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Submission Topic: Electorate Boundaries
Electoral District: Gympie; Nambour (formerly Nicklin)

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To: The Queensland Redistribution Commission

Subject:

Formal Objection to the proposed transfer of Amamoor Creek to the Nambour Electorate.

Firstly, we would like to point out that the proposed boundary changes have not been advertised in the usual way.

We respectfully wish to object to the proposed change of boundary which would see us moving from the Gympie electorate to the new Nambour electorate.

The people in the Gympie Region have been extremely supportive in both the initial planning and construction of the Sporting Shooters Association of Australia 'Wattle Grove Park' Shooting Range, which is situated in the Amamoor Creek area, and by making regular attendances at the Range. There has been continued support of the Shooting Range over two decades as it brings in a lot of additional benefits by way of increasing the number of visitors to the Gympie Region.

The Shooting Range has received Grants from the Gympie Regional Council to help improve the facilities. The State Member of Parliament Mr Tony Perrett and the Federal Member of Parliament Mr Llew O'Brien have both been very kind in their support of the Shooting Range, as has the Gympie Mayor Mr Glen Hartwig.

If we must move to the new electorate of Nambour there will be no guarantee that the Shooting Range will continue to receive the support which we have received from those in the Gympie electorate. The State and Federal Members of Parliament and the Mayor in the proposed Nambour area know nothing about this Range and will be reluctant to support us as they already have several established shooting ranges in this new electorate.

We feel that we will be at a disadvantage when applying for flood relief Grants or Grants for improvements to this Shooting Range. We are currently in a wholly rural region but under the new scheme we will face being included in suburban and hinterland areas. The population in these areas have completely different viewpoints and values. This means that the shooting sports face even more discrimination. The SSAA 'Wattle Grove Park' Shooting Range is the highest rated Range in Queensland and as such brings a lot of visitors which helps with local employment.

Conclusion: After twenty years of supporting and contributing to the Gympie community, we strongly oppose being separated from our current Region.

Sincerely

Rachael Bull President with the support of the Executive Committee
Sporting Shooters Association of Australia 'Wattle Grove Park' Branch Inc.

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