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Comment Number Twenty on Public Suggestions

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Dear Committee Members,

I have some brief comments on the Public suggestions, based on my experiences with specific regions. I am a long time resident of what is now the Division of Griffith and I have worked in both Griffith and Moreton for many years. I am also a previous candidate for Griffith and have been heavily involved in campaigning for Moreton as well. I have met many electors from these Divisions over the years and spoken with them about their concerns.

Based on this experience, I would like to support some of the suggestions made by the Labor Party in submission QS-10. The electors of Carina and Carina Heights are part of a community with the electors of Carindale and should be contained within one Division, as should those in Holland Park and Holland Park West, and those in Tarragindi. The current boundaries feel arbitrary and make little sense to people "on the ground". The suggested changes will improve electors' perception that their Division, and their local member, is representing their community.

I am also a regular visitor to Cooloola Shire, having been born in Maryborough and my mother still lives in Tin Can Bay and I have some comments on the proposals for the Division(s) that include that area. The National's suggestion, to split Cooloola so that the Western part (including Gympie) is in Fairfax and the east is in Wide Bay is untenable. The major route in and out of Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach is via Tin Can Bay Rd which passes through Gympie. The only other route is on Pomona-Kin Kin Rd which also appears to be in Fairfax in the Nationals suggestion. It is ridiculous to propose boundaries where the only way to get from one part of Wide Bay to another is to travel through Fairfax. It borders on dishonest to claim, as they do on Page 17, that uniting Noosa and Tewantin with Gympie will enhance community of interest

The Liberals' also suggest adding Cooloola to Fairfax, based on the fact that it was previously in that electorate. This is correct, but reverting to previous boundaries is not always going to be an improvement and in this case it most certainly is not. Noosa and Nambour form a much stronger community of interest than Gympie and Noosa. Cooloola is on the edge of the Great Sandy Region and contains most of the National Park of the same name. This Region extends north, taking in the towns of Maryborough and Hervey Bay. This is the Community of interest that Cooloola is aligned to and keeping this region in one Division will reflect the physical nature of the area.

yours sincerely,

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