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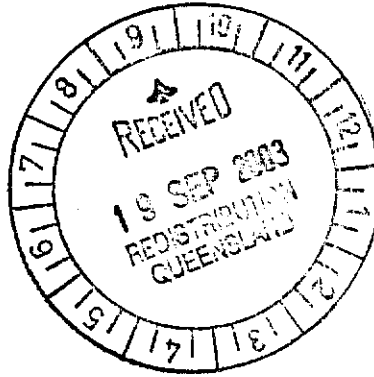
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17.09.03

The Chairman,
Redistribution Commission for Qld.,
GPO Box 2590 Brisbane Qld. 4001.
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Attention Mr. Bruce Goodwin

Dear Mr. Goodwin,

Re: Naming of New Proposed Federal Electoral - Bonner

Further to your telephone conversation with Mr. Shane Coghill (of this morning) as he stands as a Senior Traditional Owner of the Koenpal (nee Moreton) of Quandamooka who discussed with you the inappropriateness of giving the name of Bonner to the new electorate which covers his country.

I am in complete agreement with him that the divisional boundaries should remain as proposed but that there should be an exchange of names of the Moreton and Bonner Electorates as proposed to give the name Moreton to the new division and Bonner to Moreton Division as shown on the :-

Map of the proposed Commonwealth Divisions of BLAIR (part), BONNER, BOWMAN, BRISBANE, DICKSON, (part) FADDEN (part), FORDE (part), GRIFFITH, LILLEY, LONGMAN (part), LONGMAN, MORETON, OXLEY (part), PETRIE, and Ryan
Should become Bonner.

I offer in support copies of:-

- a map drawn by my father the late Senator Neville Bonner to substantially define the boundaries of Jagera Country and
- one copied as an extract from the map drawn by Willie McKenzie to show the Aboriginal language groups in South-East Queensland.

Both these maps show that the area you propose to name Bonner is outside Jagera Country & imposes itself over Quandamooka while the Moreton Division is wholly within Jagera Country.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT 19/9/03

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Our suggestion is based on the logic that it is more sensible to make the exchange because:-

- Moreton Island and Moreton Bay is within the proposed Bonner Electorate and to make the change to Moreton Division would be consistent with those established place names avoid public confusion
- The proposed Bonner electorate is named in honor of my late father who was the tribal leader of the Jagera people and so would be better placed over Jagera country.
- It would be sensible to avoid actions which may cause inter tribal and personality conflicts
- Naming the Bonner electorate over Jagera Country would recognize Neville Bonner's contribution to his aboriginal heritage and practice of custom and connection tradition and country, as well as those personal attributes more commonly acknowledged by the wider community.

To make the change we suggest would further enhance his reputation and better honor of his name.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the Commission's selection of Bonner as the name for the New Federal Electorate.

My suggestion is made in the interests of assisting you in carrying out your duties to achieve the best outcome for all concerned.

It may not be as simple as it seems to me to make the exchange but I encourage you to give my suggestion your earnest consideration in making your final decision.

Yours Sincerely,



Kenneth Bonner

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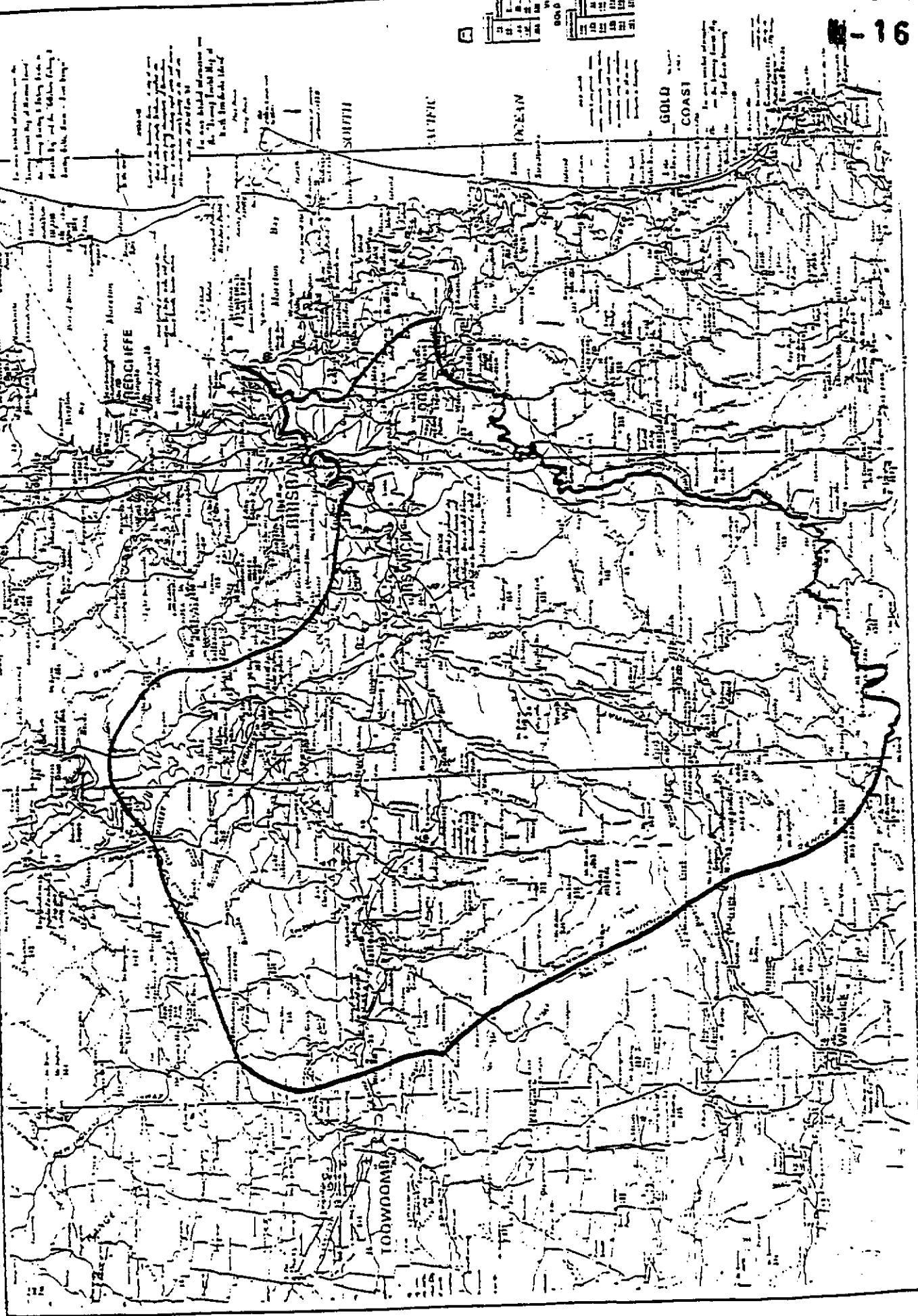
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Cc to those Persons who Recommended Bonner:-
Davis Frazer, John Encel,
M. Lee, Ronda Herrmann, David Scarr,
Paul Scarr, D Morris

