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Submission:

I write to formally object to the proposed redistribution that would divide the suburb of Geebung, specifically by moving the area east of Newman Road out of the Aspley electorate.

This proposal should be reconsidered on the basis that it unnecessarily fragments a well-established and cohesive community of interest.

1. Community of Interest

Geebung operates as a single, unified suburb with shared infrastructure, services, and identity. The proposed boundary would split this community arbitrarily along Newman Road, which does not reflect any genuine social, economic, or functional divide.

Residents on both sides of Newman Road:

- Use the same local schools, childcare centres, and community services
- Share access to the same transport infrastructure, including Geebung Train Station
- Participate in the same sporting, recreational, and community organisations
- Identify collectively as part of Geebung, not as separate communities

Dividing the suburb undermines this shared identity and weakens the integrity of the community.

2. Disruption to Key Local Infrastructure

The proposed boundary would separate important local institutions from the communities they serve, including:

- Geebung RSL
- Geebung Train Station
- Local schools and childcare centres
- Commercial precincts along Newman Road

These are central to the suburb as a whole and are not confined to one side of the proposed boundary. Splitting representation across electorates will complicate advocacy, planning, and funding for these shared assets.

3. Inefficient and Fragmented Representation

Maintaining a suburb within a single electorate allows for:

- Clear and consistent representation
- More effective advocacy for local issues
- Simpler engagement between residents and their elected representative

The proposed change would result in:

- Two MPs representing different parts of the same suburb
- Potential inconsistencies in advocacy and service delivery
- Confusion for residents about representation and accountability

This outcome is avoidable and does not serve the interests of the community.

4. Lack of Justification for the Division

There is no clear geographic, demographic, or functional justification for using Newman Road as a dividing line. It is a local road, not a natural boundary that separates distinct communities.

Redistribution should aim to reflect real communities—not create artificial divisions within them.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that the Committee amend the proposed boundaries to keep the suburb of Geebung wholly within a single electorate.

Preserving established communities of interest should be a priority in the redistribution process, and in this case, there is no compelling reason to divide Geebung.

Yours sincerely,
Chris Inglis.