



The Federal Redistribution 2006
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 95

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Dear Sir,

I am perturbed about the definition of proposed new electoral boundaries in this area of Queensland.

My mother's parents migrated from England to Maryborough in 1863-4, and my father with his parents emigrated to Bundaberg in 1885. They remained there until 1890 when they became pioneer settlers in the Biggenden district, then widely recognised as part of the Wide Bay and Burnett.

They and their descendants, along with many other residents have worked for the area's development, especially since the Shire (first Regillo, then Biggenden) was declared in 1905.

Always strong links have been maintained with Maryborough and Bundaberg in commerce, health services, education advancement, civic affairs and recreation.

Federal Representation of the area sometime came through Wide Bay, Maranoa, Wide Bay Again, then at one stage we were at the remotest tip of the far-reaching Kennedy (headquarters Mt Isa) then the newly designated Hinkler, then into Wide Bay again.

My late husband, Walter White was a Councillor for 37 years and Chairman for 26 of them, so we had many opportunities to study the demography of Queensland towns and cities, changing as many are. A postal address starting with 4 is sometimes the only common link.

People from the Western Shires around Winton and Longreach and those in the intervening **OBJECTION** areas

Rockhampton as the city most appropriate to service their needs, while those westward of Taroom ally themselves with Roma, Toowoomba or even Brisbane - Biggenden N

As regards Wright as the name of the proposed new electorate. It seems ill suited to its location. I knew Judith Wright, she had visited this area. While I regretted her untimely death she made it plain that her soul was in the close in-shore island of Moreton Bay. Inspiration for her verses came from there, not from the mountains and wide open plains between Biggenden and the Western Borders. It was Stradbroke

Parliamentary representation is supposed to benefit people in their very existence! The proposed electoral boundaries could destroy or at least inconvenience many communities who already enjoy the benefits of recognised links with Federal Members in our nearest cities. Please do not fracture the links by inappropriate boundary definitions. Let reason prevail.

Yours faithfully

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