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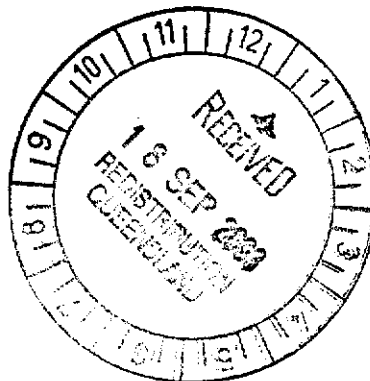
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Subject : Objection to redistribution boundary of Rankin.

My objection to the above is about the inclusion in Rankin of that physical area where I live East of the South East Freeway ( M1 ) centred by Daisy Hill and Springwood. It seems to me that the settled social harmony of this area will be thrown out by once again trying to forge some kind of attachment to the Western side of the freeway, and there are very practical common sense reasons for stating this.

Like it or not the M1 can be a formidable barrier to cross, like a flooded river or mountain range and both sides, in the Springwood Woodridge section, have developed differently because of it. The Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 wisely allows for just such a situation to be properly sorted out, (although in 1918 it would no doubt have been a river or mountain range they were thinking of, not a road), by stating in section 66 clause 3b that the Redistribution Committee:

"subject to paragraph (a), shall give due consideration , in relation to each proposed Electoral Division, to:

- (i) community of interests within the proposed Electoral Division, including economic, social and regional interests;
- (ii) means of communication and travel within the proposed Electoral Division ;
- (iv) the physical features and area of the proposed Electoral Division ; and
- (v) the boundaries of existing Divisions in the State or Territory ;"

It goes on further to say in clause (3A) that 3b (v) must be treated as subordinate to 3b (i)(ii) and (iv).

Having lived in the area of Daisy Hill for sixteen years we know that there is not a community of interest between residents of Daisy Hill, Springwood etc ( east of the freeway) and those of Woodridge, Slacks Creek, Underwood etc, ( west of the freeway). They have developed into distinct communities due to the major barrier of the M1 and this distinction has no better illustration than the 2000 Logan City plebiscite of people living in the small eastern M1 section of what was then Slacks Creek. In the postal returns they overwhelmingly identified naturally with that side and wished to be part of the predominately residential suburb of Daisy Hill, where they are to this day. There are

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seven crossing points,( only five of which are in the main area) and none are practical walking ones and are almost never used . They're just not really seen as being there for walking .They are usually used not so much to get from East to West but from South to North,or vice versa.In other words to get on or off the M1.

Concerning transport the train line runs through Logan Central west of the highway with stations at Loganlea, Woodridge and Kingston, however these stations have a bad reputation in our minds for car theft and thuggery and this, coupled with the psychological, or real barrier of the M1 means that most use the privately operated Clarks bus service.Clarks have recently changed the bus service and out of their nineteen or so routes there appear to be only three deemed necessary to solely service east and west of the M1 and it remains to be seen if they will be viable ?

So the community of interests is not there, travel is minor and the major physical feature the M1. is a major barrier.

The solution to this would be to use the M1 as one of the borders, meaning that Rankin stops there.To make up for this it could reclaim areas like Sunnybank Hills, Calamvale etc.

Moreton would then reclaim Mount Gravatt, Upper Mount Gravatt etc and Bonner or Bowman could come through to take in Springwood ,Daisy Hill etc .

While I realise the seat of Moreton also crosses the freeway it seems to me that it is not affected by clause 3 (b) (i) and (ii) in the same way as East Logan.

I hope the secretariat will give serious consideration to my objection as even though I am submitting it as an individual I know, from my involvement in the community, that it will have widespread support.

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