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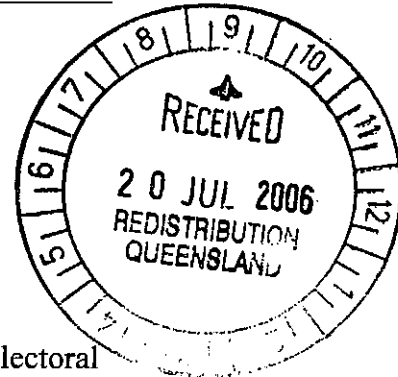
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I'm writing this in relation to the proposed changes to the federal electoral boundaries in Queensland. Whilst officially writing an objection to the proposed borders, I believe that the changes (at least in the local area) have been positive and the committee has done a good job.

No-doubt you will have many politicians whinging about their electorate borders being changed. I believe that the proposed changes in the local area are an improvement on the current border. I merely wish to point out 2 items before you make a final decision.

1 : Gatton - Gatton is a town torn between two centres, Ipswich & Toowoomba. It's a beautiful agricultural hub that has links to both cities. However, this agricultural aspect to Gatton does relate more strongly to Toowoomba than Ipswich. Toowoomba relies on the surrounding agricultural districts for much of its wealth. Ipswich wouldn't know what a cow or potato plant looks like.

2 : Redbank Plains - The division at Blair Division's eastern border is a good, clean, natural border division. The different aspects of travel, social & work interests are well defined here. However, those homes bordered by Collingwood Dr, Garland St, Henty Dr & Redbank Plains Rd (UBD map 235) should clearly be in Blair division. Like those south of Redbank Plains Rd, these residents predominately have interests inside the proposed Blair border, not Oxley. This extends to all aspects of work & social life. If it's considered that this would untidy the border division, a reasonable alternative would be to have all of Redbank Plains in Blair and the other suburbs (Collingwood Park, Goodna etc) remaining in Oxley.

Whether or not the committee accepts these suggestions are its choice, whilst believing that these two suggestions would be an improvement, the committee has a whole state to designate and leaving the proposed changes as is would be perfectly acceptable. However, it's hoped that the committee will consider these suggestions prior to making a final decision

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