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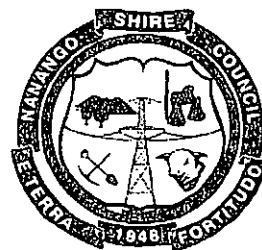


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Dear Sirs

RE: OBJECTION TO PROPOSED MARANOA REDISTRIBUTION

Nanango Shire Council wishes to object to the proposed redistribution which would place Nanango Shire within the boundaries of Maranoa.

We were surprised to learn of QRC's redistribution proposal which would effectively remove the Nanango Shire from its traditional and historical partners in the south east corner. Our tourism, business and industry interests are all strongly linked with the Wide Bay and Brisbane Valley regions.

Nanango Shire is located on the D'Aguilar Highway approximately 175 kilometres north-west of Brisbane. It's a terminus of the Burnett Highway and can be reached by following:

- the D'Aguilar Highway from Caboolture;
- the Brisbane Valley Highway through Esk;
- the New England Highway via Yarraman;
- the D'Aguilar Highway from Kingaroy;
- the Burnett Highway via Gympie and Goomeri.

The Nanango Shire Council has forged strong regional links through the Wide Bay Burnett Regional Organisation of Councils (WBBROC) and the South Burnett Local Government Association (SBLGA). A prime example is the recently opened South Burnett Aquatic Centre in Nanango, the construction of which was made possible only through the cooperation and support of a variety of government and non-government organisations from the South Burnett and Wide Bay regions.

The proposed redistribution essentially severs the links between Nanango Shire Council and our natural partners, those who share similar histories,

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cultures, difficulties and visions for the future. We believe that this unity provides us with regional strength and a real desire to meet our shared outcomes. Our ability to achieve these shared goals, and to service our ratepayers, will be severely disadvantaged by the proposal.

Our community interests lie to the east, and we therefore urge the committee to reconsider the proposal to locate Nanango Shire in the proposed western division of Maranoa and recommend transferring to the proposed division of Wide Bay, where established links and relationships already occur.

I would be pleased to provide further information if required.

Yours faithfully



Shane Gray
Chief Executive Officer

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