



Submission S20

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Submission to the Redistribution Committee for Queensland

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Subject of submission: Boundaries of electorates

Scope: Several electorates: the Division of Wright and the adjoining Division(s) of Forde and Rankin.

1. Summary

This submission concerns the boundaries of the Division of Wright. I submit that the localities of Logan Village and Yarrabilba should be placed in a Division with areas of Logan City, rather than in a Division that extends west to include Boonah and surrounding areas.

2. Current situation

The Division of Wright currently includes Logan Village and Yarrabilba as well as areas to the west, including Boonah and surrounds.

3. Reasons

Differing needs within the Division. The communities of Logan Village and Yarrabilba and those around Boonah have very different needs. Residents in the west of the Division live in a different setting, with different services, infrastructure priorities and local issues, from residents in the growing areas to the east.

Community of interest with Logan City. Logan Village and Yarrabilba have more in common with areas of Logan City than with the Beaudesert Shire area. Residents' interests, including employment, schools, health services, shopping, transport links and local government services, are more closely tied to Logan City.

The growing population of Yarrabilba. Yarrabilba is a large master-planned community that is still being developed, and its population has grown rapidly and is expected to keep growing. [Insert current and projected population or enrolment figures, with the source, e.g. Australian Bureau of Statistics data, Logan City Council or the developer's planning documents.] This growth means that Yarrabilba's share of enrolment within any Division will keep increasing. Its residents, many of them young families and new arrivals, have demand for schools, roads, public transport, health services and other infrastructure that reflects the needs of a growing urban community of Logan City, rather than those of the rural and regional communities around Boonah. Because the Committee must consider projected enrolment as well as current enrolment, Yarrabilba's growth is a strong reason to place it in a Division with other growing areas of Logan City, where its needs will be better represented.

Boundaries have not kept pace with change. Logan Village was once part of Beaudesert Shire, which may explain its historical inclusion alongside areas to the west. However, the electoral boundaries have not kept up with the evolving interests of people in Logan Village and Yarrabilba, whose connections now lie with Logan City.

4. Requested outcome

I request that the Committee redraw the boundaries so that Logan Village and Yarrabilba are included in a Division with areas of Logan City, such as the Division of Forde or Rankin, rather than with Boonah and surrounding areas. I also ask the Committee to take into account the rapid growth in Bahrs Scrub, Park Ridge and Logan Reserve, where former acreage lots are being redeveloped into small housing lots. This growth is likely to increase enrolment in those areas significantly before the next redistribution, and I submit that boundaries should be drawn with this projected enrolment in mind, including any flow-on changes needed to keep Divisions within the permitted tolerance of the quota.