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**Mackay Sugar Co-Operative Assn Ltd**

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Redistribution Committee for Queensland

Dear Chairperson,

We note with some concern the mooted changes to the Dawson electorate.

We understand the difficulties posed by the need to bring the population of electorates into line but an impact of your changes to Dawson is that our sugar milling business and related farming sector has been effectively partitioned by the proposed new boundaries between Dawson and Capricornia.

We have four sugar mills in our co-operative with cane supplied from over 1,000 Mackay Sugar shareholders. As such, we have an absolute community of interest that has always been enclosed within the one Federal electorate.

As such, we believe that we will be disadvantaged by your suggested changes. There is simply no connection between the farming community of the Pioneer Valley containing our Marian sugar mill and Rockhampton, the business centre of the Capricornia electorate.

We request that you reconsider your decision and re-site the southern boundary of Dawson back to follow Alligator Creek between Sarina and Mackay and then align with the Southern boundary of the Mirani Shire adjacent to the Nebo Shire.

C. E. Westcott  
Chairman of Directors  
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