



The Federal Redistribution 2006
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 21

Roma – Bungil

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addressed to the C.E.O.

6th July 2006

The Redistribution Committee for Queensland
GPO Box 2590
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Dear Sir,

We refer to the proposed Redistribution for Queensland and wish to express our concern over the proposal to have Shires from the western region of Queensland transferred from Maranoa to the proposed new seat of Wright. We note that the proposed seat of Wright is based on Gladstone, incorporating areas such as Emerald and the Central Highlands/Fitzroy area and south to the Burnett.

We would like to raise the potential impact on the western shires, and are rather puzzled as to the relevance, particularly when one considers the business links from these areas.

You may be aware that Roma is the largest store cattle selling centre in Australia. We source cattle from throughout Queensland, particularly the western areas and the Northern Territory. A major source of cattle in Queensland is drawn from Shire of Taroom, through Booringa and Bendemere Shires to Roma, as well as all major western areas, such as Diamantina, Aramac, Boulia, Winton, Longreach, Ilfracombe, Isisford, Barcaldine, Blackall and Tambo and other areas.

Pastoralists and graziers in the affected shire areas sell large numbers of cattle in Roma, and travel to this area to sell and buy cattle. This ensures that cattle are presented in the best possible manner and the graziers keep in touch with the market - which is important for any marketing and business operation. It also provides the opportunity for access/contact with rural suppliers relevant to the day to day operations of these businesses.

Please note that the major route Highway 54 - the Warrego/Landsborough Highways provides the direct communication and transport linkages with Roma Saleyards.

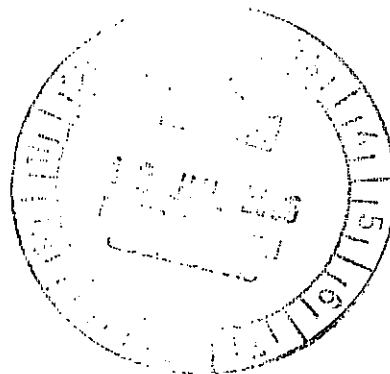
We wish to state our strong objection to the western shires and Western Downs Shire of Taroom, being removed from the Federal seat of Maranoa.

Yours sincerely,


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