



The Federal Redistribution 2003
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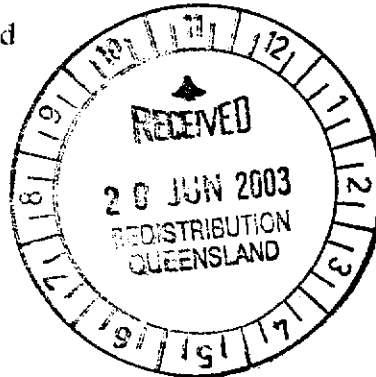
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Redistribution Committee for Queensland
Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Committee

As the member for Brisbane, I appreciate the opportunity to submit a few brief suggestions regarding the redistribution of federal electorates in Queensland.

I am aware of the suggestions submitted by the Australian Labor Party and support them.

This submission comments on the division of Brisbane.

The enrolment in Brisbane at 12th March 2003 was 96,355 and above the quota set for that date. The maximum electors in a Queensland electorate, having regard to the 10% variation provided for in the Commonwealth Electoral Act, are 92,485. Consequently, Brisbane must lose at least 3,870 voters, as at 12 March 2003 to bring it into line with the requirements set out in the Act.

At the 31st July 2007, the date fixed for the purposes of Section 66(3) of the Act, the Australian Electoral Commission estimate that there would be 108,950 electors in Brisbane. This is 12,049 more than the maximum permitted at that time.

Brisbane is a Federation electorate that has long been identified with the inner city region and north/north west suburbs of Brisbane. In determining new boundaries, due regard should be given to the community of interest of constituents who live in those areas.

Having been involved in a number of redistributions, I appreciate the complexities of the task confronting the Redistribution Committee in 2003.

I look forward to the opportunity to review the Redistribution proposal at a later stage in this process.

Hon. Arch Bevis MP
Federal Member for Brisbane
23 June 2003

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