



The Federal Redistribution 2009  
**QUEENSLAND**



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**Objection Number 12**

**Cr Nancy Lanskey**

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Australian Electoral Commission  
2009 Redistribution Committee  
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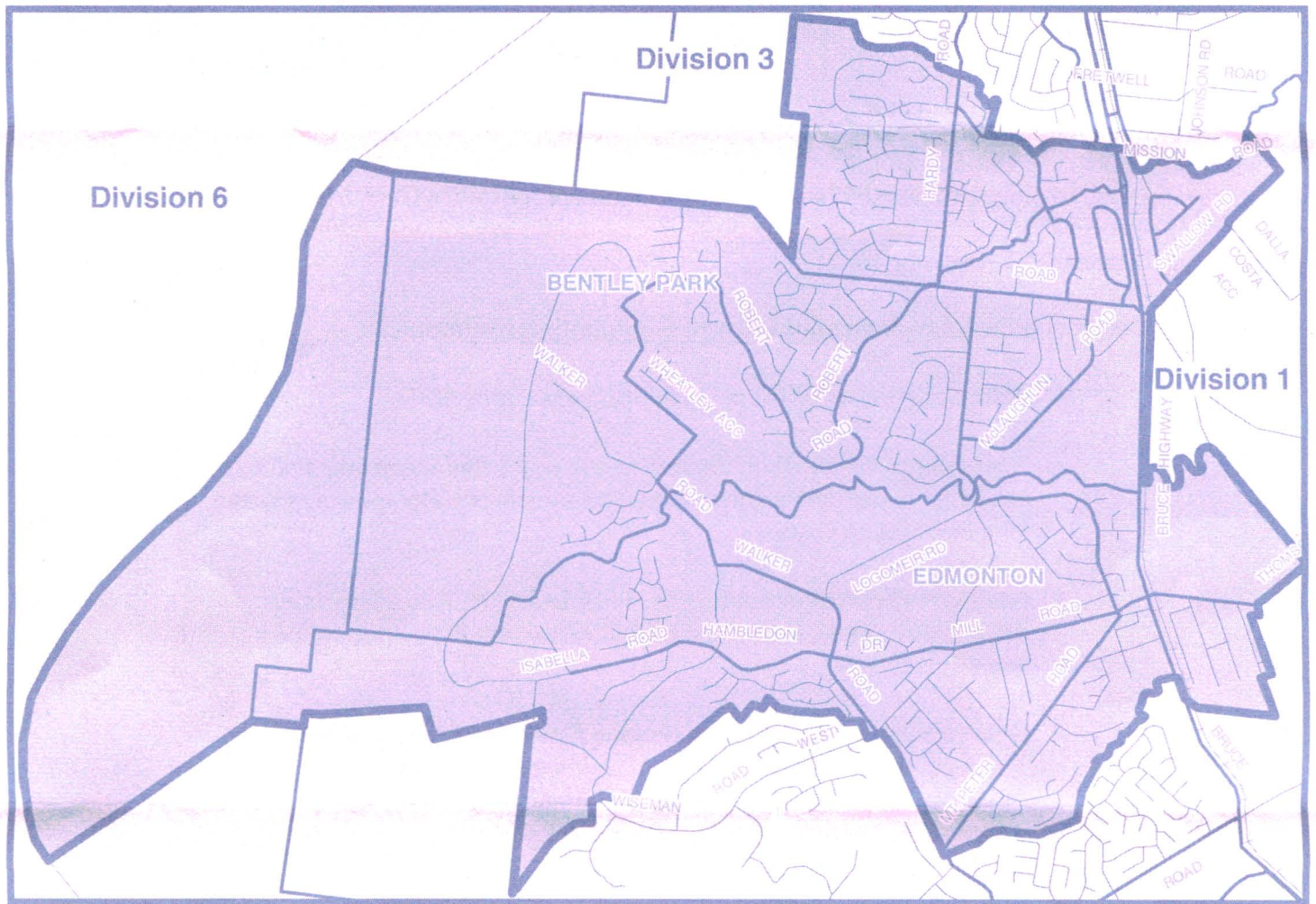


Dear Committee

I wish to object to the AEC's recent redistribution proposal for Queensland, specifically boundary changes that place the Edmonton community within the Electorate of Kennedy.

I object on the following **community of common interest** grounds:

- Edmonton lies only 11km south of Cairns City's CBD
- The suburb has an urban identity and is connected via residential housing conurbation and infrastructure networks such as water, power, sewage treatment etc to Cairns.
- Major public transport networks, specifically the Bruce Highway (Highway 1) and Queensland Rail, directly link the suburb to the heart of the Cairns CBD.
- There are strong social and economic networks linking Edmonton and Cairns with the bulk of Edmonton residents commuting to Cairns City for employment purposes, to access government services, participate in leisure / recreational activities and for the majority of their purchases.
- The Edmonton / Mount Peter southern corridor has been earmarked as the long term future growth area for Cairns and is currently undergoing masterplanning (at the behest of the state government).
- Gordonvale - the nearest town south of Edmonton - is currently located within the division of Kennedy. However, this town has a distinct rural identity with Mulgrave Sugar Mill located in its' town centre. It also lies outside the Mt Peter Masterplanned Area.
- Edmonton's urbanisation means its has less and less in common with Gordonvale let alone distant towns such as Mt Isa, Richmond or other inland Queensland communities.



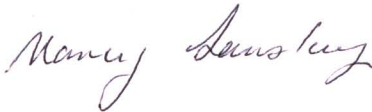
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- A new division based on Cairns Regional Council's boundaries would better represent both Edmonton and the community-at-large's common interests.
- The above would also be appropriate with regard to population / enrolment projections in the short / medium term.
- The proposed new boundary placing Edmonton in the division of Kennedy fractures rather than unites common communities of interest.

Finally, the nominated boundary of Blackfellow Creek is not a clearly identifiable landmark as the watercourse has numerous tributaries.

I trust the above comments will be taken into consideration prior to the finalisation of redistributed federal divisional boundaries.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Lanskey".

**Cr Nancy Lanskey**