



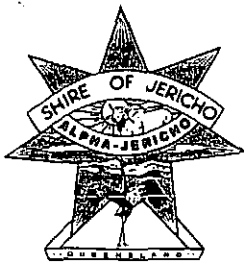
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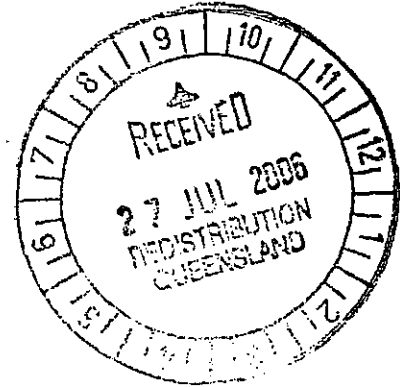
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Australian Electoral Commission
Redistribution Committee for Queensland
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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Proposed Federal Electoral Distributions

I refer to the recent notification by the Australian Electoral Commission of the proposed redistribution of Queensland Federal Electoral Boundaries and advise that Jericho Shire Council objects strongly to the proposed boundary change which would create the new electoral division of 'Wright'.

Council's objection is based on the following:

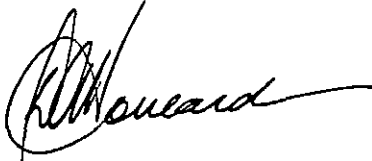
- The proposed division of Wright would encompass a vast area which would combine an industrial provincial city with areas of the central west and outback which has little affinity with the electors of the outback; and
- Freight services to the central west and outback shires are transported either by rail or road, both of which are provided via Rockhampton and not Gladstone;
- The shires of the central west and outback have formed alliances such as the Outback Regional Roads Group. These alliances would be threatened should the proposed redistribution proceed as the shires within these alliances would effectively be split between the current electorate of Maranoa and the proposed electorate of Wright;
- The proposed redistribution will also split the shires which receive the services of the chief health provider of the area, Central West Health Services, with eight of the shires being moved into the proposed electorate of Wright; and
- The central west and outback shires and their electors are unique and their needs and requirements are not compatible with those of provincial cities

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Based on the objections outlined above, Jericho Shire Council urges the Australian Electoral Commission to retain the central west shires in the electorate of Maranoa.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DA Howard', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DA Howard
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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