



**The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND**



**Comment Number 17
on Public Suggestions**

Peter Slipper MP Member for Fisher

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To the Redistribution Committee for Queensland,

Please find attached comments from Peter Slipper MP re: the public comments on the Queensland redistribution.

Kind regards
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Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the public suggestions for the Federal Electorate Boundary Redistribution 2009 for Queensland.

My comments relate in particular to the issue of community of interest in the areas of the Sunshine Coast and Wide Bay region.

There is logic in a suggestion that Maryborough and Hervey Bay (now united in the Fraser Coast Regional Council) should be included together in the electorate of Wide Bay. Also, there is commonsense in any proposal that the area of the South Burnett Regional Council be included in Wide Bay.

The adoption of either or both of these proposals should make it possible for the area of the Gympie Regional Council (or at least the area of the former Cooloola Shire Council) to be included in Fairfax, which would then move south to include the area of the former Noosa Shire and such parts of the former Maroochy Shire (including Nambour and hinterland) as would be necessary to attain a quota.

The Gympie/Cooloola area is a natural extension of the Sunshine Coast and has been previously recognised as such by the Redistribution Committee.

Fisher would then include the balance of the former Maroochy Shire (including Buderim, Sippy Downs and, also perhaps, Maroochydore) and such of the area of the former Caloundra City, including Maleny, as would be necessary to attain a quota.



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This would return Fisher once again to its position as a central and southern Sunshine Coast electorate.

There is no logic in having areas of the former Maroochy or Noosa Shires and, to a lesser extent, the former Cooloola Shire in Wide Bay as in no way could those communities be said to gravitate toward Maryborough.

There is also some logic in part of the submission by the ALP which suggests that Fisher should return north to re-include more of the former Maroochy Shire. It would be preferable however if the Maroochy River could be the boundary between Fisher and Fairfax but at the very least Buderim, Sippy Downs and possibly Maroochydore should be included in Fisher.

There is also logic in the ALP suggestion that areas included in the Moreton Bay Regional Council now in Fisher should be re-united in Longman with other districts in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area.

If the Redistribution Committee deemed it necessary to include other country areas in Fisher, then the former Kilcoy, Nanango and Kingaroy Shires, which are or have previously been included in Fisher, should be considered.

I wish the Committee well in its deliberations.

Yours sincerely



PETER SLIPPER

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