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Dear Sir,

Submission in relation to proposed changes to electoral districts in Qld.

I refer to your proposed changes to the electoral boundaries in Qld and wish to make the following submission in relation to the proposed changes.

1. The proposal to increase the number of electorates in the south east and reduce representation in regional centres is ABSOLUTELY WRONG. In fact it is exactly Opposite as to what should be happening. Your proposal centralises the power base in the State to a miniscule area in the remotest corner of the State (northern NSW). You should be increasing the number of electorates in regional areas and reducing the number in the SE corner. A fairer system for regional Qld would be to move the State boundary north to Gympie.
2. Qld is a unique State and the principle of one vote one value does not apply here, let me explain:
Qld is the only State where the capital is contiguous with the border of another State It is the second largest State and once one leaves the SE corner, you enter a third world standard infrastructure regime. The centralised power base in the SE couldn't care less about the rest of Qld. The Olympic games decision could not be a better example of how that power base can be used to the detriment of the rest of Qld. While roads, health services, transport, education, accessibility and banking are continually reducing, the SE thrives. They think Qld ends at GYMPIE. The only way this will ever change if there is a balanced representation between regional areas and the SE.
3. There are 93 electorates in Qld at present. The number in the SE number 44. This leaves 49 electorates for the rest of the state.
 - a. Brisbane 15
 - b. Gold Coast 9
 - c. Logan 6
 - d. Redlands 3
 - e. Ipswich 4
 - f. Sunshine Coast 5
 - g. Lockyer 1
 - h. Scenic Rim 1

The total area of Qld is 1,730,000 sq Km

The area of SE QLD is 28401 sq km , **This represents only 1.6% of the State**

Blind Freddy can see there is a major imbalance of power and influence in the State of Qld both by representation and area,

4. The issues in Brisbane are virtually the same within each of the 15 electorates. Why does

it need 15 electorates to address the same issues? Regional Qld has a vast number of issues including diverse weather, mining and the issues of isolation. The SE corner also promotes FIFO so that regional communities, towns and services are now almost non-existent.

5. We do not need more districts and especially more politicians. Every business in the State has an owner/CEO and the size of the business determines the number of staff that is required. Same with electoral districts – fewer politicians and more staff is the solution – not more electorates.
6. You should make the Hunger Games books/movies compulsory viewing for everyone who has a role in determining a fair and just electoral system. I don't expect that you are murdering children for your entertainment - yet , but look at the real message and it deals with the issue of centralised power and control. Every time you reduce regional representation and empower the centralised SE corner you are one step closer to making it a reality.

If you do nothing to change the current slide to centralised power then you are part of the problem,

I insist that your report have appendices recommending a review of the electoral system and the Act to reverse the current trend towards centralised power. It should point out the anomalies of population and power in the state and point out how a “one vote, one value” system is no longer a fair and equitable electoral system for Qld. A new model is required. West Australia did their own thing to reduce the disparity and has a similar geopolitical issue to Qld. We must do the same.

In addition, I note all of the commissioners reside in “the seat of power” so I submit the review is not unbiased. I insist that equal representation on the Commission be established from regional and SE areas. Otherwise, it is a case of the fox in charge of the henhouse.

The issue of fair and reasonable representation across Qld is the most important issue facing modern Qld today.

At present the system is like two wolves and a sheep deciding on what to have for dinner. Regional Qld is bugged under the current system and your recommendations in your report make it worse.

Yours sincerely

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