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I strongly object to the proposed boundary change for Ipswich West for the following reasons:

- The Karalee/Barellan Point/Chuwar and Moggill areas have very different socio-economic characteristics, Council services, infrastructure priorities and established community ties.
- Karalee/Barellan Point/Chuwar is a fast growing community, as is Ipswich. Moggill is not growing.
- Demographics of the Karalee/Barellan Point/Chuwar and Moggill areas have significantly diverged over the last 25 years.
- Karalee, Barellan Point and Chuwar are under Ipswich City Council and Moggill is under Brisbane City Council. Different council regulations apply to the two areas. State members will have to engage & negotiate with two councils, increasing demand on MPs' time, if the proposal proceeds.
- Karalee/Barellan Point/Chuwar area issues (services, roads, transport, traffic) are very different from Moggill's.
- Being part of a Brisbane based electorate may mean Karalee/Barellan Point/Chuwar's Ipswich-based infrastructure and other needs are not prioritised.
- Karalee/Barellan Point/Chuwar residents mainly use hospital, health, education, banking, business and other services located in the Ipswich area. Moggill people predominantly use Brisbane-based services.
- The roads we use are predominantly in the Ipswich area. Road infrastructure needs to grow with the population growth. There is a risk infrastructure located in Ipswich will not be prioritised by an electorate that is predominantly Brisbane based, given Karalee/Barellan Point/Chuwar's relative size compared to the rest of the Moggill electorate and it's location on the fringe of the proposed Moggill electorate.
- The Brisbane River is a natural and logical separator for government and community interests. The Karalee/Barellan Point/Chuwar area is on the Ipswich side of the river. Moggill is on the Brisbane side. We are cut off from Moggill early in flooding events.
- Moggill residents have historically strongly rejected a bridge connection from Ipswich to Moggill. Commentary on the bridge proposal has suggested Moggill residents do not want to connect with Ipswich residents.
- The Ipswich West electorate office is in Brassall, 12km from Karalee State School (notional mid-point in Karalee). The Moggill electorate office is in Kenmore, 25km from Karalee State School.

