



The Federal Redistribution 2006
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 112

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To whom it may concern

We write as a voice in objection to the Winton Shire, a significant part of the Central West Inland region being shuffled and bludgeoned about, and, ultimately being affected by the recent proposed federal redistribution and incorporation into the forming of the seat of Wright.

We find ourselves in our fourth federal division over a very short period of time.

The arguments put forward and lobbied hard for 3 years ago to be included into the seat of Maree still stand. We are a rural and semi-isolated region, and we require and demand commonalities with others in our federal seat and an understanding of our needs from our federal representative.

This new seat (and may we add with it's very unfortunate name in all it's connotations) with it's probable base at Gladstone, offers very little in the way of common interest – socially, geographically or economically with the peoples of central-western Queensland.

The people of Winton and the Shire are affiliated with outback communities and we don't doubt that Gladstone feels equally akin with their coastal 'cousins'. Would they not find their new 'relations' an imposition and sufferance? How could that inherent animosity possibly benefit Winton and the peoples of our Shire?

Historically, we also wish to draw attention to the scandalous Fitzgerald Inquiry with all it's revelations of corruption and the 'good old boys' and those who gained the most from redistribution and the 'jerrymander' of our electorates.

Whilst trusting our objections will not fall upon deaf ears, we are not confident that our concerns will be taken as serious. However, rest assured, the seat is one that the Nationals could win, and we must get on with endorsing the best man for the job as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully

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