



The Federal Redistribution 2006
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 164

Hon De-Anne Kelly MP

Member for Dawson

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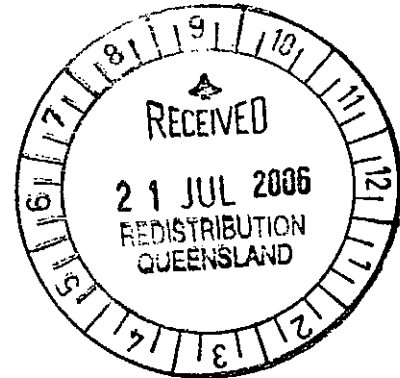
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17 July 2006

Mr Ian Campbell
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Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Sir

Queensland redistribution

Enclosed please find my submission, objecting to the proposed redistribution, in relation to my electorate of Dawson.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'De-Anne Kelly'.

De-Anne Kelly BE MP
Federal Member for Dawson

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SUMBISSION TO

THE AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL
COMMISSION

ON

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES OF THE
ELECTORATE OF DAWSON

AS PROPOSED

ON

23 JUNE 2006

Submitted by: The Hon De-Anne Kelly BE MP
Federal Member for Dawson

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Proposal by the Australian Electoral Commission in relation to the Federal Division of Dawson

In broad terms the AEC, in its draft proposal, seeks to:

- Remove that portion of the Broadsound Shire Local Government Area (LGA) currently in the Division
- Remove a portion of the Mackay City Council LGA
- Remove the whole of the Sarina Shire LGA
- Remove the whole of the Mirani Shire LGA
- Include portions of the Townsville City Council LGA

Comment:

It is recognised that the Division of Dawson is and will remain over quota as per the AEC projections to the year 2010.

It is further recognised that the Division of Capricornia is geographically best positioned to absorb areas proposed to be excised from the Division of Dawson. eg Broadsound Shire (portion) and Sarina Shire.

It is noted that the primary submissions from all three major Parties (The Australian Labor Party, the Liberal Party and the Nationals) proposed the removal of the Sarina Shire and the portion of the Broadsound Shire from the Division of Dawson to the Division of Capricornia.

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Response to the boundary changes in the Division of Dawson proposed by the Australian Electoral Commission

Mirani Shire

As noted previously the Australian Electoral Commission is, under the legislation governing the redistribution process, required to move voters out of the Division of Dawson into adjacent Division(s).

The Australian Electoral Commission is required, as one component of the redistribution process to consider "community of interest".

In this context I make the following comments:

- The Mirani Shire is a relatively small shire adjacent to, and adjoining, the Mackay City Council LGA.
- It is, in large part, a dormitory suburb of Mackay city.
- As a principally cane farming community it has little or no community of interest with the Division of Capricornia, other than with the Sarina Shire.
- It relies to a great extent on Mackay for the bulk of its services and amenities, such as health and domestic supplies.

I submit that in relation to the Mirani Shire Local Government Area the Australian Electoral Commission has not given sufficient weighting to community of interest when determining the draft boundaries of the Division of Dawson.

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Part Townsville City Council Local Government Area

I note the committee's comment that, "given the proposed configuration of the neighbouring divisions of Kennedy and Herbert

This would suggest that the principal driver of acquiring voters from the division of Herbert is the need for adjustment in these two divisions, plus the division of Leichhardt.

In this context I make the following comments:

- The community of interest with the enrollees lies with Townsville city.
- The proposed variation from quota for the division of Herbert is plus 1.34% which suggests it has the capacity to retain a proportion of the electors being shed into the division of Dawson.
- The 1996 northern boundary of the division of Dawson included the residential areas of Alligator Creek (Nome election booth).
- The proposed variation from quota for the division of Dawson is minus 2.56%.

Recommendations:

1. The Shire of Mirani remain within the Division of Dawson
2. The northern boundary of the division of Dawson be returned to that which existed at the 1996 election
3. That there be a realignment of the boundaries of the divisions of Leichhardt, Kennedy and Herbert to reflect the above.

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