



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
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**Objection Number 111**

**Mr Ian Blanch**

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The Electoral Commissioner  
~~Australian~~ Electoral Commission  
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Dear Sir,

**RE: PROPOSED NEW BOUNDARIES - LONGMAN**

I object to the proposed new boundaries for the Federal Division of Longman as published in the press recently.

I have been a resident of the Caboolture area all my life and base my objection on those years of experience within the Caboolture community. It is made in the best interests of the residents of the area.

Like many other people I believe that the proposed new Longman boundary will disadvantage a large section of residents in the present Division of Longman by placing them within the boundaries of the new proposed Division of Fisher – a Division that is currently based, and will continue to be based, on the Sunshine Coast.

I believe that the area of Caboolture Shire that has been excluded from the proposed new Division of Longman and that lies

- west of Oakey Flat Road (Burpengary – Morayfield), Walkers Road (Morayfield), Bishop Lane (Bellmere), Williams Road (Moodlu), Markwell Road (Elimbah) and
  - north of the southern boundary of Caboolture Shire with Pine Rivers Shire, and
  - east of approximately the crest of the D'Aguiar Range escarpment, Raaens Road area – as per the boundary between the old Division 1 and 3 of Caboolture Shire prior to the 1993 redistribution of internal divisions) and
  - north of Alcock Road (Elimbah), Kirby Road, Emu Road, Pumicestone Road to the northern boundary of Caboolture Shire, and
  - south of the northern boundary of Caboolture Shire with Caloundra City,
- should be included in the new Division of Longman.

I know that some parts of this proposed area for inclusion (see above) are able to be subdivided and may therefore increase the voting base within the Division, but at least 50% of this area is restricted with respect to future increase in population through subdivision for many years by the recently released Office of Urban Management planning documents for land use in South East Queensland.

I request that the area outlined above be included in the proposed Division of Longman and excluded from the proposed Division of Fisher for the reasons outlined below:-

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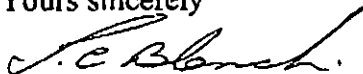
- the area outlined has a sole community of interest linked closely with the township and commercial area of Caboolture and Morayfield;
- the area outlined is easily accessible from Caboolture and Morayfield and could only be properly serviced by a Member of Parliament whose office is located in the Caboolture area;
- the area outlined has nothing in common with, nor does it have any community of interest with most of the area that is in the proposed Division of Fisher;
- the area outlined would be difficult to access from the central area of the proposed Division of Fisher where the Electorate office would be expected to be located in the heavily populated coastal strip between Caloundra and Alexandra Headland;
- the area outlined, in particular the area of Upper Caboolture, Wamuran, Wamuran Basin, Bracalba and Elimbah, would be neglected and disadvantaged by its inclusion in the proposed Division of Fisher due to its relatively low population numbers and its distance and isolation from the main population base of the Division of Fisher;
- the expected population growth of the proposed area for inclusion would be low (or non-existent in some areas) for a period of at least 10 years due to the SEQ Plan and could be reconsidered at a future redistribution.

The part of Caboolture Shire that lies west of the eastern escarpment of the D'Aguilar Range in Caboolture Shire also has a community of interest with the Caboolture – Morayfield area and should be included within the Division of Longman on those grounds. However this area also shares an affinity with the rural areas to the west (Kilcoy Shire) and north (Caloundra Shire) and is also readily accessible via the Woodford - Peachester road from the coastal strip.

It is suggested that in order to balance the small increase in population that would be located in the proposed area for exclusion from the Division of Fisher and to be included in the Division of Longman (as per this submission) the more densely populated area of Deception Bay could be included into an adjacent Division. This area would not be disadvantaged by this proposal as the community of interest has been (and continues to be) more closely linked with Redcliffe City than it is with Caboolture due to its proximity to the Redcliffe Peninsular, ease of access to services such as commercial, industrial, health, transport and education that are located in Redcliffe City.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Yours sincerely



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