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24<sup>th</sup> April 2009

The Electoral Commissioner  
Australian Electoral Commission  
GPO Box 2590  
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Dear Sir,

At its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2009, Barcaldine Regional Council resolved to lodge a submission to the Redistribution Committee requesting that Barcaldine Regional Council be included in the Maranoa Electorate after the next redistribution in Queensland.

The five communities within Barcaldine Regional Council (Barcaldine, Aramac, Muttaborra, Jericho and Alpha) were formerly in the Maranoa Electorate prior to the last redistribution. They are now included in the Flynn Electorate based on the industrial city of Gladstone.

There are very few transport, business and social links between Gladstone and these communities.

The Maranoa Electorate provides a more natural fit for the Barcaldine Regional Council communities:

- The Landsborough Highway provides a direct connection to Dalby and Roma to the south and is the major route to Brisbane;
- The major industries are sheep and cattle grazing and heritage tourism which are shared common rural industries with Maranoa;
- There is no direct transport connection between Gladstone and Barcaldine;
- The major industries of Flynn are large scale coal mining, coastal tourism, industrial plants.

Council requests that the Committee considers the strong communities of interest in western Queensland when drawing the electoral boundaries.

Yours faithfully,

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Chief Executive Officer

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