



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
**QUEENSLAND**



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**Objection Number 177**

**Mr Kevin Mahoney**  
**Mayor of Woocoo Shire**

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Subject Electoral Redistribution

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Dear Sir,

The electoral redistribution for Wide Bay and Hinkler Electorates is totally unacceptable for the residents of the Woocoo Shire.

There are approximately 1,000 residents in the Woocoo Shire that will be changing from the Wide Bay Electorate to the Hinkler Electorate and these residents will be required to travel up to a further 120 km to Bundaberg to personally speak to their Federal Member, in addition to the additional cost of telephone charges to liaise with the Federal Member for Hinkler.

The changes in the electoral boundaries splits the Federal Electorate into two distinct electorates, which will create high confusion as residents will not be aware of who their Federal Representative will be at election time, as many residents who have voted for Wide Bay will now be required to vote for Hinkler.

The Woocoo Shire Council asks that the Electoral Commission gives serious consideration to our submission to include the whole of Woocoo Shire in the Wide Bay Electorate. It might be noted that this submission was passed unanimously by Council at a recent Council meeting.

Woocoo Shire Council looks forward to a favourable resolution to this submission to have the entirety of Woocoo Shire in the Wide Bay Electorate.

Regards,  
Kevin Mahoney  
Mayor

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