



The Federal Redistribution 2003
QUEENSLAND

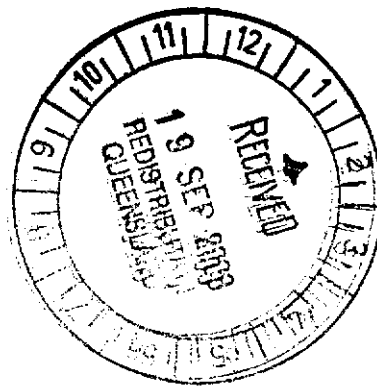


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Australian Electoral Commission
Redistribution Committee for Queensland
7th Floor Collection House
438 Queen Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir/Madam

**FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION SUBMISSION -
RANKIN**

I write in regard to the redistribution changes as a consequence to the insertion of the new seat of BONNER, specifically changes in the seats of MORETON and RANKIN.

Under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 566(3)*, the Commissioner has regard for community of interest considerations in the formulation of electoral boundaries. I submit the following.

1. The community of interest links between existing RANKIN suburbs and Rochedale South, Springwood and Shailer Park is minor.
2. The community of interest links between the areas of Rochedale (new seat of BONNER) and Rochedale South, Springwood and Shailer Park is significant.
3. The restoration of commonality between communities would be best served if:
 - a) RANKIN loses suburbs east of the Pacific Motorway (M1).
 - b) BONNER gains eastern suburbs of the M1.
 - c) MORETON seat change balances the effects of a) and b).

The M1, Pacific Motorway, is a significant boundary and barrier between communities within Logan City. This is evidenced by:

- State Electoral Boundaries, specifically the seat of Springwood, reflects this distinction.
- The Queensland Electoral Commission in its most recent redistribution accepted the "M1 boundary" and that community of interest links were linear, ie links were north/south and failed to cross the M1 divide significantly.
- Socio/Economic and land valuation patterns clearly demonstrate distinctiveness between eastern and western suburbs of the M1.

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- Every gazetted suburb boundary ends at the M1, no suburbs within the RANKIN redistribution area cross the M1.
- Commercial linkages between suburbs east of the M1 is linear, ie residents shop either within the eastern suburbs or travel to Garden City. They rarely shop in suburbs west of the M1.
- The Federal seat of FADDEN has historically over many redistributions recognised the M1 boundary in the application of "community of interest" considerations.

I trust that you will take all of these points into consideration when determining the final outcome on the proposal to redistribute the Queensland Federal Electoral Divisions.

Yours sincerely

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