



The Federal Redistribution 2003
QUEENSLAND



Comment Number Four on Public Objections

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Federal Member for Oxley



Redistribution Committee for Queensland
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Australian Electoral Commission
Electoral Commissioner
Mr Andy Becker

30/09/2003

RE: Comment on Objections to redistribution affecting the seat of Oxley

Dear Commissioner

As the federal member for Oxley, I appreciate the opportunity to submit important comments on the future final determination for the seat of Oxley.

I make particular note to objection submission no. 26 signed by Leslie John Staines and Wayne Wendt and dated 19 September 2003.

This submission comments on the division of Oxley and Blair as adjoining seats.

The suburb of Blackstone under the current draft boundaries is split in two along Mary Street that passes through the middle of the suburb. This boundary along Mary Street cuts in two a community that has no other link to any other area other than the seat of Oxley.

While in many federal seats suburbs are split down a particular main road or alignment they also usually do so on a particular connection with the other electorate in which they fall.

In the case of Blackstone in the electorate of Oxley the suburb is isolated from any other part of the electorate of Blair. If the Blackstone suburb was to remain split between Blair and Oxley it would unfairly isolate a very small number of electors from the main part of their suburb and traditional community of interest.

Blackstone is a very small suburb with the majority of its population in Oxley.

The electors in the suburb of Blackstone should be entirely in the electorate of Oxley and this minor realignment of boundaries would not disadvantage the Blair electorate in terms of eligible electors and overall numbers nor would it adversely affect the electorate of Oxley.

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The new boundary of Oxley should include all of Blackstone within the electorate and be bounded by the existing boundary starting at Robertson Road to Bundamba Creek and then using the existing suburban boundary of Blackstone itself.

This would ensure that no electors are disadvantaged and that all electors residing in Blackstone are within a common community of interest and means of communications and travel within the proposed division.

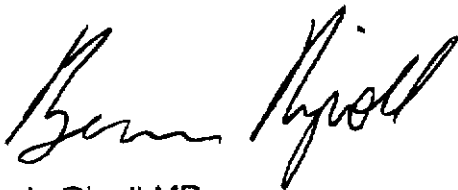
This would also conform to the geographical and physical features of the divisions combined with the boundaries of existing Divisions.

The result for electors of Blackstone would be in accordance with the guidelines and principles of the Australian Electoral Commission in regards to redistributions and best serve the interests of the people of Blackstone in Ipswich.

I have included a map of the area described and colour coded the existing draft boundary in red along Mary Street with my proposed new boundary in blue following the Blackstone suburb boundary.

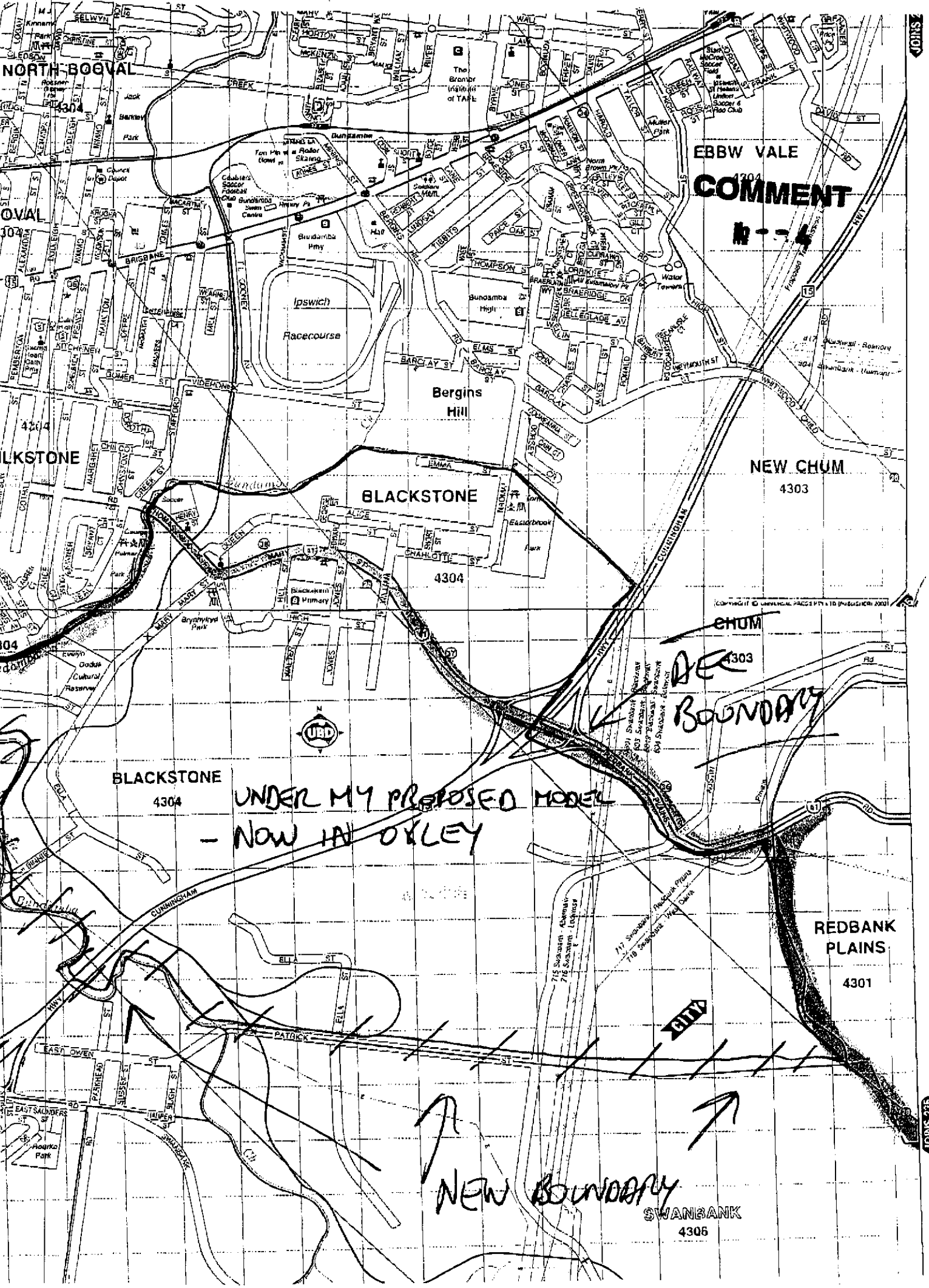
I look forward to your positive view of this minor change and to the public hearings to further make this important point in the draft boundary considerations in the final public process.

Yours sincerely



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Federal Member for Oxley

Att: copy of map of Blackstone with boundary (by mail)



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