



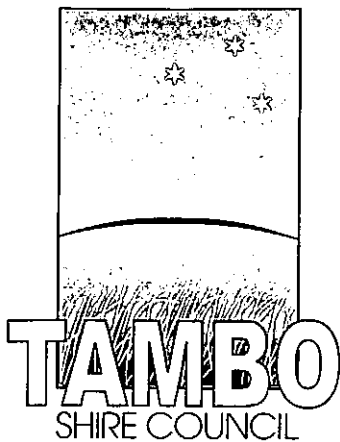
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Objection Number 34

Tambo Shire Council

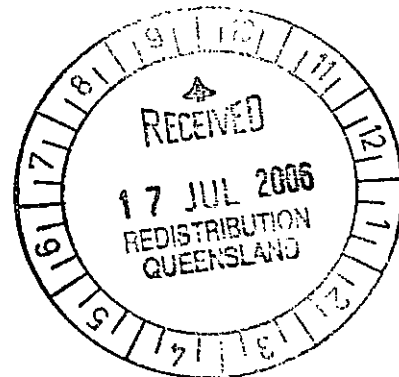
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CC:Andrew Hall
CC:Brad Henderson

30 June 2006

Australian Electoral Commission
Redistribution Committee for Queensland
GPO Box 2590
BRISBANE 4001



Dear Sirs

Re: Proposed Federal Electoral Distributions

Tambo Shire Council has become aware of the Australian Electoral Commissions proposed changes to the electoral boundaries of the current Maranoa electoral division placing Tambo in the new proposed electoral division of 'Wright'.

Tambo Shire Council strenuously objects to this boundary change based on the verity that the current electoral boundary of Maranoa includes our neighbouring shires of Aramac, Longreach, Winton, Jericho, Barcardine, Blackall, Ilfracombe, and Isisford with which we have a community of interest.

The change is at the expense of central west and outback shires and electors. It results in both shires and electors being hooked to a distant sea board industrial provincial city with which there is little to nil affinity, and limited to nil trade, commerce, transport, infrastructure, communications, educational and social linkages.

Access to an electorate based on Gladstone and surrounding areas would be very difficult from the Tambo Shire. There are no air, bus or rail services connecting Tambo with this area. The Great Dividing Range divides the Tambo Shire from the majority of the proposed electorate of Wright and the only road connecting us is the Dawson Developmental Road, which is largely unsealed between Tambo and Springsure.

General freight services to the Tambo Shire are provided by road transport primarily from the south via the Maranoa electorate.

Tambo does not have a rail service, hence all cattle and sheep are road transported to the south. Roma in particular being the largest store-selling centre in Australia attracts a large percentage of the cattle turned off from the Tambo Shire. Other sheep and cattle are sent to other markets, feedlots, or meat works, a large percentage of which are located in the Maranoa electorate.

Direct postal or telecommunication facilities to Tambo are sourced from the south, receiving a daily delivery of mail from Charleville and serviced by Telstra Countrywide based in Roma, there is no direct connection to the proposed electorate of Wright.

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Tambo State School is part of the Roma District for Education and the South West District for sport, all part of the Maranoa electorate. Students primarily travel to the south east to further their education.

Tambo Shire also has considerable business connections eg. Banking and livestock agents with Charleville and Roma, nil in the Gladstone region.

Tambo Shire is a member of the Outback Regional Roads Group incorporating sixteen shires. The proposed redistribution of the eight central west shires would split this alliance between the proposed electorate of Wright and Maranoa.

The Central West Health Services District is the chief health provider. The District's Administrative Area encompasses the Shires of Aramac, Barcaldine, Barcoo, Blackall, Boulia, Diamantina, Ilfracombe, Isisford, Jericho, Longreach, Tambo and Winton. As can be seen, the eight shires to be moved into the proposed seat of Wright are in the Central West Health Services.

An examination of referrals from the five hospitals and three Primary Health Care Centres (Aramac, Barcaldine, Blackall, Longreach and Winton Hospitals and Isisford, Muttaborra and Tambo Primary Health Care Centres) in the eight impacted shires reveals no reference to Gladstone. The referral Hospitals are Townsville, Rockhampton, Toowoomba and Royal Brisbane Hospital. In practice, Toowoomba is preferred to Rockhampton due to the availability of public transport.

Tambo Shire Council urges the Committee to allow the Tambo Shire to remain in the electorate of Maranoa. As can be seen from the arguments expressed, Tambo Shire does not have any community of interest, educational, economic, health or social connections with the majority of the proposed new electoral of Wright.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if you require any further clarification of any of the above content.

Yours faithfully


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