



The Federal Redistribution 2006
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 67

Mrs J M O'Connell

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re : Australian Electoral Commission's proposed Electoral Redistribution.

IN PARTICULAR: its proposal to shift the Central Western Qld. Shire of Winton to the newly created coastal-based seat of Wright:

REASON: to accommodate increased population in the South East of Qld.:

I wish to lodge my strong objection to this proposal, which would become this Federal electorate's fourth move around in ten years.

The Winton Shire is presently in the electorate of Maranoa. The only reason that this huge area does get the attention of our Member is that it is a totally inland area with that very strong community of interest – the country and its people.

Alternatively, in an electorate such as is presently proposed for WRIGHT --- a huge ungainly area with a diversity of needs --- everyone will suffer reduction of service, and the smallest community will, of a necessity, become the least important in the chain.

Surely, in Australia, a democratic country, people should never become numbers only as in communist countries---no longer considered useful except as a cog to help keep the machine going, and shifted along the chain as a weaker link wears out.

We in Western Qld. are tired of being "shoved" onto the end of whichever electorate at the coast – so different a lifestyle from ours- needs us to make up a number. (One can only guess at how a small suburb of Townsville or Rockhampton would feel if it was dumped in Western Qld. to "take" our way of life!)

I accept that the computer is required to assess numbers.

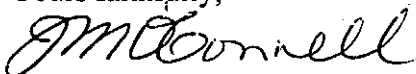
But I believe your Commissioner would have the expertise to make the final review of the computer's suggested boundaries.

In this way, outstanding anomalies could be corrected in a genuine effort to keep all electorates functioning effectively within their particular life and work patterns.

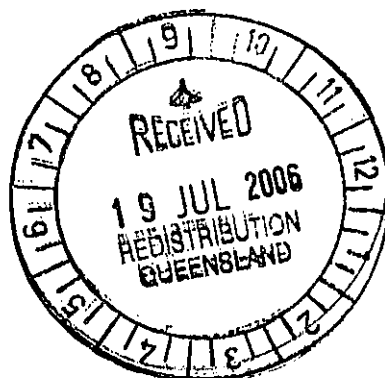
I hope you will see this as constructive, rather than destructive, criticism.

Thank you for your attention,

Yours faithfully,



J.M.O'Connell (Mrs.).



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