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The Chairman
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to respond to the proposed redistribution of Queensland federal divisions released on the 22nd of August.

First of all, I would like to express my approval of the name proposed for the new division. Neville Bonner was a fine Queenslander and Australian and, as well as being the first indigenous member of federal parliament, was, I believe, broadly respected across political and party lines.

I have a serious objection to the boundaries proposed for divisions in the western suburbs of Brisbane. My primary concern relates to the division of the "Centenary" suburbs into two separate divisions. The Centenary suburbs (Jindalee, Mt Ommaney, Sinnamon Park, Seventeen Mile Rocks, Jamboree Heights, Middle Park, Riverhills, Westlake and the light industrial/commercial suburb of Sumner) are well recognized locally and more broadly in Brisbane as a defined community. Having recently moved to the suburb of Sinnamon Park I have become more aware of the community spirit here. For the suburbs east of the Centenary Highway (Sinnamon Park and Seventeen Mile Rocks) the other Centenary suburbs provide:

- Local schools
- Shopping Centres
- Sporting facilities
- Public transport links
- Brisbane City Council offices and library
- Numerous other facilities

In light of this, I submit that the maintaining of the community of interest of the Centenary suburbs within a single division is of primary importance.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SENT 19/9/03

Suggested alterations to the proposed redistribution

Being mindful of the statutory requirements of the redistribution, particularly the statistical requirements, I suggest the following alterations to the proposed redistribution. These changes affect the proposed divisions of Brisbane, Ryan, Oxley and Moreton.

1) Include the suburbs of Sinnamon Park and Seventeen Mile Rocks in the division of Ryan (from Oxley)

This preserves the community of interest of the Centenary suburbs and recognizes the Centenary Highway as the local artery rather than a natural boundary. People cross the highway going about their usual business every day.

2) Include the suburb of Corinda in the division of Moreton (from Oxley)

This brings the suburb of Corinda into the same division as the suburbs of Chelmer, Graceville and Sherwood, which form a defined community of interest. Corinda is the location for the local high school, the local supermarket, and many other shops and facilities servicing the area.

3) Include the suburbs of Milton, Auchenflower, Paddington and Bardon in the division of Brisbane (from Ryan)

These suburbs are essentially inner-city in nature now and belong more logically in Brisbane than in Ryan which maintains its western suburbs character.

4) Include all of the suburb of The Gap in Ryan (from Brisbane)

The Gap is a well defined and strongly identified suburb. Excising a part of it from Ryan was presumably done for statistical reasons which do not apply under these suggested changes.

5) Include the suburbs of Parkinson and Drewvale in Oxley (from Moreton)

This change addresses the statistical requirements, while also making Moreton a more logical, less elongated division. These suburbs are a natural extension of Oxley along the Logan Motorway.

The results of these suggested changes are as follows:

Table 1 - Committee's Proposed Divisions

Division	Actual	Var%	Projected	Var%
Brisbane	80,251	-4.55	91,046	-2.75
Moreton	85,014	1.11	95,900	2.43
Oxley	85,035	1.14	94,729	1.18
Ryan	86,856	3.30	94,484	0.92

Table 2 - Committee's Proposed Divisions with suggested changes

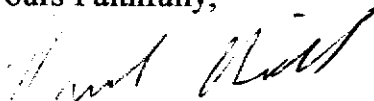
Division	Actual	Var%	Projected	Var%
Brisbane	84,983	1.08	95,993	2.53
Moreton	83,952	-0.15	92,323	-1.39
Oxley	81,545	-3.01	91,597	-2.17
Ryan	86,676	3.09	96,246	2.80

As can be seen, all of the proposed divisions fit comfortably within the statutory limits, both on current and projected enrolments.

There is a further benefit to these proposed changes. That is, fewer electors are moved from their existing division. In the four divisions affected, nearly 9,000 fewer electors change divisions under the suggested changes than under the committee's proposals.

In conclusion, I see a serious contravention of the community of interest principle in the division of the Centenary suburbs into two divisions. I have proposed a workable alternative which, in my opinion, is an improvement to each of the proposed divisions. I hope you will give this submission due consideration.

Yours Faithfully,



Paul Kidd