



The Federal Redistribution 2006
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 58

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Australian Electoral Commission,
Redistribution Committee for Queensland,
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Dear Commissioners,

**COMMENTS REGARDING THE FEDERAL DIVISIONS OF
MARANOA AND WIDE BAY**

I object most strongly with the Commission's proposal to include the Wondai Shire in the Federal seat of Maranoa.

The Wondai Shire is currently in Wide Bay, where it has strong and long held ties with Maryborough and the greater Wide Bay region.

Wondai Shire is located in the "South Burnett" and is in the area known as the Wide Bay Burnett.

All of our historical links are with Wide Bay.

- Our Shire is part of the Fraser Coast and South Burnett Tourism Association, a tie that has been fostered over many years and is ESSENTIAL to tourism in our Shire.
- Our main holiday destination is Hervey Bay and the Fraser Coast.
- Our School in Wondai is part of the Wide Bay Region of Schools and inter school sports are with the Wide Bay Region.
- Our Police District comes within the Sunshine Coast/Gympie Region.
- We have had and continue to have long held ties to the Wide Bay area through the Regional Organisations of Councils.
- Wondai Shire is located east of the Great Dividing Range where it has a community of interest with those Shires to the east.
- We don't have and have never had a Community of Interest with Shires on the west of the Great Dividing Range and have nothing in common with Dalby and west to Birdsville.
- There are no forms of connection with these western districts be it by transport, sporting, tourism or social.
- There are no farming interests with Maranoa. Our district being mainly cropping as opposed to grazing in Maranoa.
- Our Area Consultative Committee is located in Maryborough.
- Our Chamber of Commerce is part of the Wide Bay Chamber of Commerce & Industry.

I trust that you will take my submission into account before you finalise the boundaries of Maranoa and Wide Bay. We have a real need to remain in Wide Bay.

Yours faithfully,

COUNCILLOR GIL SMITH.

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