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Submission regarding Oxley electorate.

Where is Oxley? Oxley (the electorate) confuses some locals because it only partly contains Oxley (the Brisbane suburb). Some residents of Oxley (the suburb) are confused by this when they go to vote at an Oxley polling booth, only to be told that they do not live in Oxley (the electorate).

Specifically, the area north of Englefield Rd and west of Fort Rd is in Oxley (the suburb) but also in Moreton (the electorate).

There is also a NSW State electorate named Oxley, further adding to the confusion.

Ways this could be corrected:

1. Ensure that Oxley (the suburb) is completely contained within the electorate of Oxley. This may be difficult, as it is a large suburb that straddles the Ipswich Motorway
2. If this cannot be achieved, re-name Oxley to a name more appropriate to the area it covers.

Re-naming an “original” electorate: Although Oxley may seem like an original Federation electorate name, this is not true: it ceased to exist between 1934 and 1949. Therefore, the usual restriction on retaining Federation electorate names does not apply.

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