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Submission:

1. Objection to the Fragmentation of Beenleigh and the Logan-Gold Coast Corridor

I formally object to the proposed southern shift of the Beenleigh (currently Macalister) boundary across the Logan River to include the Gold Coast suburbs of Yatala, Ormeau, and Ormeau Hills.

Breach of Community of Interest:

Under Section 46 of the *Electoral Act 1992*, the Commission must consider "community of interest." Residents of Yatala and Ormeau identify as part of the Gold Coast City Council and the northern Gold Coast growth corridor. They share services, policing, and local governance with Coomera and Pimpama, not Logan City.

Arbitrary Physical Barriers:

The Logan River is a significant physical and psychological boundary. Moving the electorate across this river to absorb northern Gold Coast suburbs disconnects these residents from their primary community hubs and places them in an electorate centered on a different LGA (Logan) with which they share few administrative or social ties.

2. Objection to the Redlands Expansion into the Beenleigh Redland Bay Corridor

The proposal to move the communities of Carbrook and Mount Cotton into the Redlands electorate based on the "transport link" of Beenleigh Redland Bay Road is logically flawed.

Service Dependency:

These communities are functionally dependent on Beenleigh for essential services, including the rail network, secondary education, and regional health services.

Misalignment of Representation:

By shifting these residents into the Redlands—a coastal-focused electorate—their specific needs regarding the inland Logan-corridor infrastructure will be marginalized.

3. Objection to the "Sustainability" Justification for Gaven

I challenge the LNP's submission (S-110) adopted by the Commission regarding the "reshaping" of Gaven.

Artificial Margin Inflation:

While the Commission must maintain a $\pm 10\%$ quota, the specific suburbs selected to be moved out of Gaven appear to target high-growth areas that share a strong "community of interest" with the Nerang and Pacific Pines hubs.

Democratic Integrity.

The resulting 5% notional swing to the LNP—despite a "declining enrolment base"—suggests that the boundaries have been drawn to favor a specific political outcome rather than to preserve the existing social and regional fabric of the Gold Coast heartland.

Conclusion

I request that the Commission reconsider the Logan River as the firm southern boundary for the Beenleigh/Macalister district and maintain the integrity of the Gold Coast northern suburbs within Gold Coast-centric electorates. The current proposal effectively "dilutes" the representation of both Logan and Gold Coast residents by forcing them into a single, mismatched electorate.