



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
**QUEENSLAND**



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**Comment Number 1 on Objections**

**Mr Ted Malone MP**

**Member For Mirani**

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## Member for Mirani Shadow Minister for Emergency Services

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Ms Anne Bright  
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Dear Ms Bright

### Queensland Federal Electoral Redistribution Proposal

I write on behalf of my constituents in the Dawson electorate regarding the proposed redrawing of the Dawson/Capricornia electoral boundary.

I strongly oppose the redraw of the Dawson boundaries to include Sarina and most of the Pioneer Valley in the Capricornia electorate for the following reasons:

#### Community of Interest

Dawson's primary industries are currently sugar and cattle and crop agriculture, with sugar being the predominant primary industry. Sugar is the predominant interest for all of the communities of Dawson. Dawson is the largest sugar producing electorate in Australia.

#### No Sugar Industry in Capricornia

Currently there is no sugar industry in the Capricornia electorate. Historically, and despite boundary redraws, the Capricornia area has never been a sugar producing electorate.

#### Difficult and Complex Industry

As with any primary industry there are specific issues that relate to and affect each industry. Unlike any other primary industry however, the sugar industry is quite different in each area of North Queensland. The sugar industry of the northern part of the Dawson electorate experiences vastly different harvesting practices to those of the southern area of the electorate (and namely the areas that are proposed for inclusion in Capricornia). The member for Capricornia would need to have a full understanding of the sugar industry as a whole in order to address the issues of the northern section of their electorate.

## COMMENT

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Proudly representing the  
Shires of Broadsound,  
Livingstone, Mirani, Nebo,  
Sarina and (part) Mackay City  
including:

Alexandra, Alligator Creek,  
Armstrong Beach, Bakers Creek,  
Balberra, Beaconsfield, Benholme  
Blue Mountain, Brightly,  
Campwin Beach, Canal Creek,  
Canoona, Carmila, Chelona,  
Clairview, Clarke Creek,  
Colston Park, Coppabella,  
Crediton, Devereux Creek,  
Dixalea, Dows Creek, Dunrock,  
East Mackay, Erakala, Eton,  
Eton North, Eton Range, Eungella,  
Farleigh, Finch Hatton, Foulden,  
Freshwater Point, Gargett,  
Glenden, Glenella,  
Grasstree Beach, Greenmount,  
Half Tide Beach, Hay Point,  
Hazeldean, Homebush, Ilbilbie,  
Jardine, Kinchant Dam, Koumala,  
Kungurri, Kunwarara, Lotus Creek,  
Louisa Creek, Marble Island,  
Marian, Marlborough, Marwood,  
McEwens Beach, Mia Mia,  
Middle Percy Island, Milman,  
Mirani, Mirani West,  
Mount Coolon, Mount Gardiner,  
Mount Martin, Mount Pleasant,  
Munbura, Nebo, Netherdale,  
Oakenden, Ogmore, Ooralea,  
Paget, Palmyra, Pinevale,  
Pinnacle, Pleystowe, Racecourse,  
Richmond, Rosella, Rossmoya,  
Salonika Beach, Sandiford,  
Sarina, Sarina Beach,  
Sarina Range, Septimus, Shinfield,  
South Mackay, St Lawrence,  
Stanage, Sunnyside, Te Kowai,  
The Caves, Victoria Plains,  
Walkerston, Wallingford,  
Wattlebank, West Mackay,  
Wumulgi, Yaamba, Yukan

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My constituents do not believe, from previous observations, that a Federal member based in Rockhampton would be 'in touch' with the complex issues they are experiencing in the sugar industry.

Also, and unfortunately, from previous experience many of my northern Capricornia constituents do not believe that their Rockhampton based member has been 'in touch' with issues relating to their location, occupation or isolation.

**Almost a quarter of the Sugar Industry will go into Capricornia**

The boundary redraw would put almost a quarter of the Dawson sugar industry into Capricornia. For the reasons that I have stated above, this could prove quite disastrous to the sugar industry.

**Mackay is the centre for Pioneer Valley and Sarina**

Dawson includes the city of Mackay and surrounding districts. The Pioneer Valley and Sarina districts are heavily reliant and dependant on Mackay with access to all State and Federal Government departments in this centre. The nearest centre with access to Federal Government departments is Rockhampton, over five hundred kilometres away. This would also be the distance for these constituents from their Federal member, should the boundaries be redrawn for these areas.

Your serious consideration of the issues raised by my constituents and I would be thoroughly appreciated and I urge the Commission to re-evaluate the impact of the Dawson/Capricornia redistribution proposal on the areas of Sarina and the Pioneer Valley.

Yours sincerely



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