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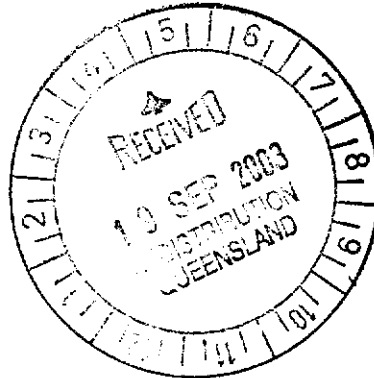
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The Commissioner
Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Sir

We were very interested to learn of the first draft of the proposed boundary change for the electorate of Blair, and would like to submit our comments for your consideration before the final draft is adopted.

Historically, the Federal seat of Oxley in each redistribution has been condensed further into the south east of Brisbane, from being previously a mainly rural seat.

Under this proposal the seat of Blair would have Ipswich as its main centre, unlike now where it is cut in half between two Federal divisions.

With reference to the first draft map from the Australian Electoral Commission, only a couple of changes would need to be made to have Ipswich as the centre of the Blair electorate.

Where Mary Street meets Bundamba Creek at Blackstone, it would seem more sensible to follow the State boundaries, so that Bundamba Creek to its junction with the Bremer River becomes the boundary between Blair and Oxley electorates, as is the case with the State electorates of Ipswich and Bundamba, Bundamba Creek being a natural boundary between adjoining suburbs of Ipswich.

The other change that we feel would be necessary would be to take the boundary at the foot of the D'Aguiar Range from Kilcoy to the Blackbutt Range, using the foot of the ranges as the electorate boundary.

The Blackbutt Range is a natural barrier separating two distinct districts, the bottom of Blackbutt Range relates to Brisbane Valley, the top of the range is part of South Burnett and Wide Bay area, having no common interest with the Ipswich region whatsoever.

We would appreciate you taking these proposals into consideration, and would be more than happy to discuss this matter with you at your convenience. Please feel free to contact us on the numbers listed below, after hours.

Yours sincerely

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