



The Federal Redistribution 2009  
**QUEENSLAND**



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**Objection Number 97**

**Halwyn Bubb**

**2 pages**

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The Australian Electoral Commission  
GPO Box 2590  
Brisbane QLD 4001



Dear Australian Electoral Commissioner,

I am writing to you in relation to the proposed redistribution in the seat of Herbert.

I wish to lodge an objection to these proposed changes which would see significant parts of Townsville become a part of the division of Dawson.

These are the reasons for my objection.

Townsville is the largest city in N.Q. having a growth rate which is expected to continue significantly in the immediate future. It is also a garrison city and it is well known that the Defence Dept. has plans to relocate more Army personnel to its established base here. Already many of the soldiers attached to Lavarack Barracks together with their families reside in Annandale and the proposed redistribution would have them living in one electorate with the soldier serving in a base located in another electorate. I believe this would be a very unfair position. Further, as a resident of Wulguru I do not want to be in the situation of having the office of my Federal member located some 400 kms to the south of my home. I accept in some of the outback areas of this large continent in which we live those in remote places cannot escape from being distanced from their member's office. However in this progressive city of 170,000 people residents of Annandale and Wulguru suburbs should not be placed in that position. Townsville has needs that are relevant to its citizens living here and it would be unlikely that any Federal member could be expected to be sensitive to those needs and able to successfully represent constituents in a city as far away as the north from where he or she is based. I strongly oppose the proposed redistribution and I believe that Townsville as a whole should be in one electorate.

Yours sincerely,

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Signature: HBubb

P.S. For ease of reading I have attached a printed copy of the above signature. HBubb

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Further as a resident of Wulguru, I do not wish to be in the situation of having the office of my Federal member located some 400 kms to the south of my home. I accept in some of the outback areas of this large continent in which we live, those who live in remote places cannot escape being distanced from their member's office. However in this progressive city of 170000 people, residents of Annandale and Wulguru suburbs should not be placed in that position. Townsville has needs that are relevant to its citizens living here and it would be unlikely that any Federal Member could be expected to be sensitive to those needs and able to successfully represent constituents in a city so far away to the north from where he or she is based.

I strongly oppose the proposed redistribution and I believe that Townsville as a whole should be in one electorate.