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Submission:

Dear sir or madam,

In the last round of this process, I made submission CS-00436, regarding the electoral districts of Inala and Jordan. My problem I had with the latter's boundaries was that it had no natural community of interest; part of it was in Ipswich, part of it was in Logan, and the middle of it was a unpopulated firing range.

I must say that I am 90% satisfied with the new boundaries relevant to these districts. Inala now extends over the Ipswich Motorway to Darra, but that's ok; there is a Vietnamese community that links the two. Moreover, Jordan has been split into a Springfield for the Ipswich side, and that is a natural community of interest; the Logan remainder has been given to Greenbank. That is very good.

The 10% dissatisfaction of mine is that South Ripley has also been assigned to Greenbank for the most dubious of reasons:

"The Commission acknowledges the South Ripley area's strong community connection to the proposed Redbank district, but considered the proposed approach distributes growth areas more equally between districts. It is noted this district is one of the 5 districts projected to exceed the upper enrolment threshold by 2032."

I object to this; there is no community connection between South Ripley and the rest of Greenbank at all. Not only is South Ripley in a different LGA, but the distance between that and other inhabited parts of Greenbank are excessive. It's about 27km from South Ripley to Forestdale and 38 km from South Ripley to Flagstone, both of which goes though Springfield, a separate district. (It is also possible to travel from South Ripley to Flagstone without leaving Greenbank, but only by Undullah Road, a dirt road where there is always the danger of driving into grazing cattle. It is not a good road.)

The lack of community connection is the same problem that I identified with Jordan, except it is a lot worse here.

I suggest that South Ripley (and the remaining areas of Greenbank in the Ipswich LGA, such as Spring Mountain) be assigned to Redbank. There may be upper enrolment issues in 2032, but it is six years away, and the resident of South Ripley deserve a MP close to them, and any MP deserves a district that

have a coherent core. Please have Greenbank 100% in Logan.

Best regards,
Peter