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Objection to Proposed Electoral Boundary Redistribution — Geebung / Aspley Electorate

I write to object to the Queensland Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution that would move the eastern portion of Geebung, east of Newman Road, from the Aspley electorate into the Nudgee electorate.

My family relocated to the Geebung area approximately 18 months ago. We made a deliberate decision to purchase land and build a home specifically because of the strong, cohesive community identity that Geebung offers. Something we found notably absent in other areas we considered. The existing community fabric was a direct factor in our decision to invest here long-term.

Although my residence falls west of Newman Road, my family's daily life is anchored to the facilities and institutions on the eastern side of that boundary. My children attend St Kevin's Primary School and C&K Geebung Kindergarten. We regularly use the Geebung RSL, the Geebung Train Station and the Newman Road shops. These are not peripheral amenities - they are central to how our family participates in this community.

The proposed redistribution would create an artificial electoral divide through the heart of a suburb that functions as a single community. Splitting representation between Aspley and a Nundah-centred electorate would mean that residents on either side of Newman Road, who share the same schools, the same local businesses and the same community institutions, would have no single elected representative accountable for the whole of Geebung's needs. This is wrong - surely there are better things to spend taxpayer money on.

Community cohesion is difficult to build and easy to damage. The sense of belonging that drew my family to Geebung is inseparable from the shared identity of the whole suburb. I strongly urge the Commission to reject this proposal and retain Geebung as a unified community within the Aspley electorate.