

The Federal Redistribution 2006 QUEENSLAND

Objection Number 93

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Anne Bright AEO/State Manager AEC Queensland

Dear Ms Bright,

I wish to lodge an objection to the inclusion of the suburbs of Stuart, Wulguru, Idalia and Oonoonba in the Federal Electorate of Dawson.

The suburbs referred to are within 10 kilometres of the Central Business District of Townsville and it seems strange that the electors of those suburbs would have to travel to Mackay some 400 kilometres south of Townsville to visit with their local member. All of these suburbs are represented by Councillors on the Townsville City Council and also represented by State Parliamentarians from Townsville.

I do understand the issue of attempting to equalise the number of voters in each electorate, however on a study of the boundaries it appears that the same result could be achieved if the boundary of the Dawson Electorate was moved westward to include some of the Electorate of Kennedy. I'm sure that the current sitting members of both Dawson and Herbert would benefit from such a movement.

I have had discussions with many people over the past week and each and every one has thought the proposal to be included in the Electorate of Dawson as ludicrous. They have all stated that if the member's office was still in Townsville they would not be so alarmed with the proposal.

Thankyou for taking the time to read this email and I do hope that sense will prevail and the voters of Townsville can be represented by a member from the city of Townsville.

My interest in this matter comes about as I own a business in the Electorate and one of my outlets will be in the Electorate of Dawson if the boundary changes go ahead. I am also the endorsed Labor Party Candidate for the seat of Herbert.

Yours sincerely

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