



The Federal Redistribution 2006
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Comment Number Eleven on Public Suggestions

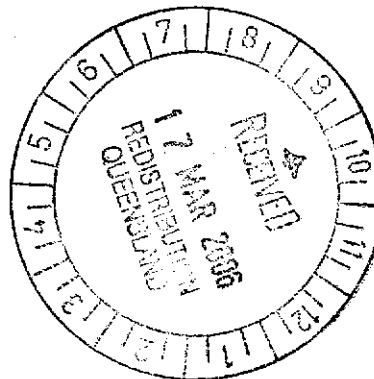
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Redistribution Committee for Queensland
 Australian Electoral Commission
 GPO Box 2590
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Dear Committee Member,

Re: Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Queensland

I provide comments on the public suggestions submitted by the Liberal Party of Australia – Qld Division [Public Suggestion No.8] and The Nationals Queensland [Public Suggestion No.11] that impact on the Commonwealth Electoral Division of Brisbane (see below extracts).

Petrie

Petrie loses a northern section of Longman to allow it to fall within the quota required. It has remained essentially unchanged on other boundaries except at the southern-most extent of the electorate where it takes in a portion of Everton Park and Stafford from the electorate of Brisbane. It retains its eastern boundary with Lilley and its western boundary with Dickson, achieving the smallest possible disruption to the electorate.

Brisbane

Brisbane remains essentially unchanged, however to meet Petrie's quota requirements the only necessary change was allocating a part of Everton Park and Stafford to the Petrie electorate.

Public Suggestion Number 8: Liberal Party of Australia – Qld Division

Petrie

Under our proposal, parts of Redcliffe City are moved to Longman. Splitting Redcliffe City is justified on the grounds that at state level it is already divided into three electorates. Where possible, the proposed boundary follows current state boundaries. Petrie's southern boundary is moved to Kedron Brook, which creates a geographical boundary to the electorate.

Brisbane

In order to balance the quota of surrounding electorates as a result of changes from the placement of the new electorate, it is proposed that the Brisbane electorate loses a portion north of Kedron brook [sic] to the Petrie electorate and it in turn gains The Gap.

Public Suggestion Number 11: The Nationals Queensland

I note the Australian Electoral Commission resolved a clear boundary between the Divisions of Petrie and Brisbane in the Stafford/Everton Park areas with a boundary using Wilgarning, Barokee, Barbical, Redwood and Felstead Streets between Stafford and Olden Northern Roads [This determination of boundaries and names was gazetted on 25 November 2003].

I support the Australian Electoral Commission's existing boundaries and names as defined between Petrie and Brisbane that were determined and gazetted on 25 November 2003.

My enrolment details as registered with the Electoral Commission Queensland are as follows:

State District:	Everton
Local Government Area:	Brisbane City
Local Government Ward:	McDowall
Federal Division:	Brisbane

I understand that in making any proposed redistribution, the Redistribution Committee is bound by section 66(3)(b) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, which provides, in part, that the Redistribution Committee is required to:

"give due consideration, in relation to each proposed Electoral Division, to:

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

I support the existing Australian Electoral Commission Petrie/Brisbane boundaries based on the demographic rating attributed to the Commonwealth Electoral Division of Brisbane, Inner Metropolitan: comprised of well established built-up suburbs. In comparison, the Commonwealth Electoral Division of Petrie is attributed an appropriate demographic rating of Outer Metropolitan: containing areas of more recent suburban expansion.

Everton Park is homogeneous with localities situated in the Brisbane Electorate including Alderley, Enoggera, Gaythorne, Mitchelton, Ferny Grove, Keperra and Newmarket. These localities share a common local municipality, the Brisbane City Council, transport [Ferny Grove Railway Line], employment in the Central Business District, major education [Queensland University of Technology campuses] and health care facilities [Royal Brisbane Hospital] that are located in their own Brisbane Electorate. Therefore, Everton Park along with its similar localities in the Brisbane Electorate shares the same inner metropolitan issues.

The Petrie Electorate is dissimilar to Everton Park when compared with its outer metropolitan demographic rating by the Australian Electoral Commission. The Petrie Electorate mainly comprises of the municipal areas of Redcliffe City and Pine Rivers and Caboolture Shires [with a few areas from the Brisbane City Council]. The majority of the Petrie Division is concentrated in Redcliffe including Clontarf, Kippa-Ring, Margate, Redcliffe, Rothwell, Scarborough and Woody Point. It becomes evident, that on balance, the Petrie Electorate would have greater commonality with the Commonwealth Electoral Division of Longman.

Therefore, based on section 66(3)(b) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, the existing Australian Electoral Commission boundaries and the demographic ratings and related characteristics attributed to the Commonwealth Electoral Divisions of Brisbane and Petrie I do not support the proposed changes as outlined in the Liberal Party of Australia – Qld Division [Public Suggestion No.8] and The Nationals Queensland [Public Suggestion No.11].

With its inner metropolitan issues I believe Everton Park is best represented by a member of the House of Representatives that has constituents that share its similar interests and needs.

Yours faithfully



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