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**Objection Number 18**

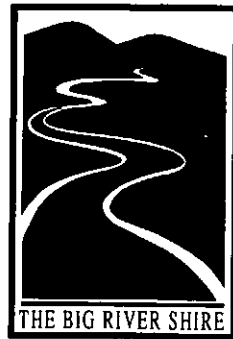
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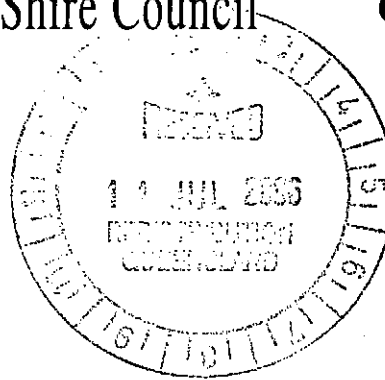
# Fitzroy

Shire Council



4 July 2006

Australian Electoral Officer of Queensland  
Level 7  
Collection House  
488 Queen Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000



Dear Sir,

**Re: Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Queensland**

Council has considered the proposed changes to the Federal Electoral Boundaries in Queensland and, in particular, the alterations to the Division of Capricornia and the creation of the new Division of Wright.

In respect of these proposals, Council makes the following objections.

**Objection 1**

**Council**

- (a) objects to the splitting up of the Fitzroy Shire with part contained in the Division of Capricornia and the balance included in the new Division of Wright; and
- (b) proposes that the whole of the Shire of Fitzroy be included in the Division of Capricornia.

In support of this proposal, Council submits the following information –

- The criteria set out in Section 66(3) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 requires the Commission to consider, in addition to the number of electors, community of interests within the proposed Electoral Division including economic, social and regional interests as well as means of communication and travel.

The Shire of Fitzroy is located to the west of the provincial City of Rockhampton which provides a regional community of interest. The proposed boundary, separating the Division of Capricornia and Wright is located just to the west of the major township of Gracemere. The communities to the west and north of the Shire radiate towards the City of Rockhampton and have no community of interest with the City of Gladstone.

The statement on page 13 Paragraph 49 which states "To this end, the Committee noted that its new division draws together a number of shires with complimentary communities of interest, with the major rural industries being mining, grazing and agriculture, all of which are dependant on the infrastructure and transport links radiating from the Port of Gladstone through Central Queensland to the west." Also in Paragraph 50, "These primary industries are united by their geographic proximity and their dependence on Gladstone as a major industrial city and exporting centre for primary produce and minerals."

## OBJECTION

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These statement cannot be supported. Gladstone does support the mining industry but the grazing and agricultural industries are primarily serviced by Rockhampton and the surrounding Shires of Fitzroy and Livingstone. For example, Rockhampton has two major meat processing plants and Gracemere has a major saleyards complex.

The maximum time taken to travel from the most western and northern parts of the Shire to Rockhampton is in the vicinity of 50 minutes. For an elector to travel to Gladstone it is approximately 2 hours.

Council does not believe that the overall community of interests of the Shire of Fitzroy has been given due recognition.

- The proposed boundaries between Capricornia and Wright also splits the Gracemere – Stanwell Industrial Corridor. This corridor is significant in the region as it has been set aside to cater for the industrial expansion that is expected to occur with the development and expansion of coal mines in the area. Stanwell Corporation Limited, which operates a significant power station in the corridor, is developing an Energy Park that will encourage energy intensive industries to set up in this area. The development of associated service type industries will be required in conjunction with the major industries. Having the corridor in two separate electoral divisions will hamper its development as two different elected members will have to be briefed and consulted in relation to its development.
- The statistical summaries contained in the report indicate that the projected number of electors as at 30 November 2007 from Fitzroy Shire that are to be included in the proposed Division of Wright is 2012.

The projected enrolments for the proposed Division of Capricornia will be 89,680 which is a projected variation from the average divisional enrolment of plus 0.1%. For the proposed Division of Wright, the projected enrolment is 87,438 with a variation of minus 2.4%.

If the balance of the Shire of Fitzroy is included in Capricornia and the projected enrolment figures for 30 November 2007 used, the enrolments variations do not exceed the 3.5% tolerance.

## **Objection 2**

### **Council**

- (c) objects to the naming the new Division - Wright; and**
- (d) proposes that the new Division be named – Archer.**

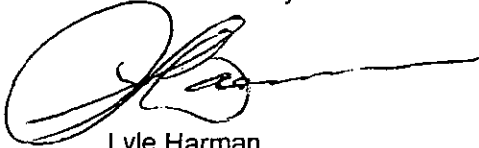
In support of this proposal, Council submits the following information –

- Council believes that it is more appropriate that the name of the new Division reflect the history of the area. The Archer Bros explored and settled much of the area contained in the new Division.
- The electors of the new Division are concerned with the name Wright, as a previous Member for Capricornia, whose surname was Wright, was jailed for sexual offences and there is confusion in the community that it has been named after him. The name Wright does have some dishonour attached to it in this region. The naming of a new division in another part of the State after Judith Wright would be appropriate and not have any stigma attached to it.

The above matters are of concern to the community of Fitzroy Shire and Council, as the representatives of the community, request that very serious consideration be given to these objections and that Council's proposals are acted upon.

Should you require any further information, regarding the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Faithfully



Lyle Harman  
Chief Executive Officer