



The Federal Redistribution 2006  
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Messrs Campbell, McCarthy & Poole  
& Ms Bright  
Redistribution Committee for Queensland  
Level 7, Collection House  
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Dear Sirs / Madam

I would like to start by saying that I am in absolute agreement with our local Federal Member for Wide Bay, Hon Warren Truss, MP, Federal Minister for Transport and Regional Affairs, with his comments what a *'shocker'*.

The redistribution proposal that was announced on 23 June 2006, is not in the best interests of Hervey Bay and Maryborough. Have you at all taken into any consideration the after effects such Redistribution may cause. It appears to me to be a numbers game and I believe that you probably haven't even visited the areas of the "new" electorates to see what a huge disadvantage the communities and their members will be put in, should this particular Redistribution go ahead. I think you all need to reconsider the proposal and start at the drawing board. *Because you have got it all wrong.*

Putting it bluntly, you have failed to take into consideration component Section 66 (3) (b) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, sections (I) to (v), which states:

- (b) subject to paragraph (a), shall give due consideration, in relation to each proposed Electoral Division, to:
- (i) community of interests within the proposed Electoral Division, including economic, social and regional interests;
  - (ii) means of communication and travel within the proposed Electoral Division;
  - (iv) the physical features and area of the proposed Electoral Division;
  - (v) the boundaries of existing Divisions in the State of Territory;

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We don't feel that you have looked in to any of the above, if you had of you would have realized that Hervey and Maryborough are basically twin towns.

Hervey Bay City Council and Maryborough City Council are working side by side for the greater good of both communities. Both cities share the same radio stations and newspapers. Many workers and students work or study in Hervey Bay and live in Maryborough and vice versa. The major road to Hervey Bay is through Maryborough

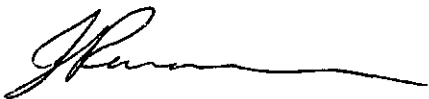
They are no government service district boundaries for police, education and welfare services that draw regional boundaries between Maryborough and Hervey Bay. The hospitals are increasingly operating as a single unit dividing services between them. The operations centre for the police forces that service Hervey Bay and Maryborough is in Maryborough. Community events like the Fraser Coast Show and Convoy for Kids are jointly held with the co-operation of both councils and community groups.

It seems absurd that members of the community will have to travel one and a half hours to see their local Federal Member, which is unattainable for many of the elderly residents of Hervey Bay. Most manage the 20 minute drive into Maryborough.

Bundaberg and Hervey Bay have little in common in fact they are rivals and do not work closely together. Together with the fact that Noosa is part of the Sunshine Coast and not part of the Fraser Coast. The proposal is ludicrous and dis-harmonizing for all the communities involved, no one will benefit at all if fact most of the communities will be at a huge disadvantage.

I would hope Sirs / Madam that you would reconsider the proposed options and keep Hervey Bay with Maryborough in the Federal Seat of Wide Bay.

Yours sincerely



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