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Dear Commissioners,

I have attached for your consideration a submission by Mr Andrew Laming MP for the Queensland federal electorate boundary redistribution.

Yours sincerely,

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**Andrew Laming**  
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR BOWMAN

Dear Commissioners,

As the representative for the division of Bowman I write with respect to the proposed redistribution of federal electorates in Queensland.

My submission focuses on the division of Bowman which currently incorporates the whole of Redland City plus the suburb of Carbrook. The areas within Bowman are strongly linked by many common interests and to separate them would be contrary to the values of community that we aim to uphold when considering division boundaries. In my opinion ignoring logical regional and geographical barriers can potentially result in the separation of like minded communities.

The Redlands is a unique and special part of south-east Queensland. It comprises 537 square kilometres of mainland and island communities. The islands include pristine habitats, and the tranquil Bay Islands of Russell, Lamb, Karragarra, Macleay and Perulpa. North Stradbroke Island has three main settlements, Dunwich, Amity Point and Point Lookout.

Despite our growth, we have retained distinct communities, such as the civic centre of Cleveland, the retail/commerce/business hub at Capalaba, the laidback Bay Island communities, rural Redland Bay and the koala coast areas of Mt Cotton and Sheldon.

The Redlands should be represented as a whole in Parliament and it is for that reason I argue that it should not be separated or split by any new proposal for division boundaries.

It is my opinion that the nature and intimacy of the mainland suburbs and islands of the Redlands, with the values that carry over to Carbrook, should remain as one and not be separated. To suggest otherwise would be an insult to the hard work of so many to maintain our uniqueness and closeness as a community.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Laming MP  
Federal Member for Bowman

