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**Public Suggestion Number 5**

**Bellthorpe Road Safety Council Inc**

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**BELLTHORPE ROAD SAFETY COUNCIL INC**  
**"Improve Safety for all on Bellthorpe's Roads"**

**Winner Queensland Road Safety Awards 2001**  
**Certificate of Merit Queensland Safer Communities Awards 2002**

17 June 2003

Redistribution Committee of Queensland  
GPO Box 2590  
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Electoral Commissioner,

**ELECTORAL BOUNDARY CHANGES**  
**BELLTHORPE AND BOOROOBIN DISTRICTS CABOOLTURE SHIRE**

Prior to the redistribution before the last State election Bellthorpe and Booroobin Districts were in the Electorate of Nicklin. Just prior to the election these Districts and surrounding areas were lumped into the Electorate of Nanango which is centred on Kingaroy.

Kingaroy has nothing in common with Bellthorpe and is located over 150 kms away. Kingaroy is the centre for the Burnett region whilst Bellthorpe is located on the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

Bellthorpe community is equidistance from both Maleny and Woodford at 20 kms. Bellthorpe is becoming a rural residential area with large lifestyle blocks as the old dairy farms are broken up. Many residents commute daily to employment in either Brisbane or the Sunshine Coast.

With the fading of the local dairy industry there has been a significant move away from Woodford; previously all dairy produce was processed in Woodford. This move away from the Woodford support base is being led by the newer, younger, more mobile families who have no traditional ties to the town.

Maleny is the support centre for the new families to the District. Their children go to school in Maleny and play sport in local teams and competitions. Education plays an important part of family life and 75% of District children attend Maleny schools. Maleny offers continuity of education from Grades 1 to 12; Maleny High School is the designated school for Grades 11 and 12 these most important years in our children's lives. Woodford only offers education to Grade 10.



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Farm business and social activities are conducted in Maleny or further afield in Nambour or Sunshine Coast. Horticultural produce is processed or marketed through Nambour based companies. Family purchases for household, leisure or business are made locally in Maleny or Sunshine Coast. Nothing goes to Kingaroy.

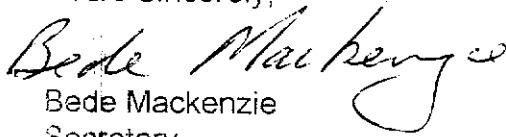
The adjoining Booroobin District of Caboolture Shire is in exactly the same position. Maleny is its support town.

The attached map show Bellthorpe / Booroobin and its relationship to Maleny and the Electorate of Glass House.

The Bellthorpe Road Safety Council is a community group with objectives of improving our community and its environment. Our members were very unhappy at the time of the last redistribution at being arbitrarily dispatched to the Electorate of Nanango for numerical purposes only. Our members feel that being in an Electorate where their family, social and business activities and interests are conducted will significantly benefit them, their families and their community.

Bellthorpe Road Safety Council respectfully requests diligent consideration being given to redistributing Bellthorpe and Booroobin Districts of Caboolture Shire to the Electorate of Glass House.

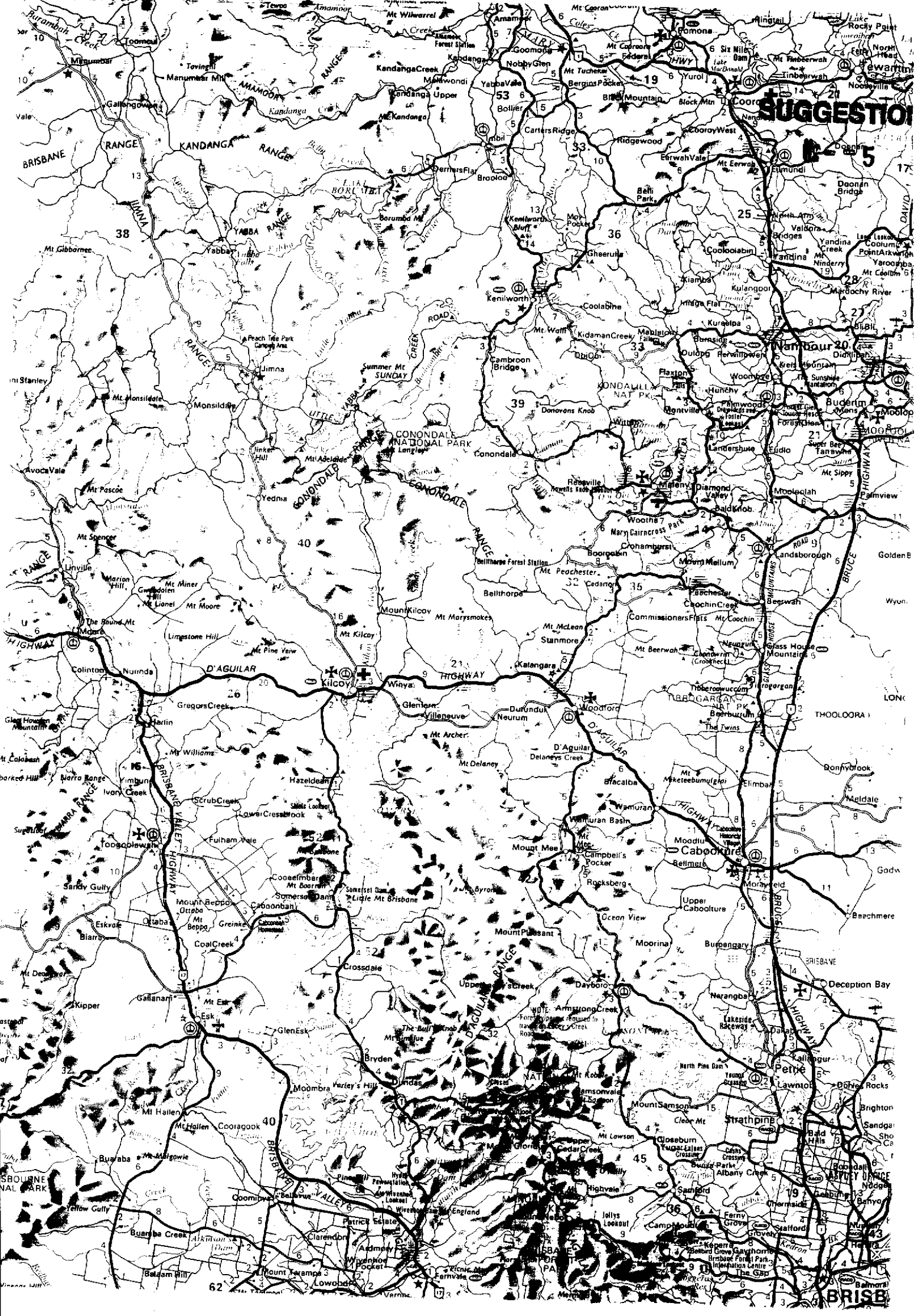
Yours Sincerely,

  
Bede Mackenzie  
Secretary

Attachment:

1. Map of SE Qld.

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