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Mirani Shire Council

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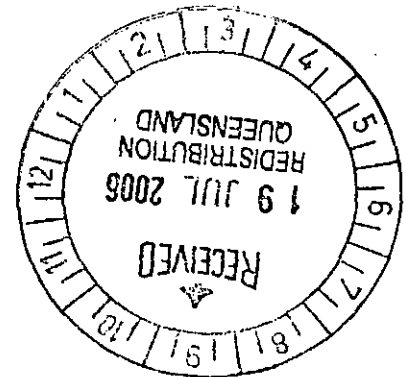
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TO: AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION
ATTENTION: AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL OFFICER FOR QLD
FAX No.: 3839 4854
FROM: Carmel Grech – Executive Assistant
SUBJECT: PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES IN QUEENSLAND
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COMMENTS:

Please find attached Council's response to the above proposal.

A hard copy of the attached will also be sent via the post.



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SENT BY: *C. Grech*



18 July 2006

Australian Electoral Commission
GPO Box 2590
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir / Madam

QUEENSLAND FEDERAL ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION PROPOSAL

I refer to the above proposal to remove the Mirani Shire Council area from its current electorate of Dawson and to include the Council area in the electorate of Capricornia, and I wish to advise that Council discussed this matter at its recent Ordinary Meeting.

Council has resolved to express its strong objection to this proposal for the following reasons:

1. The residents of Mirani Shire have absolutely no community of interest with the electorate of Capricornia and in particular, the city of Rockhampton on which the electorate is based.
2. The residents of Mirani Shire have a strong community of interest with the electorate of Dawson and the city of Mackay, which is its major service centre for shopping, sport, education, health and cultural activities.
3. The city of Mackay shares a significant Council boundary with Mirani Shire and its CBD is located only some 20 kilometres from the Shire boundary.
4. The city of Rockhampton has no connection or relevance to Mirani Shire and is located some 360 kilometres from the Shire boundary.
5. Mirani Shire's residents historically have been well serviced by the various elected representatives for the seat of Dawson and have subsequently formed strong linkages with the various representatives and constituents of the electorate.
6. It would appear to Council to be impractical to expect its constituents to expect comparable levels of service from a Rockhampton based electorate.

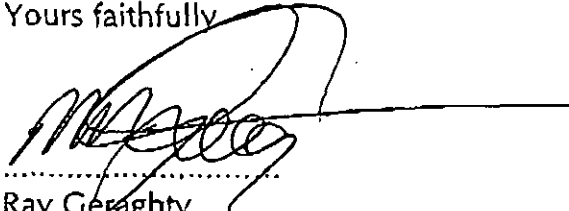
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Whilst Council appreciates the difficulties involved in reviewing electoral boundaries, it does not support any proposal to relocate Mirani Shire from the Dawson Electorate, with which it has strong practical and historical links as well as being in close proximity to its major service centre of Mackay, to the electorate of Capricornia with which it has no linkages, as well as being physically and geographically remote from its service centre of Rockhampton.

Council seeks an amendment of this proposed redistribution in order to retain the Mirani Shire area in the electorate of Dawson.

Yours faithfully



Ray Geraghty

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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