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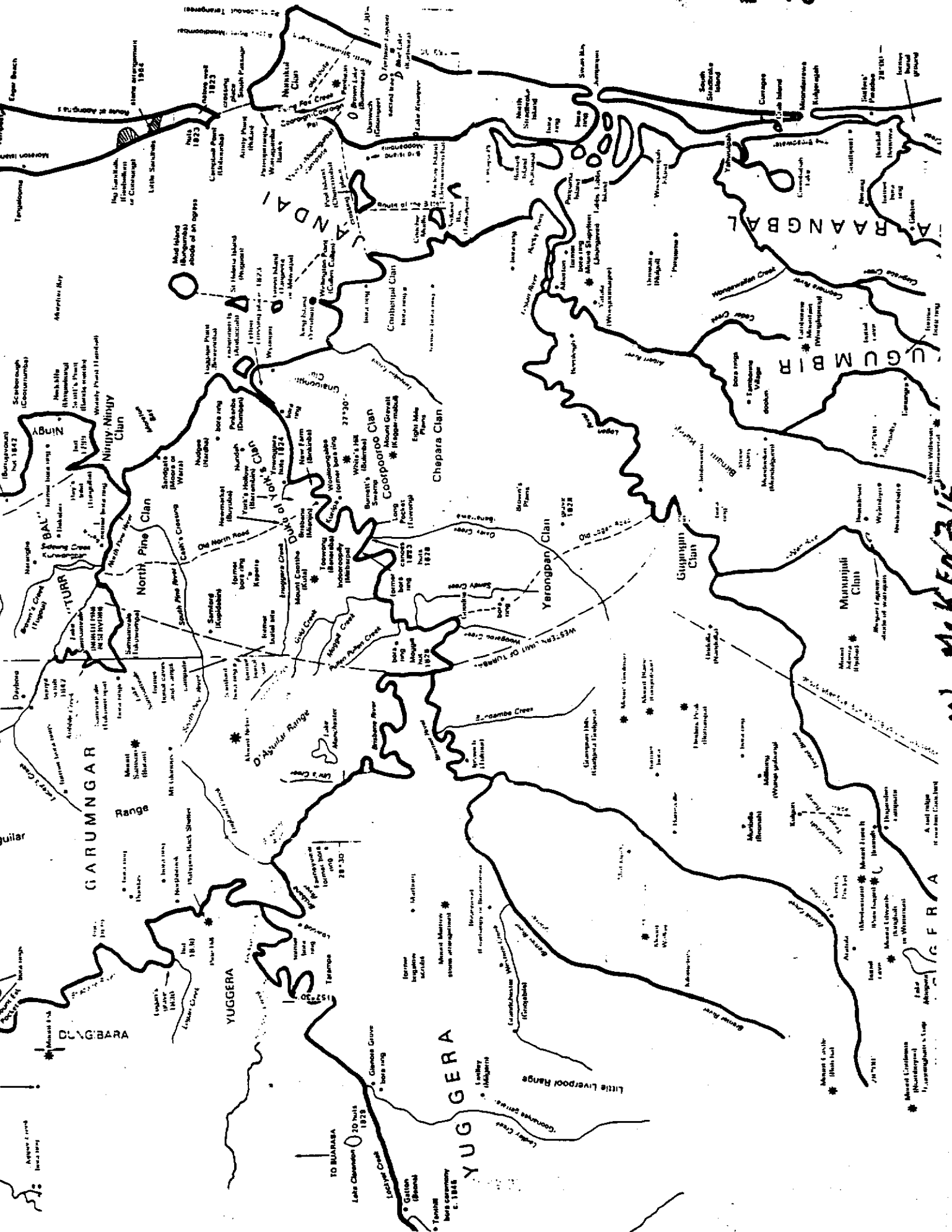
Proposed Boundary of Yuggeri Country. (Pending further consultation with neighboring groups - no offense intended).



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