



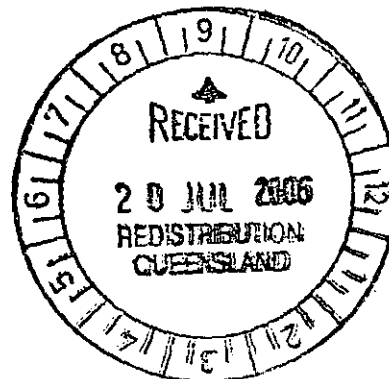
The Federal Redistribution 2006
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 106

Qantas Foundation Memorial Ltd

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Redistribution Committee for Queensland
GPO Box 2590
Brisbane. Q. 4001.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to your Committee on behalf of the Qantas Foundation Memorial Ltd, a trust company to preserve and tell the history of Qantas and of the Qantas Founders Outback Museum where the history of Qantas is preserved and presented to the Australian public through a multi million dollar facility, one which is still expanding.

My Board and I are extremely concerned at the proposal in the latest round of electoral boundary redistributions to remove a large number of Western Queensland Shires from the Maranoa electorate and insert them into the new seat of Wright based on the coastal city of Gladstone.

The Shires you intend to dislocate represent a large area of Western Queensland which have historically been a part of Maranoa and Kennedy. Both these rural electorates have a strong community of interest with Western Queensland, a criteria we understand is core to considerations when reviewing electoral boundaries.

My Board and I are very concerned that any redistribution proposal that removes this area from its community of interest will virtually disenfranchise the entire Western Queensland area. Past experience has reinforced the knowledge that a member in a coastal centred seat will focus on the population centre and give little attention to the remote parts of the electorate. This was quite evident when for a time some of this area was in the seat of Capricornia.

The tourism industry is growing in the inland regions of Queensland, however much needs to be done to ensure that investment from both Government and the private sector is provided to support this growth. This will only be done if the area is represented by a member that is understanding of the issues of the area and is "local" to the conditions.

I understand that centres such as Kingaroy may be added to Maranoa whilst the Central West of Queensland will be added to Wright. This makes no sense at all in terms of

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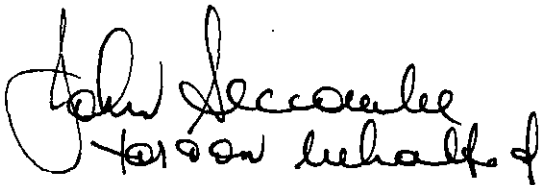
community of interest as the Kingaroy and Central Burnett area has far more in common with Gladstone than the area does with Maranoa.

I conclude by saying that we, as a major tourist attraction, are so concerned about this proposal that to people of Western Queensland this proposal will be seen as an abdication of Commonwealth responsibility to provide fair and equitable representation to an area that is disadvantaged to that of most coastal areas of Australia.

We sincerely ask your Committee to reconsider this proposal and retain Western Queensland in Maranoa, an electorate with strong community of interest with this area and an electorate that we are confident will continue to provide this area with concerned and committed representation.

As I am currently on operational duties between Australia and the UK, I have asked my Deputy Chairman, Mr John Seccombe to sign on my behalf.

Yours faithfully,



John Seccombe
on behalf of

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