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Fax to The Secretary 02.6277.4710
JSCEM Committee
C/o Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

I am opposed to any reduction in the House of Representatives representation for the Northern Territory. My reasons for such are shown below:

- a) This will be seen as a step backwards in our development after 25 years of self Government.
- b) This region is seen as the gateway to Asia an important area of our great Nation regarding defence, trade etc.,
- c) As I see a genuine Australian politician would want to see their northern country man-women reduced in political representat*
-ation ie., the 'fair go' concept.
- d) I believe that retrospective legislation to safe guard the two lower House seats is needed urgently.

Yours sincerely,

..... *K. Fletcher*
Kevin Fletcher

Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters
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Secretary