

## The Federal Redistribution 2006 QUEENSLAND



## **Objection Number 25**

**Taroom Shire Council** 

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## TAROOM SHIRE COUNCIL

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A2/12 DBC YOUR REF: 10 July 2006

Australian Electoral Officer for Queensland Level 7 Collection Hours 488 Queen St Brisbane 4000

Dear Sir,

Re: Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Queensland

With reference to the above Council is concerned with the proposal to excise Taroom Shire from the Maranoa Division for inclusion in the new electorate of Wright and wishes to lodge an objection to this proposal.

Taroom Shire has traditionally been connected and most residents have more affiliation to the towns and shires to the south and south east, either in the Maranoa Electorate or reached by travelling through this electorate. Community and business interests and affiliations are all focused to the south. Residents have very little interaction and commonality with the proposed Wright Electorate.

Taroom is in the South West Queensland Local Government Association comprising 15 Local Governments and the Western Downs Regional Organisation of Councils comprising 8 Local Governments. All of these Councils are in the Maranoa Electorate.

Taroom Shire is serviced from Toowoomba and Brisbane for supply of materials and goods including foods items with most produce from this area also going to or through these cities. All of this is transported into or through the Maranoa Electorate with all freight links are to the south.

Government and private services such as Health, Education, Police, Telecommunication, Post etc are primarily serviced or controlled from within the Maranoa Electorate and Taroom Shire shares the same concerns with its neighbouring shires to the south when any of these services are threatened. Many high school students attend school in Miles or boarding school in Toowoomba.

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I respectfully request that Taroom Shire remain within the electorate of Maranoa.

Yours faithfully,

OBJECTION

Denis Carr, Chief Executive Officer.