people come for Emerald to Rockhampton for shopping, government, schooling and health services.

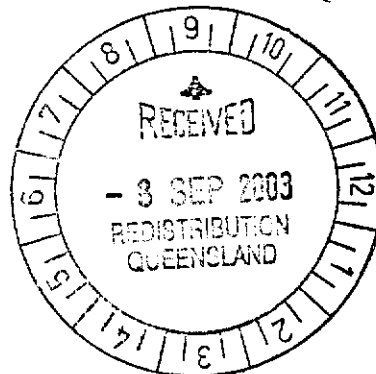
The Shore of Banana has less contact with Rockhampton than Gladstone. Banana should be included Hinkler. With this Monto and Eidsvold Shires should go Hinkler and Bundaberg should be put with Wide Bay.

I recognise that there are population limits which must be observed, however a redistribution along the lines suggested would make the electorates more representative of the communities of interest which exist in Central Queensland.

Thank you for considering my submission

Yours faithfully

  
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