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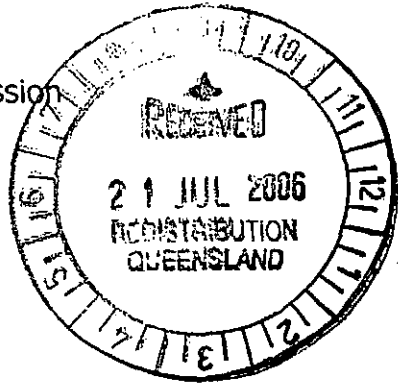


Objection Number 161

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The Electoral Commissioner
~~Queensland~~ Electoral Commission
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GRAN 20 JUL 2006

Dear Sir,

RE: PROPOSED NEW BOUNDARIES - FEDERAL DIVISION OF LONGMAN

I wish to submit an objection to the proposed new boundaries for the Federal Division of Longman as shown on the website.

I have lived in the Wamuran area for 24 years and worked closely with many community groups within the Caboolture Shire through out those years including a period of nine (9) years as a Caboolture Shire Councillor. My objection is based on those years of experience within the Caboolture community and are made in the best interests of the residents of the area.

I believe that the proposed new Longman boundary will severely 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.

It is my strong belief 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 Division of Longman.

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I am aware that some parts of this proposed area for inclusion are able to be subdivided and thus increase the voting base within the Division but it is understood that at least 50% of this area is restricted with respect to future increase in population through subdivision for a considerable period of time by the recently released Office of Urban Management documents for South East Queensland.

It is considered to be vital that the area outlined above be included in the proposed Division of Longman and excluded from the proposed Division of Fisher for the following reasons

- the area outlined has a sole community of interest linked tightly with the township and commercial area of Caboolture and Morayfield;
- the area outlined is readily accessible from Caboolture - Morayfield and would be ideally serviced by an Electorate office located within the Caboolture – Morayfield precinct;
- the area outlined has absolutely nothing in common with, nor any community of interest linkage with the remainder of 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 and Bracalba, would be highly likely to 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 reassessed 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 hub and should ideally 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 area that is proposed (in this submission) for exclusion from the Division of Fisher and to be re-included in the Division of Longman, the more densely populated area of Deception Bay should be included into an adjacent Division. This area would not be disadvantaged by this proposal as its community of interest has been (and still is) more closely linked with that of

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Redcliffe City than it is with Caboolture. This is due to the proximity of Deception Bay to Redcliffe City and is demonstrated by the ease of access to the well developed service hub that is located within Redcliffe City. These services include commercial, industrial, health, transport and education and are additional to the more restricted services that exist in Deception Bay.

I respectfully request that you give earnest consideration to the content of my objection to the proposed new boundaries for the Division of Longman when determining the final boundaries of the Federal electoral Divisions within the Caboolture area.

Yours sincerely



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