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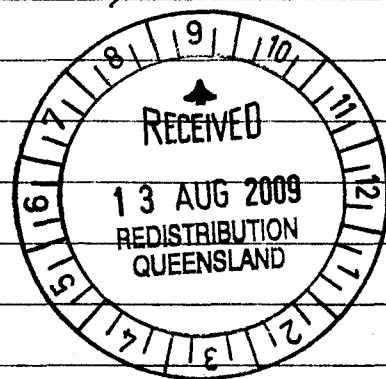
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The Director

Australian Electoral Commission

Brisbane



Dear Commissioner,

I write in response to the proposal that the Lockyer Valley is to be included in the new Federal seat of Wright.

Reasons for re-aligning areas to create seats should surely take into account, not only populations, but also community interests and, to a lesser extent, size and distance. These are not just places on a map, but people and infrastructure: face-to-face discussion with local Councils and residents, and visits to see local conditions, not only reliance on the written word is vital - reading reports in newspapers and responses from readers are not enough.

The Lockyer Valley area has no connection with the Scenic Rim region, Logan City or the Gold Coast. I concede that Lockyer Valley has ^{limited} agricultural interests in common with the rural areas of Boonah and Beaudesert, but there the connection ends. Lockyer Valley is remote from the Scenic Rim, Logan City and the Gold Coast. A more viable option would be to include Lockyer Valley with areas of Somerset, such as Lowood, Goominya and Esk, perhaps with the Scenic Rim. This would be a more realistic proposal, of benefit to individuals, communities and the nation.

Isabella H. Kearsley.