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Please find a copy of my submission attached.

Regards

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To whom it may concern;

2009 Proposed Redistribution of Queensland into Electoral Divisions Electorate of Lilley

As the Brisbane City Councillor for the Deagon Ward I write to express my objection with the Redistribution Committee's proposed divisional changes to the boundaries of the federal electorate of Lilley.

I am writing to object to the use of Cabbage Tree Creek as the proposed new northern boundary for the federal seat of Lilley. The geographical nature of the Deagon Ward demonstrates the strong connectedness of the northern suburbs of Brighton, Sandgate, Shorncliffe and Deagon have with southern suburbs of Boondall, Taigum and Zillmere. The Committee acknowledges that the adoption of local boundaries, where appropriate and practicable, is desirable for the benefit of representing "community of interests", however, due to the amalgamation of local government authorities in 2008 these boundaries could not be used to the same extent.

Deagon Ward was not involved with the amalgamation process in 2008 therefore it does not make sense as to why the existing council boundaries of Deagon Ward were not considered in this current proposal. I believe this division of these united communities will be detrimental to our social, economic and cultural systems here on the northside. All of Deagon Ward, bar Moreton Island, comprises most of the Federal Electorate of Lilley.

As the local councillor, I appreciate that the northern suburbs of the Lilley electorate are stepped in local history and many in this community would find it difficult to unite with the community of Redcliffe. Hence the logic in the council border finishing at Bramble Bay. Community festivals such as the Zillmere Multicultural Festival, the Bluewater Festival and the Einbunpin Festival illustrate the strong link between the northern and southern parts of this ward. This is just one example of why it is crucial to retain this cluster of suburbs within one federal electorate.

Local residents have been said to me that they do not understand why their community would be amalgamated with areas like Redcliffe, as they do not feel there is any connection with those communities on the other side of the Pine River.

I urge the Committee to strongly reconsider the current proposal for the electorate of Lilley.

Yours sincerely,

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Councillor for Deagon Ward