

The Federal Redistribution 2006 QUEENSLAND



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Dear Committee,



"Proposal for Queensland Federal Electoral Redistribution - Wide Bay"

This letter serves to voice both concern and objection to the proposed Federal Electoral Redistribution as it affects Hervey Bay City, as advertised in recent press.

The cities of Hervey Bay and Maryborough have always been somewhat interdependent with residents living and working, growing and developing in an interwoven way. The respective cities are very different in many ways, but share tourist, cultural, medical, sporting and working facilities; and a strong link to Fraser Island and the Great Sandy Straits. The two cities also share government infrastructure and services, and are jointly part of various regional groups.

To separate the cities by an electoral boundary is seen by this Chamber as a regressive step, and one NOT in the best interests of constituents of either city. It would seem that in an attempt to balance up population densities to electorates, the very fabric that holds our sub-regional strengths and relationships together has been overlooked in the process.

The Hervey Bay Chamber of Commerce holds a strong view that reconsideration of this matter is essential to ensure a good outcome for the existing business houses, industries, workforce and resident communities of Hervey Bay and Maryborough Cities.

Yours faithfully,

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