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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 this is a very sneaky move of the Commission.

No one has received notification of the proposed boundary changes via mail or email. Very few people would ever consider reading the Queensland Government Gazette in case a mention was made regarding our District. It certainly was not in any newspaper that we have read, nor has it been discussed on Sky news or ABC news. Amamoor Creek district has no free to air stations/channels and there is no mobile phone coverage, no electricity, no rubbish collection, no mail delivery. We all have Post Office boxes however, but the Commission did not make contact. We have spoken to our local Member who advised us to inform you of this fact.

I am writing as a longtime resident of Amamoor Creek and I wish to formally object to the 2026 proposed electoral redistribution, specifically the plan to take our district away from Gympie electorate and change us to Nambour. My husband and I, with our family have lived here since 1988 (38 years). We have three generations of our family living on this one property, with the fourth generation growing up in Amamoor. Our family are community-minded residents of the Gympie Region, and we loyally support our Gympie Mayor Glen Hartwig and his Council team, as well as our State Member of Parliament Mr Tony Perrett and his very helpful staff. This proposed boundary change ignores the very real cohesiveness of our local community and where our loyalties have been forged for nearly four decades.

Educational and Social Ties: Our children, grandchildren and great-grandchild have been educated in the local Gympie region. They have attended Amamoor State Primary School followed by either James Nash State High School, Gympie State High School or Cooloola Christian College. Moving us to Nambour – a town which our children, grandchildren and great-grandchild have no affiliation to, will cause a huge difference between our family life and our political representation.

Our family social networks, sporting activities, church, daycare and school communities are all based in the Gympie area. The Gympie Music Muster is held at the Amamoor Creek State Forest Park and is the major fund raiser for Gympie and surrounding District not-for-profit organisations. This includes Amamoor, Dagon, Kandanga and Imbil schools. It could hardly be renamed

The Nambour Music Muster when the volunteers for the local organisations are all currently residing in the Gympie Region. Many other schools, youth and church groups will still be in the Gympie Region while half will be in the proposed new Nambour Region.

Economic and Practical Reality: Our electrical contracting business is Gympie Electrical – it would not be practical to rename our business of thirty-five years so we would be called Gympie Electrical but be in the proposed Nambour Region. We own a 1,000-acre beef cattle property and our cattle are sold at the large Gympie Saleyards. There is only a very small cattle saleyard at Eumundi which is on the very border of the proposed Nambour boundary. Our medical professionals are all in Gympie, our banking, domestic supplies and farm supplies are all sourced in Gympie. Our machinery is purchased and/or maintained in Gympie as it is much closer than Nambour. We rarely go to Nambour, but we are in Gympie weekly. We do not like the Nambour area – it is not safe near the train station and nearby McDonalds. There is regular street fighting, both day and night. We feel unsafe in Nambour. Gympie is in a rural area, and we feel safe on the streets. Nambour is a different catchment area entirely. We are certainly more attuned to Gympie and its surrounds. Our current postcode is 4570 (for Gympie) so will this also change to 4560 (for Nambour).

Rural vs Hinterland Identity: The Amamoor Creek area is a major part of the Mary Valley. Our issues are rural and agricultural, matching the configuration of the Gympie electorate. Moving us into the proposed Nambour electorate risks our voice being drowned out by the increasingly suburban and hinterland concerns of the Sunshine Coast which is a long way from the reality of our country lifestyle on a large agricultural property.

Conclusion: After almost forty years of supporting and contributing to our great Gympie community, we strongly oppose being separated from our natural surroundings just to satisfy a population quota. We implore the Commission to maintain the current boundary for Amamoor Creek to ensure our representation remains in alignment with our actual lifestyle. There would be many more submissions submitted if everyone in the proposed boundary change areas had been notified. We only stumbled upon this yesterday.

Sincerely
Wendy
Bull

