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Dear Members of the Queensland Redistribution Commission

I am writing to strongly support the name “Woogaroo” for the proposed new electorate.

For me, this is not just about a name—it is about recognising the true identity of the place we call home.

The name “Springfield” does not reflect the full story of this region. While it is a growing and well-known suburb, it represents only part of a much broader and deeply connected landscape. Many of us live in neighbouring communities and do not identify solely with Springfield, yet we are all connected by something much older and more meaningful.

That connection is Woogaroo.

Woogaroo is a name that carries history, culture, and a sense of place that existed long before suburb boundaries were drawn. It comes from the Yuggera language and speaks to the natural environment—often understood to mean “shady” or “cool,” evoking the creeks, bushland, and quiet, green spaces that still define this area.

At the heart of this region lies Woogaroo Forest. For many of us, it is more than just bushland. It is a place of significance, a place of memory, and a place that continues to ground us as the surrounding area grows and changes. It connects communities across Springfield, Springfield Lakes, Brookwater, Augustine Heights, Bellbird Park, and Redbank Plains. It is something we share.

I grew up in this area and have seen firsthand how much it has changed over the years. Growth is inevitable, but names matter. They shape how we understand where we live and what we value. Choosing “Springfield” risks narrowing that identity, reducing a rich and diverse region to a single suburb.

“Woogaroo,” on the other hand, feels inclusive. It reflects the land itself—the creeks, the ridgelines, the bushland—and acknowledges a history that goes far deeper than recent development. It is a name that brings people together rather than dividing them by suburb lines.

Importantly, it is also a respectful recognition of the Traditional Owners and their enduring connection to this Country. Retaining and elevating a name like Woogaroo is a small but meaningful way to honour that history.

I believe the name of an electorate should resonate with the people who live there. It should feel right. It should feel honest.

Woogaroo does.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Leigh Ittensohn

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