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### **Submission:**

#### **I refer to the proposed new seat of Springfield.**

My submission proposes to change the name of the new seat to **Woogaroo**

The Queensland Redistribution Commission has in its criteria for naming an electorate, that the name should clearly identify the geographical location in order to enhance voter recognition. Woogaroo fulfills this criterion as Woogaroo Forest is a 450 hectare forest sitting in the middle of the electorate. The name Woogaroo Forest is well known to the residents in the surrounding suburbs, (Camira, Bellbird Park, Goodna, Brookwater, Augustine Heights and Springfield) Whereas Springfield is just one suburb in the electorate. Furthermore the name Woogaroo is already used to name Woogaroo Creek as well as some community institutions.

1-There is the Woogaroo Scout District, (comprising the Goodna, Springfield, Redbank Plains and Camira scout groups)

2-The Woogaroo Swimming Club

3-The Woogaroo field within Richardson Park which is the home ground for the Goodna Eagles Rugby league club.

#### **Historical context of the name Woogaroo**

The name **Woogaroo** is derived from the Yuggera language (Ugarapul dialect), the traditional Aboriginal country in the area now known as Goodna in Queensland, Australia.

Here are the key details regarding its origin and meaning:

- **Meaning:** The name is most commonly interpreted as meaning "**shady**" or "**cool**". Other interpretations include "a whirlpool" or a reference to a waterhole in the creek.
- **Geographical Origin:** It is named after **Woogaroo Creek**, a tributary of the Brisbane River.
- **Historical Usage:** The area now known as Goodna **was originally called Woogaroo**. It was used as **a place name as early as the 1840s (appearing on an 1840 map by surveyor Robert Dixon)** and was the site of the "Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum" in the 1860s before being renamed Goodna in 1865.
- **Other Contexts:** The name is also associated with a sheep station (Woogaroo Station) from 1841 and a quarry established by Patrick Logan in 1826.
- **The Woogaroo Scrub** was a popular destination for early botanists and naturalists in the 1880's. Many took the train to Goodna, where they alighted and spent time exploring the rainforest.

Naming the electorate Woogaroo would also recognise the indigenous cultural

heritage of the area as well as provide an interesting historical element.  
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