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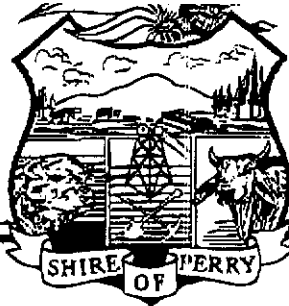
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PERRY SHIRE COUNCIL

SUGGESTION

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Our Reference	1441/1
Your Reference	
Date	18 th June 2003

Redistribution Committee of Queensland
Level 7 – Collection House
488 Queen Street
BRISBANE 4000



Dear Members

RE: REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES IN QUEENSLAND PERRY SHIRE TO HINKLER ELECTORATE

Council requests that the Perry and Kolan Shires be taken from the Wide Bay Electorate and placed in the Hinkler Electorate as the last redistribution took both the Shires from Wide Bay and placed them in the Wide Bay against the wishes of Council and the residents of the Shires.

The following is submitted to support Council's request: -

1. Community of Interest
 - ◆ Bundaberg, approximately 105km from Mount Perry and 50km from Gin Gin is the Regional Centre for a full range of specialist services – eg financial, legal, specialist medical, travel (airport, rail and sea port), sporting facilities and entertainment.
 - ◆ The Wide Bay Electorate has Maryborough as it's centre of Community Interest. Maryborough which is approximately 165km from Mount Perry and 110km from Gin Gin offers no better facilities or services than Bundaberg, therefore Residents of the Shire have limited needs to travel the additional distance, except for accessing their Federal Member's Office.
 - ◆ The Gin Gin Hospital and Mount Perry Health Centre are controlled by the Bundaberg Health District.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT 19, 6, 03

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QUEENSLAND - PERRY SHIRE TO HINKLER ELECTORATE****2. Means of Communications and Travel**

- The re-instatement of the Shire within the Hinkler Electorate would be more advantageous to Shire Residents if they wished to visit their Federal Member's Offices. The present Member for Wide Bay has Offices at Maryborough and Kingaroy which are not visited on a regular basis by Shire Residents as neither Centre has facilities or services which can not be accessed at Bundaberg.
The road to Bundaberg is a declared State Main Road and is bitumen sealed. The only bitumen sealed access to Maryborough is via the Bruce Highway. Sections of the alternative access to Maryborough and the access to Kingaroy are unsealed.

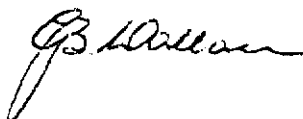
3. Physical Features

- Perry Shire located in the Bundaberg Hinterland where the Burnett River heads is prominently a cattle grazing area. The "Mt Rawdon" Gold Mine, commissioned in 2001 and employing in excess of eighty persons, relies on Bundaberg as their service and transport centre.

4. Boundaries of Existing Divisions

- It seems in congress to this Shire that Kolan and Perry Shires can not be part of the Bundaberg Federal Electorate while Mount Morgan some 320km from Bundaberg is presently situated in the Hinkler Electorate and is located only 30km from Rockhampton.
- The inclusion of Perry Shire in the Hinkler Electorate would provide residents with a sense of being part of something which they associate with in their daily lives whereas there is little relationship between the major part of the Wide Bay Electorate that residents feel as though they were simply tacked on to make up the numbers.

Yours faithfully



Greg Wallace
Chief Executive Officer