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Enquires: Les Wheelhouse

10 July, 2006

Redistribution Committee for Queensland GPO Box 2590 BRISBANE QLD 4001



Dear Sir

RE: OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED SEAT OF WRIGHT

Blackall Shire Council is one of eight (8) Central West Queensland and Outback Shires proposed to be removed from the electorate of Maranoa to the proposed new electorate of Wright. Blackall Shire Council strongly objects to this move for the reasons explained below.

Blackall Shire has absolutely no community of interest with the eastern provincial city of Gladstone, which has been nominated as the "major coastal centre supporting a rural element" within the proposed Wright electorate.

Blackall Shire's community of interest lies to the east of this Shire which includes the regions of Roma, Toowoomba and Brisbane and all trade, commerce, direct transport routes, major road infrastructure links, communication, education, health and social affiliations are within the Central West and Outback areas or to the regions as already noted. No such affiliations or links are with the Gladstone area and no affiliations or links are likely to exist in the foreseeable future.

Blackall Shire Council strongly supports the objection forwarded to your Committee from the Remote Area Planning and Development (RAPAD) Board and in particular agrees totally with the recommendations as contained in the report.

I urge that you consider leaving Blackall Shire and the other Shires noted in the RAPAD submission, in the Maranoa Electorate to ensure that our community of interest is maintained.

Should you have any further questions relating to this issue please do not hesitate to contact me on phone 4657 4825

Yours faithfully

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