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Dear Ms Bright

Thank you for the opportunity to put forward my suggestions in relation to the Queensland Federal Electoral Redistribution.

Maroochydore is the key regional centre of the Sunshine Coast and is currently split between the Federal electorates of Fisher and Fairfax.

It is unacceptable that such a major centre is divided in this way and I suggest that, in future, electorate boundary lines in this area follow a natural boundary whether that is in the form of a river or a major roadway or an established Local Government boundary, preferably not dividing major settlements.

Currently, the Federal divisional boundary which splits Maroochydore is confusing for constituents who are seeking to identify which of the two Federal Members of Parliament they are represented by. This eventuates in a lot of double handling.

Furthermore, for the Maroochydore residents residing in to the Fairfax electorate, they have to travel to Coolumberrig to access their Federal MPs' office (may be 20-30 minutes drive) when there is already another Federal MPs' office only three minutes' walk away.

There are considerable benefits of having the Sunshine Coast's Key Regional Centre of Maroochydore within one Federal Division, particularly in regard to recognising that it is a community of shared interests.

Yours sincerely

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