



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
QUEENSLAND



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**Objection Number 107**

**Pioneer Valley Water Board**

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Dear Sirs

**RE: Proposed Electoral Redistribution**

I refer to the proposed Queensland Federal Electoral Redistribution and provide the following comments in regard to the proposed changes for the Mackay area.

The Pioneer Valley Water Board operates an irrigation water supply scheme providing supply to sugar cane farms in the Pioneer Valley to the west of Mackay. The irrigation scheme is currently located within the Federal Electorate of Dawson. The proposed change would see part of the scheme remain in Dawson and the balance to be within Capricornia.

Water has a very high focus throughout Australia and particularly federally through the National Water Initiative which is leading water reforms throughout the country. The reforms impact on all water users and our irrigation scheme is currently undergoing significant change driven by the reform.

With the very high level of participation federally in water reforms, the Pioneer Valley Water Board considers that it is not efficient to deal federally through two electorates for our irrigation scheme. We suggests that some consideration be given to the partial use of catchment boundaries for electoral divisions in the Pioneer Valley so that agricultural activity including irrigation water for the Pioneer Valley can be largely within one federal division.

Please consider this as a formal objection from the Pioneer Valley Water Board to the proposed Federal Electoral Redistribution for the divisions of Dawson and Capricornia.

Yours sincerely

  
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MANAGER

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