



The Federal Redistribution 2006
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 9

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Member for Hinkler

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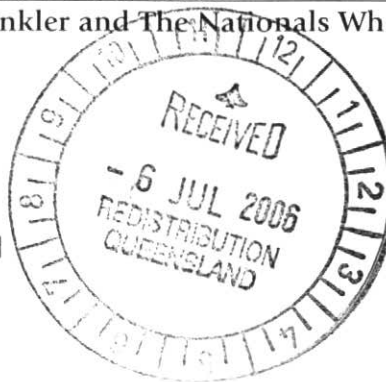
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The Redistribution Committee for Queensland
Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Sir / Madam

I would like to comment on the Committee's Reasons for the Proposed Redistribution.

WRIGHT:

While I did not expect the new seat to be in Central Queensland or to impact so markedly on the seat which I currently hold, namely Hinkler, and while I am disappointed to lose Gladstone where I have worked so hard, I accept the new seat of WRIGHT brings together three district Central Queensland sectors – the greater Gladstone region (and Development Board area), Calliope, Banana, Miriam Vale and to a lesser extent Monto. It contains the lower Bowen Basin coalfields and the Central West region based on Longreach. The bulk of the arterial road and rail systems traverse the new electorate.

I'd comment, based on the previous redistribution, that Mt Morgan Shire should be in Capricornia to be consistent with your Committee's overview in the first half of para 75 of your "Reasons". It is a view strongly held in the community, which is, after all, only 30 minutes from Rockhampton. It has a stronger "call" than Mackay-based shires and has little affinity with Gladstone.

HINKLER:

Given that Hinkler had to move south, I accept the electorate had to reduce in area. But while I accept it was impossible to incorporate the wider community of interest, in this instance I think it is important to retain as much of the immediate and closer community-of-interest ie sugar and small crops, some of which are excluded in the new boundaries. I refer to the northern part of the Burnett Shire and the Kolan Shire which are integral parts of greater Bundaberg.

I recognize the numbers dilemma for the Committee. Hinkler will now be a provincial, commercial and tourism electorate with limited hinterland, as well as having the regional centres of Bundaberg and Hervey Bay at each end. In that respect, it has some distinct advantages.

I would like to make the suggestion that Biggenden Shire be included in the new electorate.

The numbers are easily contained in the numerical limitations. You will note Hinkler is the third lowest variation – 3.21% as at 2.12.05 and second lowest -2.66% as at 30.11.07. So there is scope for limited change.

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There are some compelling reasons:

- Biggenden Shire would make for a more geographically "tidy" electorate
- Biggenden Shire has a close affinity with Isis Shire and Woocoo Shire
- The Isis Highway ie Bundaberg – Childers (Isis) – Biggenden and the Biggenden – Brooweena – Woocoo – Maryborough – Hervey Bay road all of which (but a small section through Maryborough) would fall in Hinkler
- Biggenden residents share their shopping loyalties between Bundaberg and Maryborough. If it can't be in Wide Bay, it makes more sense in Hinkler than as a remote and almost out-of-character corner of Wright.

SCOPE:

If you were to agree with my analysis the Mt Morgan and Biggenden changes could be contained by a small variation to Wright namely adding:

	<u>2.12.05</u>	<u>30.11.07</u>
Wondai Shire	3055	3135
Which equates with:		
Mt Morgan Shire	2081	2064
Biggenden Shire	<u>1119</u>	<u>1135</u>
	3200	3199

with-out any major effect on the tolerance in Maranoa.

I would like to make a further appeal to the Committee:

- in the event of a minor re-draw, to include the sugar growing CCDs of the northern part of Burnett Shire in Hinkler
- in the event of a major re-draw, to include: Burnett Shire (northern part)
Kolan Shire
in Hinkler

APPEARANCE:

I would like to register my interest in appearing before you or an augmented group as the redistribution process continues.

Yours sincerely



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