



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND



Objection Number 396

Hon Peter Lindsay MP

5 pages

19th August 2009

Australian Electoral Commission
Queensland Office
GPO Box 2590
Brisbane QLD 4001

Attention: Australian Electoral Commission


I am writing in regards to the 2009 Proposed Redistribution for Queensland Electoral Divisions.

I have received the attached emails from constituents of Herbert who wish to have their objections to the 2009 Proposed Redistribution for Electoral Divisions in Queensland considered by the AEC.

I am lodging the attached objections with the Electoral Commission for consideration in determining the electoral boundaries.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,



Hon Peter Lindsay MP
Member for Herbert

Lindsay, Peter (MP)

From: Trevor Cowling [tcowling@bigpond.net.au]
Sent: Saturday, 1 August 2009 2:26 PM
To: Lindsay, Peter (Private)
Subject: Peter Lindsay contact form submission

Peter Lindsay Website Contact submission details

name	Trevor Cowling
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phone	0437 622 177
postal-address	2 Carlsbrooke Court
suburb	Annandale
postcode	4814
Country	AUSTRALIA
message	<p>Dear Peter, Because of another commitment this Tuesday (04 August 2009) afternoon, I shall be unable to attend the public meeting you have organised to address the proposed changes to Herbert's electoral boundaries. However, I shall be very grateful if you would note my objection in the strongest possible terms to those changes. As a resident of Annandale for the past 10 years (and of Herbert for the last 20), and as a contributor to the Townsville Community, I am quite genuinely insulted and dismayed that such changes are even being suggested, let alone actively considered, by the AEC. Surely one of the fundamental tenets of our system of democracy is that an elector has the opportunity to choose a person who has a knowledge of, and sensitivity for, the governmental issues which are entrusted to them. With all due respect to the current or any future member for Dawson, such a person cannot hope to represent two such disparate and diverse communities as those centred on Mackay and Townsville respectively. All these proposed boundary changes will achieve is the dilution of the representative entitlements of the electors of BOTH those regions. Having our northern beaches represented by the member for Kennedy was conceptually stupid (I use the word intentionally) enough, but at least in that case that travesty is (thankfully) to be corrected by the proposed changes. Having a suburb like Annandale - which is so geographically, financially and demographically significant to Townsville - carved out of Herbert and deposited in an electorate centred 400 kms away is so egregiously stupid (again I use this description intentionally) and short sighted, not to mention disrespectful of the democratic process, that it beggars comprehension. Yes, this practice has been adopted in other electorates around the country for quite a few years, presumably on the pretext of ensuring proportionality of representation. But that is no reason to perpetuate it. Realigning electoral boundaries by reference to individual suburbs in Sydney, Melbourne or the other major centres in Australia is one thing, because in those instances at least the essential economics of the communities and needs of the people have some degree of commonality. It is an entirely different matter, however, to align two distinct communities, particularly where those communities are driven by the tyranny of distance and geography to compete with each other for such basic resources as roads, hospitals, schools and cultural and sporting facilities. Thank you for taking up these issues for the electors of Herbert, and in particular for the affected electors of Annandale, Douglas and elsewhere. I wish you well in your endeavours and am confident in assuring you that you have the overwhelming support of those electors, me included. Regards, Trevor Cowling</p>

Lindsay, Peter (MP)

From: Anne & Ian Whittingham [iwhittin@bipond.net.au]
Sent: Sunday, 2 August 2009 5:15 PM
To: Lindsay, Peter (Private)
Subject: Peter Lindsay contact form submission

Peter Lindsay Website Contact submission details	
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postal-address	12 Street
suburb	WULGURU
postcode	4811
Country	AUSTRALIA
message	Dear Peter, Thank you very much for your letter informing us of the Public Meeting about the proposed Federal Electoral Boundary changes. We are totally against it, not because we are against change, but because it is a ridiculous idea! We are part of the Townsville community and the local issues that concern us are those that concern us relate to Townsville. We need an on-the-spot representative not someone 400 kilometres away! Yours sincerely, Anne and Ian Whittingham

Lindsay, Peter (MP)

From: (Mrs) Franca Bourquin [bourquinmf@bigpond.com]
Sent: Monday, 3 August 2009 9:16 AM
To: Lindsay, Peter (Private)
Subject: Peter Lindsay contact form submission

Peter Lindsay Website Contact submission details	
name	(Mrs) Franca Bourquin
email	bourquinmf@bigpond.com
phone	47284684
postal-address	9 Woodhouse Ct
suburb	Annandale
postcode	4814
Country	AUSTRALIA
message	Dear Mr Lindsay, RE: Public meeting about proposed federal electoral boundary changes Thank you for bringing the proposed changes to electoral boundaries to my attention via your letter. I cannot attend the public meeting on 4th August but I would like to register my objection to this proposal. I live in Annandale and feel that I would be better represented by a Federal Memeber of Parlament who resides at least in the greater Townsville area (not 400km away!) I would appreciate it if you would keep me up to date on this matter. Thank you. Franca Bourquin

Lindsay, Peter (MP)

From: Bill Ray [wjr1950@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, 3 August 2009 3:14 PM
To: Lindsay, Peter (Private)
Subject: Peter Lindsay contact form submission

Peter Lindsay Website Contact submission details

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postal-address	7 Pajingo Court
suburb	Annandale
postcode	4814
Country	AUSTRALIA
message	Dear Peter I have arrived back and just read your letter re the proposed Federal Electoral Boundary changes concerning the seat of Federal seat Herbert. Sadly I have two telephone hook ups one after the other at 5.00 p.m. tomorrow and so I apologise for my non attendance. I am very much against the proposed changes. I am of the beleive that the electorate should represent a community, an area with all it diversity - not creating an artificial diversity. I am very happy to be added to the "no" vote. I pray the meeting goes well. Thank you for your support of us in Herbert and be assured of my daily prayers. God bless + Bill.