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Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Commission 7th Floor, 488 Queen St
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Dear Redistribution Committee

I am writing on behalf of my wife, Olwyn Connolly, and myself, Don Connolly, as residents of Kurwongbah for the past 30 years who feel it is a mistake and unrealistic to split our area away from the present Federal electorate of Dickson into the seat of Longman.

We are both active members of numerous organisations and clubs such as the Rotary Club of Strathpine, the Inner Wheel Club of Strathpine, the Pine Rivers Show Society (of which I have been President for the past 15 years), Life Education, Pine Rivers Police Citizens Youth Club etc.

Residents of Kurwongbah usually shop in Petrie or Strathpine and do not have any direct social or business links to areas north of us, i.e. Morayfield or Caboolture.

Due to the unwelcome Council amalgamation, our affiliation with areas to the north are by local government name only and the old Pine Rivers State boundary still strongly defines the local community in our area, that is Dayboro, Whiteside, Kurwongbah and Petrie, all of which share strong community links. We feel that your proposed changes to the Dickson boundaries would have a negative effect on those existing strong community interests.

Our ability to access our Federal Member would be very much disadvantaged by your new proposal. As was, we are sure, the previous realignment of Dickson boundaries for the residents of Fernvale, Esk and Toogoolawah etc. Pleased to see common sense has prevailed by realigning them back with their local community.

Because of our concerns regarding what we believe would have a very negative impact on our local community, we ask that you reconsider your current proposal for changes to boundaries of the Federal Electorate of Dickson to enable the residents of Dayboro, Samsonvale, Kurwongbah, Whiteside and Petrie to remain associated with their present local semi-rural communities.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely


