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Attention: Redistribution Committee

GPO Box 2419

Darwin NT 0801

Dear Committee

I am writing on behalf of MacDonnell Regional Council regarding your current redistribution assessment of the Electoral Boundaries for the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly.

As you will be aware MacDonnell Regional Council has previously expressed its concerns about relocating areas and electoral boundaries effecting our jurisdiction. The position of Council regarding the boundaries remains unchanged and we urge the commission to revoke the 2015 NT Redistribution based on the following considerations:

- the most recent ABS 2016 Census figures for the MacDonnell Regional Council area show a population of 6,029 being ideally suited to being a single electorate area
- the role of MacDonnell Regional Council as a the local government is significantly enhanced when represented by a single MLA with their entire focus on its constituents
- we are concerned as it is very upsetting to the descendants and those who understand and respect the memory of Mr Namatjira, that the electorate bearing his name does not include the community of Hermannsburg. This electorate is named in honour of Mr Namatjira's living and working legacy in and around the Hermannsburg area.

We ask that you consider our concerns and return the boundary of the Namatjira electorate to match the jurisdiction of the MacDonnell Regional Council.

Yours sincerely

Roxanne Kenny

MacDonnell Regional Council President