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Submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission: Proposed Renaming of the Electoral District of Nicklin to Nambour

I wish to lodge my opposition to the proposal to rename the electoral district of Nicklin to Nambour as part of the current redistribution process.

The proposed name Nambour reflects only one town within what is a geographically large and diverse electorate. The district stretches well beyond Nambour and includes communities with their own identities and histories, including areas as far as Amamoor and other hinterland localities. Naming the electorate after a single town risks giving the impression that the district centres exclusively on that community, when in reality it encompasses many towns and rural areas whose residents may not identify primarily with Nambour.

By contrast, the name Nicklin has long served as a neutral and unifying name for the electorate. It does not privilege one locality over another and has been widely recognised across the Sunshine Coast region for decades.

The name also carries significant historical importance. The electorate honours Frank Nicklin, the former Premier of Queensland, whose leadership and contribution to the state and to the Sunshine Coast region in particular, are an important part of the area's political history. Maintaining the name preserves that historical connection and acknowledges the role he played in Queensland's development.

Additionally, the Sunshine Coast region already reflects strong recognition of Indigenous heritage through the many towns and localities that retain Indigenous names. The existing electorate name Nicklin does not diminish that heritage and sits alongside it without conflict. Changing the name to Nambour for this reason does not appear necessary given the already extensive representation of Indigenous place names across the region.

For these reasons, I believe the existing name Nicklin remains the most appropriate choice for the electorate. It is historically meaningful, geographically neutral, and representative of the broader community rather than a single town. I respectfully request that the Commission retain the current name.

Thank you for considering this submission.