



**The Federal Redistribution 2006  
QUEENSLAND**



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**Objection Number 154**

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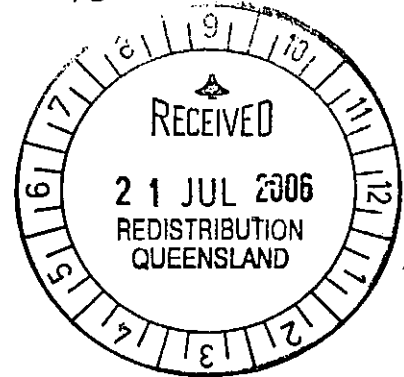
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Dear Sir

**OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED BOUNDARY FOR THE  
FEDERAL ELECTORATE OF LEICHHARDT.**

I hereby strongly make my objection to the proposed realignment of the south eastern boundary of my electorate, Leichhardt, whereby the residents of the Cairns City areas of East Trinity, Glen Boughton and the Yarrabah Council areas are being removed into the Electoral Division of Kennedy.

For many of us such as myself who have regular communications with our local Federal Member through various organizations, particularly in my roll being a member of the Consultative Committee on the Wet Tropics Management Authority, this proposed realignment will make it nearly impossible for normal communications with our Elected Representative

This section of realignment appears to contravene the Commissions stated and published objectives of

*"The boundaries must take into account community of interests, communication and transport links, natural features and current boundaries".*

In all these criteria the proposed changes fail in that

1. **COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS** The above areas you are proposing to excise from Leichhardt are predominately fast growing rural /residential centers serviced from Cairns City and are in fact within sight of the headquarters and office of the Member for Leichhardt. Many residents/electors commute daily for employment to Cairns CBD and surrounds  
*Kennedy on the other hand is predominately a rural primary industry based electorate with the member centered, I understand, at Mt. Isa and Charters Towers and an office in Innisfail.*
2. **COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPORT LINKS.** The office for the Leichhardt is within easy commuting distance from the proposed areas being excised, approx 30 minutes drive. One or two privately run busses pass through the area daily into Cairns servicing the Yarrabah Community and surrounds. Those without private transport also regularly use Cairns City Taxis.  
*The nearest electorate office for the electorate of Kennedy is Innisfail, 80-130km distance. There is no public transport connection. For any constituent within our area therefore to meet with*

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*their member and rely on transport links it would probably take at least a two-day trip by busses or bus and train. By their private vehicle around 200km return trip that would account for a full day, say for a 30 minute meeting with their member!!*

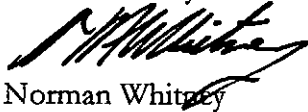
**3. NATURAL FEATURES AND CURRENT BOUNDARIES** The existing south east boundary line which you are suggesting to change runs from Warner Road and Green Hill Road, in rural agricultural areas, into the natural divide of the Malbon Thompson Ranges to the coastal shore line. This is indeed the most natural boundary as it also is a distinguishing separation of the rural and urbanised communities.

**It therefore seems that the most appropriate divisional boundary in this section bordering the two electorates is where it now is.**

Together with others within our Community we understand the necessity for the review based on population changes. The present proposal however, placing us at the further distance from the center of the electorate and into a division that has little in common geographically economically or socially is unreasonable.

Surely there is another area closer to the heart of the Kennedy electorate where the constituents could benefit from the review of boundaries?

Yours sincerely



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