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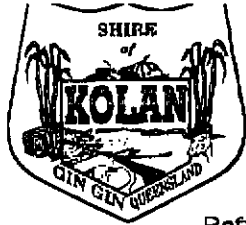


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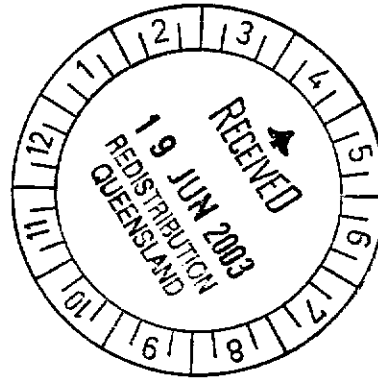
SUGGESTION

R-10

19 June 2003

Redistribution Committee for Queensland
Level 7
Collection House
488 Queen Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Facsimile: 3831 9683



Dear Sir

Re: Repositioning of Kolan Shire and Perry Shire into Hinkler Electorate

I respectfully submit that the areas of Kolan Shire and Perry Shire be taken from the Wide Bay Electorate and placed in the Hinkler Electorate.

I understand Perry Shire is lodging it's own submission so I will outline Kolan Shire's argument for the change.

To support Council's request I advise as follows:

- 1) **Community of Interest** – Gin Gin is the main centre for the residents of this Shire with Bundaberg providing the regional centre for a full range of specialist services e.g. financial, legal, specialist medical, travel (airport, rail and sea port), sporting facilities, and entertainment. Bundaberg is 50kms from Gin Gin and is considered part of the attraction for people living in this district.

Wide Bay Electorate has Maryborough as it's centre of community interest with that city 110kms away from Gin Gin and offering no greater facilities than Bundaberg. The residents of this district rarely rely upon services in Maryborough and few would make a regular trip to that city.

- 2) **Means of Communication and Travel**

For residents to meet face to face with the Member for Wide Bay, Hon Warren Truss MP, at one of his offices it requires either a trip to Maryborough (110 kms) or Kingaroy (200 kms).

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT 20/6/03

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ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO BE ADDRESSED TO CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

If the area were re-instated into Hinkler the local Member has an office in Bundaberg (50kms) away. Access to Bundaberg is via the Bundaberg-Gin Gin Road, a declared State Main Road which carries nowhere near the amount of traffic as does the Bruce Highway which is used to travel to Maryborough.

3) The physical features

Kolan Shire forms the hinterland of the Bundaberg district. The south east corner of the shire is a long term sugar cane growing area supporting that very important industry for the region. The Burnett River, which flows through Bundaberg, forms the southern boundary of Kolan Shire and is a much recognized feature for this district.

The bulk of the Wide Bay electorate has no physical association with the Kolan Shire.

4) Boundaries of existing divisions

Council appreciates the guidelines the committee operates under to balance voter numbers and sees an opportunity to address Kolan's needs by removing Mt Morgan from Hinkler and placing it into Capricornia thereby allowing for both the Kolan and Perry Shires to be placed back in Hinkler.

Placing the Kolan and Perry Shires back into the Hinkler Electorate would provide residents with a sense of being a part of something which they associate with in their daily lives whereas there is so 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.

Please contact me if you have any questions regards the above.

Yours faithfully



R.P. Ferguson
Chief Executive Officer