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Dear Committee Members.

I appreciate the opportunity to make a submission in relation to the Queensland 2003 Redistribution Process. The Queensland Branch of the Australian Labor Party has already made its submission to the Australian Electoral Commission and I endorse the suggestions within that submission.

This submission relates specifically to the Division of Lilley in which I have an interest both as a local resident and the elected member.

I note while the electorate of Lilley was above quota at the commencement of the redistribution on 12 March 2003 it was still within the 10% range of variation allowed for by the Commonwealth Electoral Act.

Based on the Commission's estimate for the purposes of Section 66(3) of the Act, I also note Lilley is below the projected average divisional enrolment at 1 July 2007, but is again still within the 3.5% range of variation allowed.

Despite falling within these tolerances, I recognise the projected growth rate for the division of Lilley is substantially lower than those seats adjacent. That being the case, I also recognise it may be necessary for the boundaries of Lilley to be expanded slightly to absorb some of this growth.

As it stands, Lilley is entirely within the boundaries of the Brisbane City Council Local Government Area and the community of interest naturally forms around the Northern Bayside suburbs of Brisbane. The Bracken Ridge/Fitzgibbon area shares strong ties with this community of interest as a traditional part of Sandgate Districts, and was included as part of Lilley as recently as 1990. Our community would welcome any expansion in these traditional areas.

I thank the Committee for its consideration of this submission and look forward to viewing the Committee's proposed redistribution.

Kind Regards,

Wayne Swan

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