



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
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**Comment Number 28 on Objections**

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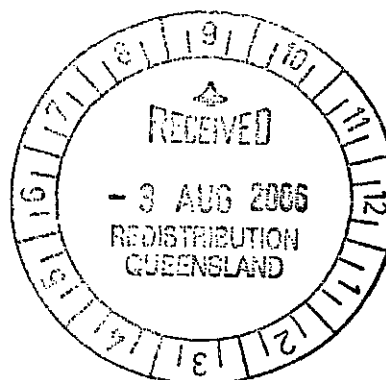
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Dear Committee Members,

#### COMMENT ON OBJECTIONS – REDISTRIBUTION QUEENSLAND 2006

It did not surprise me that there were so many objections to the Proposed Redistribution for Queensland 2006, especially with the location of, and the name of the proposed electorate of Wright. After the 2003 redistribution, and the creation of the electorate of Bonner, I would have expected, that this 2006 redistribution would have been the opportunity to give stability to the suburban electorates south of the Brisbane river. Especially where the electorates of Moreton Bonner Bowman and Griffith is concerned. The Bayside communities from Lytton and Wynnum south to Cleveland and Victoria Point, all formerly in the electorate of Bowman, all share the same commonality of Bayside communities together with the bayside island communities. The local government boundaries were never a barrier or a divisive obstacle to their communities, until the wedge shape of the Bonner electorate was created, and, to make up the numbers, suburban communities from the electorates of Griffith and Moreton were included to justify numbers to create the electorate of Bonner, thereby disrupting the commonality of inner suburban communities, like Mt Gravatt, Mt Gravatt East, upper Mt Gravatt, Wishart and Eightmile Plains.

In my submission of 17/3/2006 to the Redistribution Committee, Public Submission No. 9, I outlined my concerns and requests for these particular suburban communities to be relocated back into Moreton electorate. Similar to Mr Irwins concern for his area being in and out of electorates, these suburbs have been moved in and out of electorates during the 80's and 90's. The area I refer to is specifically east of the Southeast Motorway to Logan Road and east to the Gateway Arterial Roadway and south to Eightmile Plains.

At the Federal Election 24.3.90 – The Northern Boundary of Fadden was Old Cleveland Road, electors south of this boundary were previously in Moreton or Bowman.

At the Federal Election 13.3.93 – The Northern Boundary of Fadden was Wecker Road, electors north of this boundary went into Moreton and Griffith.

At the Federal Election 3.3.96 – The northern Boundary of Fadden was Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road. The electors north of this boundary went back into Moreton.

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At the Federal Election 13.10.98 – The northern Boundary of Fadden was aligned at Priestdale Road And Underwood Road. Electors North of this boundary are back in Moreton.

At the Federal Election 9.10.04 – The electors east of the Southeast Motorway to Logan road and East to The Gateway Arterial Road, and, South of Wishart Road are Dumped in the Electorate of Bonner. This specific area, as submitted to you on 17.03.06 does not have commonality of communality with the rural and bayside communities of Bonner.

At this point, I would like to make this comment. It is generally accepted in the study of political studies or political science and in social studies that 70per cent of the voting public do not change their voting habit, additionally , like me, when moving to a new area to live, a lot of them would consider the dominant party of that particular electorate, and would live there because they prefer party holding that electorate. My question here is , Does to committee give consideration to those types of voters?

Australian Electorate Commission figures for eligible voters in Moreton in the following elections are as follows:-

Federal election 1998 – 85,564: Referendum 1999 – 86,317: Federal Election 2001 – 89254: Federal Election 2004- 88324.

Now with actual figures of enrolment at 2.12.2005 being 85532 for the Moreton Electorate, and your projected figure of 89049 for the next Federal Election in 2007 or 2008: (The latest date a Federal Election can be held being 19.1.2008).

My comments, in addition to the comments by the Honourable Member for Moreton, Gary Hargraves . I would like to Committee to making the following changes to Moreton. The area in the North West corner of Moreton to go back to Griffith, The Karawatha area in the South of Moreton to go to Rankin, and the area East of the South East Freeway to Logan Road, along Wishart Road to Ham Road and along Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road to The Gateway Arterial Road South to the South East Freeway at Eight Mile Plains. In other words the Northern and Northeast Boundary of Moreton for the 1998 Election and the Eastern Boundary be the Gateway Arterial Road south to the South East Freeway at Eight Mile plains. With the adjustment of eligible voters this would give Moreton the required 89,000 plus that your guidelines require.

Submitted for your consideration, please.

Further to the objections and comments about the 2006 Redistribution in Queensland and NSW, Media reports on 20.7.2006 were rather disturbing to me. A National Breaking News Article through AAP, and off The Age internet was as follows:-

Labor on Track to win electoral seats. It went on to say “The redistribution of electoral seats in NSW and Queensland has placed Labor a step closer to winning government at the next election.

In new figures, veteran election analyst Malcolm Mackerras shows that the swing required for Labor to unseat the Howard Government at the 2007 federal election has dropped from 4.4 per cent to 3.3 per cent. The Australian newspaper reports.

The narrowed margin is the result of recent redistribution proposals from the Australian Electoral Commission affecting Queensland and NSW. ....” .

I would be quite disturbed if the change of Government was because of electoral boundary changes and not the vote of the people.

Yours Faithfully,

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