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RE: Comment on Electoral Boundaries

On behalf of the Ipswich & Regional Area Consultative Committee Inc. I would like to provide input into the decisions regarding proposed Electoral boundaries.

Our Area Consultative Committee (ACC) has been established as part of the Australian Governments Regional Development Network, providing feedback to Government on issues and opportunities in our region. There are 56 regions in the ACC network. We work extensively with all levels of Government, business and the community. We cover the areas of Ipswich City, Boonah, Laidley, Gatton and Esk Shires. In addition we service the business community in Beaudesert Shire.

Over the past few years we have worked tirelessly to get to know the affects of government services, business and community connections when related to particular boundaries. One of the most affected areas is Gatton Shire. Gatton and Laidley Shires make up a close and aligned region well known as the Lockyer Valley. They experience significant and difficult issues when government aligns them with the Toowoomba region, rather than looking toward Laidley and Ipswich services. There are concerns that government providers and services in Toowoomba do not provide adequately for the Gatton community. There is a 'top of the range' and bottom of the range' mentality.

We played an active role some time ago in having Gatton moved to within our boundary of responsibility rather than with Toowoomba and Southern Inland Queensland. This has worked extremely well from a social, economic and environmental perspective.

We have found that all sectors of the community, business and government service providers within our ACC boundary work well together, and as an Australian Government regional development organisation we would encourage this regional area to be considered as a single electoral area in the future.

Regards

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