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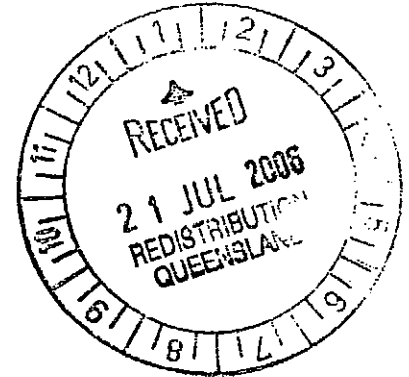
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**Please find attached a letter outlining my objection to the proposed redistribution for the electorate of Capricornia.**

**Regards,**

**Kirsten Livermore MP**

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Redistribution Committee for Queensland  
PO Box 2590  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Proposed Redistribution of Capricornia**

As the sitting Member for Capricornia, I am writing to make known my objections to certain aspects of the proposed redistribution. My objection focuses mainly on the removal of the Fitzroy (bar Gracemere) and the Mount Morgan Shires from the Electorate of Capricornia.

The Shire of Fitzroy shares an important 'community of interest' with Rockhampton and is a vital industrial and agricultural centre for the Rockhampton area. The Stanwell industrial precinct is of critical importance to Rockhampton and is a strong contributor to Rockhampton's economy. Under the proposed redistribution, this precinct will be split between Capricornia and Wright. A project of such significance as this needs to be located within a single Electorate. This is a long term project that is vital for the regions future. Therefore, it requires strong representation from a single elected Member.

Residents of the Fitzroy area are reliant upon Rockhampton for many of their business, retail and service needs.

With regards to the proposed removal of Mount Morgan Shire from Capricornia and into the newly created seat of Wright, I believe that this is a serious error. Mount Morgan and Rockhampton share a history spanning over 150 years and still have a very strong reliance upon one another. Mount Morgan is considered by many in the area as a 'satellite suburb' of Rockhampton and, again Rockhampton is the business, retail and service hub for Mount Morgan.

Prior to the last redistribution, when Mount Morgan was within the boundaries of the Hinkler Electorate, we were faced with the absurd situation where residents of Mount Morgan came to my Electorate Office in Rockhampton to discuss their Federal issues. This was due to the fact that residents of Mount Morgan frequently come to Rockhampton and had little or nothing to do with Gladstone.

Many residents of both the Fitzroy and Mount Morgan Shires are employed in Rockhampton and are consumers of Rockhampton's services including health, education, sport, retail and various State and Federal Government Departments.

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In conclusion, it is my belief that the proposed redistribution for Capricornia has totally ignored the concept of 'community of interest' simply for the sake of numbers. Specifically, the excision of Fitzroy and Mount Morgan Shires is an unrealistic move which does not take into account local factors.

Ultimately, the overwhelming number of links between Fitzroy Shire, Mount Morgan Shire and Rockhampton make it clear that these areas need to remain within a single electorate.

I would ask that the Redistribution Committee takes these comments onboard and give serious consideration to leaving Mount Morgan and Fitzroy Shires where they currently reside.

Yours Sincerely,



**KIRSTEN LIVERMORE MP**  
**Member for Capricornia**

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