



The Federal Redistribution 2006
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 36

Sarina Shire Council

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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Redistribution Seat of Dawson

The Sarina Shire Council objects to the redistribution of the seat of Dawson and detail our objections below.

1. Sarina Shire is a growing community with very strong ties to Mackay. Mackay as opposed to Rockhampton is where we target our business, and where workers here in Sarina commute on a daily basis. Our current representation is based in Mackay 30km which is more accessible for 10,000 residents than being represented 326km South in Rockhampton;
2. By redistributing Dawson as you have suggested will split a major industry in the region being Sugar Cane. We will be one of the smallest industries in the seat of Capricornia and will be treated as such; and
3. By redistributing Dawson as you have suggested will split the two major Coal Loading Ports in Queensland, that being Dalrymple Bay (Sarina) and Abbots Point (Bowen) into two different electorates.

The current seat of Dawson is balanced in its representation with one Federal member being able to represent similar industries in a timely and efficient manner.

The proposed redistribution would disadvantage not only 10,000 Sarina constituents but also 5,500 Mirani constituents who will no longer have representation at their door step.

Yours faithfully

Sandra Cannon
Chief Executive Officer

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