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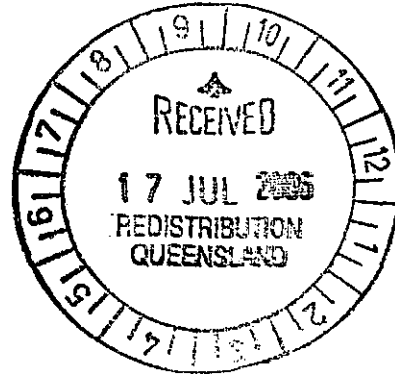


Objection Number 38

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Redistribution Committee for Queensland
 Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Committee

Re: Proposal to move Bowen Shire (Part); containing 1,563 Electors from Capricornia to Dawson

I take this opportunity to make a recommendation to the Redistribution Committee in its final modification stage, on the proposed redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries for Queensland.

This objection to the proposed boundary and elector redistribution is made with reference to section 66(3) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Committee move that part of Bowen Shire that presently falls within the boundary of the Division of Capricornia into the Division of Dawson. This movement of 1,563 Electors would see all of the Bowen Shire wholly located within the boundary of the Division of Dawson, entirely.

I offer this recommendation for the following reasons:

1. STATISTICALLY:

	Actual Enrolment	Projected Enrolment
	2 nd Dec 2005	30 th Nov 2007
Division of Dawson	83,220	87,293
with Proposal (+)	1,563	1,576
New Dawson	84,783	88,869
Division of Capricornia	87,225	89,680
with Proposal (-)	1,563	1,576
New Capricornia	85,662	88,104

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- This part of Bowen Shire is not estimated by the Committee for a large Elector expansion, so this proposal falls well within the Committee's original Elector quota requirements, for both Capricornia and Dawson.
- It also compliments the Committee's Elector growth expectations for each Division.

2. COMMUNITY OF INTEREST:

- Residents in Bowen Shire have a far greater Community of Interest with the major regional centres of Townsville and Mackay, than of Rockhampton.
- This is because the township of Bowen (seat of the Shire), and the Bowen Shire geographically, are located to the North of and to the West of Mackay.
- With the proclamation of the Division of Wright, it is noted that the Redistribution Committee has adopted a greater northward boundary trend for both Dawson and Capricornia.
- It is felt that at this Redistribution, the inland part of Bowen Shire (that is presently part of Capricornia), should now be now made part of Dawson. This will place the entire Bowen Shire within the Division of Dawson.

3. GEOGRAPHICALLY:

- Given the Committee's northward move in Electoral boundaries, the 2005/6 Redistribution would be the most appropriate time to make this change.
- A change at this time would see Shires to the West of and North West of Mackay all being part of the Division of Dawson, instead of being part of the more southerly Division of Capricornia (based in Rockhampton).
- Without the change at this Redistribution, future boundary changes would leave Mackay (the commerce centre for the seat of Dawson) geographically isolated to the East.

For your consideration please

Yours faithfully



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13th July 2006

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