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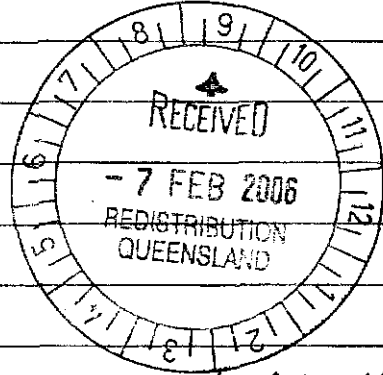
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Re Electoral Redistribution



Local government boundaries are more stable than state or federal electorate boundaries. People relate to local government not only because these boundaries are fairly static but because local government boundaries encompass areas that have common interests socially, economically, geographically and often historically.

In other words these areas were created for the common good of those people in that area. There was no political agendas.

I was not alive in the time that state and federal electorates were drawn up but I believe the original boundaries would have been drawn up on the same principles as the local government boundaries.

It is not possible for local governments to tweak the boundaries for political purposes and thus local governments are more accountable for their performance.

I am aware that there are population increases and population translocations and that transport

communication and economic systems have changed.

BUT the original principle of commonality has been sliced and diced so often there is no longer an identity or ownership of state or federal electorates.

This idea that electorates change for reasons other than for the good of the electorate makes the concept of electorates irrelevant to most people. People are of the opinion that boundaries are changed mostly for political gain and feel disrespected. If you want people to vote they need a system that they can trust and respects. Do a survey to see if I am correct!

Align federal electoral boundaries with local government boundaries. Encompass enough local govts to make up the numbers. This can be done within the tolerances for numbers within electorates. It can be done! It is simple. Rarely would it not be possible!

When you say "it can not be done", it is not that simple" etc etc people do not believe you. They know it can be done and that is why you lose the trust of the people.

People want fewer politicians. Cutting the number of lower house seats to equal the number of senators would make a joint sitting vote fairer. Fewer federal seats would also make it easier to implement the alignment of local and federal boundaries.

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