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To the Members of the Queensland Redistribution Commission,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed State electoral boundaries for the districts of Greenbank and Redbank, specifically the decision to sever the Ripley Valley Priority Development Area (PDA) by placing South Ripley into Greenbank and Ripley into Redbank.

While I recognise the Commission's challenge in balancing voter enrolment numbers across high-growth corridors, achieving a mathematical quota should not come at the expense of a cohesive, master-planned community. Splitting the Ripley Valley contradicts several fundamental requirements under Section 46 of the Electoral Act.

Fracturing a Designated Community of Interest

The Ripley Valley is a globally recognised, master-planned Priority Development Area. South Ripley and Ripley do not merely sit next to each other; they function as a single, highly integrated community. We share the same commercial hubs, social infrastructure, and construction ecosystems. Dividing this valley severs a deeply connected economic and social community of interest.

Disregarding Ways of Communication and Travel

The road networks and transit corridors within the Ripley Valley were designed specifically to connect the PDA as a whole. Drawing an arbitrary electoral boundary through the middle of this network ignores how residents commute, travel, and interact with our local geography on a daily basis.

Counterproductive to Regional Advocacy and Growth

The Commission's report explicitly acknowledges that South Ripley has a "strong community connection" to the proposed Redbank district. Yet, it justifies the move to Greenbank to "distribute growth areas more equally". Distributing growth mathematically creates a severe bureaucratic burden for a rapidly expanding region. To secure the critical state-level infrastructure required for the Ripley Valley's ongoing development, our community will now be forced to lobby two separate State Members of Parliament for the exact same master-planned area.

I strongly urge the Commission to reconsider these boundaries. The Ripley Valley PDA, which encompasses both Ripley and South Ripley, must remain united within a single electoral district to ensure effective representation and to respect the statutory requirements regarding communities of interest.

Thank you for your time and consideration.