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In response to the Commission's Proposal for the Redistribution of the State's Electoral Districts March 2026, I provide the following submission regarding the naming of electorates in the Redland City area.

In its Proposal, the Commission states: "We are of the view that voter recognition of an electorate's location is essential. Electorate names which do not identify or suggest the location of an electorate are apt to cause unnecessary confusion. That is also the case if an electorate were named after a geographical place but the name lacked voter recognition or is no longer suitable (for example, because of boundary changes or to differentiate it from a local government area)".

The Commission is proposing that the three electorates covering Redland City be named: Capalaba, Cleveland and Redlands.

The proposed electorate names Capalaba and Cleveland both cover more suburbs than the suburb which the seat is named after.

The proposed electorate of Capalaba includes Capalaba, Sheldon, Thorneside, Birkdale and Alexandra Hills. Only people who live in the suburb of Capalaba would be unconfused about which electorate they should vote in.

The proposed electorate of Cleveland includes Wellington Point, Ormiston, Cleveland, Thornlands and North Stradbroke Island. Only people who live in Cleveland would be unconfused.

The proposed electorate of Redlands includes Redland Bay, Mount Cotton, Victoria Point, Coochiemudlo, and the Southern Moreton Bay Islands plus Carbrook which is in Logan City.

The proposed electorate name of Redlands is particularly confusing because "the Redlands" and "Redlands" are commonly used to describe the whole of the area covered by the Redland City local government area.

To give voters better recognition of electorate locations in the Redland City area, and in particular to avoid confusion with the Redland City local government area, the Commission should consider renaming the proposed electorates as follows:

- Redlands renamed to Redlands South
- Cleveland renamed to Redlands North
- Capalaba renamed to Redlands West.

For many years there have been Queensland Parliament electorates named Toowoomba North and Toowoomba South, so inclusion of north, south and west in electorate names is workable.

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