



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
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**Objection Number 43**

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Redistribution Committee for Queensland  
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Dear Sir/Madam



I wish to register my strongest objection to the proposed redistribution of Federal electoral boundaries on the recommendation of your committee. The new seat of Wright is unwieldy, demographically fragmented and unevenly representative of the vast geographical area it covers.

We already struggle to have the voice of the bush heard in Brisbane, let alone in Canberra. Our local Federal Member Bruce Scott does an amazingly good job against odds not encountered by his east coast counterparts. The coastal communities and those east of the great divide have their own (and different) issues. Life in Hervey Bay or Bundaberg is barely comparable to life in Winton or Aramac; and that applies whether we're talking about transport, communications, industry, government services, or research and development.

For those of us who live in the outback there is a constant struggle to compete for necessary funding, and whilst that could be an argument put forward by any electorate the tyranny of distance is unfortunately a state of mind as well as a practical drawback. One has only to put forward a submission, book an airline ticket, talk to a government department, or buy from an interstate business and comments such as "where is Tambo?" or "what you mean by 'desert channels' or 'wild rivers'" signify a degree of ignorance about Australia outside of the cities.

It would be interesting to know how many members of your committee live in western areas of Queensland. How else could a legitimate contribution be made in assessing the needs of all of the communities without the experiential input of your members? In my view the very boundaries they are proposing cast doubt on their credentials to make an accurate and workable judgement in the interests of the electorate.

A clinical distribution based solely on population figures makes an insular assumption that nothing else matters. In fact the results of your actions will impact in a myriad of ways on the population of the electorate. If this redistribution is really necessary then please look again at a more realistic and reasonable approach to a solution rather than the one that is being proposed; one that considers socio-economic as well as demographic factors.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Seavers".

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