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Submission on the Proposed redistribution of Queensland into Electoral Divisions Report September 2017

This submission relates to the proposed changes outlined for the electorates of Ryan and Blair. Specifically, relating to the suburbs of Karana Downs, Mount Crosby, Kholo and part of Chuwar.

This is a petition-based submission with a total of 150 respondents.

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We thank the Committee for the opportunity to provide comment on the “Proposed redistribution of Queensland into electoral divisions September 2017” report. This submission relates to the proposed federal electorate boundary changes outlined for Ryan and Blair, specifically in relation to the suburbs of Karana Downs, Mount Crosby, Kholo and part of Chuwar. It aims to highlight the concerns of the residents of the areas aforementioned that would be impacted by these proposed changes if adopted.

Currently these suburbs are aligned with local, state and federal electoral boundaries. These suburbs are a part of the Brisbane City Council and the state electorate of Moggill. These areas identify strongly with the Brisbane region. The proposed changes highlighted in the 2017 report proposal would see the alignment lost between federal and local/state electorate boundaries and bring these suburbs into a predominantly Ipswich based electorate.

There is a natural feature being the Brisbane River that demarcates the natural boundary between Brisbane and Ipswich at the Karana Downs locality boundary at Colleges Crossing. This is a significant traffic thoroughfare along Mount Crosby Road over a causeway type crossing. There is a strong history and future inevitability of flooding at this point due to down stream flow and releases from Wivenhoe Dam. In the January 2011 floods, this crossing along with the weir bridge at Mount Crosby, were inundated. This served to isolate the suburbs of Karana Downs, Mount Crosby, Kholo and Lake Manchester from Ipswich. Likewise in flood/dam release events from 2013 to present day this natural feature continues to be a strong boundary between Brisbane and Ipswich. This feature delineates a strong natural boundary between these regions.

As per the report, “Proposed redistribution of Queensland into electoral divisions September 2017”, Section 82 the guiding principles for the committee were to:

- align to existing administrative boundaries, such as locality and local government area boundaries, to the extent possible
- use natural features as boundaries, to the extent possible
- avoid electoral divisions crossing the Brisbane River, where possible
- provide strong boundaries, to the extent possible

The aforementioned criteria have not been maintained in the proposed redistribution. There is precedence of using these criteria for rejection of a proposed boundary change by the Commission. In the report “Redistributions of Queensland into Electoral Divisions 2003”, Section 36 mentioned a rejection of a proposal that would have seen a split in the Brisbane region of West End and South Brisbane:

- “The Commission rejected this, not only on the grounds that the Brisbane River forms a natural boundary, but also, that South Brisbane is inextricably linked with West End and any split would severely impact on the community of interests criterion”

The Community of Interests criterion of the Electoral Act also applies to the region of Karana Downs, Mount Crosby and Kholo. As highlighted in the above detail, this area is linked as a community to the Brisbane suburbs of the Moggill reach area of the Ryan electorate. There are many community groups that are ‘shared’ between Moggill and Karana Downs. Examples of this would be the Moggill-Mt Crosby Lions Club, the local State Emergency Service, Bellbowrie and District Probus Club and the Rotary Club of Karana Downs that meets in Bellbowrie. This does not apply as strongly in the instance of the Karana Downs region and Ipswich.

It is noted that the region of Karana Downs to Lake Manchester was previously moved from the division of Blair in the 2003 AEC redistribution. This is not a high population growth area and the previous electoral numbers quoted from the 2003 AEC redistribution report stated 3274 in 2003 projected to 3482 voters in 2007. As the current redistribution report (2017) states in section 255, the electorate of Ryan can gain 2654 electors and still stay within the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.

The current report states in section 103, that 4632 enrolled voters in this region would be moved to the electorate of Blair that can gain up to 6662 electors to be within the numerical requirements. It is also noted that the 2017 report, section 48, states that the electorate of Blair is one of the largest growth areas. Inference from this growth may be that in future redistribution analysis that Blair would again be required to shed electors and the Karana Downs region be used as a 'fluctuant' area and moved from electorate to electorate as has been seen fit previously. This does not service the region well as the federal member of the region may view the area as 'dispensable' and does not allow issues of the region to be taken to task and seen to fruition.

Note is also made of the submission by the Australia Labor Party (State of Queensland), "Comments on the Submissions for the 2017 Queensland Redistribution". In this submission, it is stated in reference to the Queensland Greens submission prior that:

- ... Blair is based firmly within Ipswich City Council and Somerset Regional Council boundaries.
-all suggestions maintain Blair as the primary Ipswich based seat in one way or the other
- The suggestion of the Greens should be rejected as it would take parts of Ipswich out of Blair and have the seat cross the Brisbane River to take in parts of Brisbane
- Overwhelmingly suggestions recommend the Brisbane River is an appropriate and easily identified boundary between seats proximate to it.
- Blair should remain unchanged. No change is required as it is currently and projected to be within quota.

These statements are indicative of the sentiment of local boundaries serving to highlight the differentiation of areas of Brisbane and Ipswich and the flow on effect of "Communities of Interest".

As further demonstration of the "Community of Interest", there is a current campaign instigated by the residents of this region directed at reallocation of the current postcode, 4306, to one that is reflective of its geographical area as part of the Brisbane region. These Brisbane suburbs are currently part of the one of the largest postcodes in Queensland. The 4306 postcode covers 56 localities encompassing 5 federal electorates, a distance of over 130km end to end and a disunited boundary in the centre of the postcode area. The Brisbane component of this postcode, (Karana Downs, Mount Crosby, Kholo and Lake Manchester) is seeking a postcode that is reflective of the geographical area in which it lies. This would ideally be 4071 and would follow on from the neighbouring Brisbane suburb areas of Anstead and Moggill, 4070. These neighbouring suburbs form the area of connection for this region leading into Kenmore and Brisbane City. Likewise the neighbouring Ipswich suburbs would have a postcode reflective of their geographical area. There has been a petition lodged to federal parliament, meetings with Australia Post and support and involvement of the federal, state and local parliamentary members in all regions of 4306 trying to facilitate change. At the time of writing this submission of objection, we are awaiting a reply to the federal petition from the Minister for Communications and further investigations and updates from Australia Post.

The Committee's statement in the current 2017 proposal, section 100, that "the localities of Chuwar, Karana Downs, Kholo and Mount Crosby being closer geographically to Ipswich City than to Brisbane City" does not reflect the community of interest criterion as shown in the above details. This area is not a high growth area and the number of electors currently within the Ryan electorate fit well within the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act. Therefore, the proposal to change the electoral boundary serves to marginalise it away from the neighbouring Brisbane region, lose continuity with the local and state administrative boundaries and cross a prominent natural feature, the Brisbane River.

We, the undersigned, trust that the information included in this submission shall be of assistance in the review process.

Yours sincerely,

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