

The Federal Redistribution 2006 QUEENSLAND

Objection Number 3

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Redistribution Committee for Queensland 488 Queen Street **GPO Box 2590 BRISBANE Q 4001**

Dear Sirs

PROPOSAL FOR QUEENSLAND FEDERAL **ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION**

Bellero Constructions is the leading civil construction and commercial building company currently operating in the Wide Bay area. From both a business and community perspective we must express concerns with the proposed Federal Electoral Redistribution.

Maryborough and Hervey Bay, whilst enjoying a healthy rivalry, have always been interdependent with residents of both areas living in one and working in the other. The growth and progress of the two cities is interwoven. In city terms each is a suburb of the other. One traditionally industrial and the other now a burgeoning tourism and lifestyle choice location. However, many facilities such as medical, sporting and cultural remain shared. Tourism in Hervey Bay is strongly linked to Fraser Island and all three locations are promoted to tourists as a package. It would not be in the best interests of tourism promotion to have Maryborough and Fraser Island, which are separated by Hervey Bay, in one electorate and Hervey Bay in another. The area presently suffers a high unemployed sector, with young people leaving the area to obtain employment. Anything which impacts negatively on tourism has a flow on effect to all businesses in the area.

As one of the fastest growing areas in Australia the interests of constituents would be better served by the establishment of an electorate centred on the Fraser Coast.

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This pattern has been repeated in many of the electorates with little transparent consideration having been given to developed relationships and the complementary nature of industry, workforce and lifestyle linking communities.

We strongly recommend the redistribution committee revisit the proposed Federal Electoral Redistribution to re-unite these areas.

Yours faithfully

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