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PROPOSITION: For the new electorate be named ‘Woogaroo’.

As a resident of Goodna, I have taken the time to understand the true geographical and historical identity of our area. The region was originally known as **Woogaroo** before being renamed Goodna in 1865. Restoring this original name would acknowledge the area’s heritage and provide a clearer, more accurate representation of the electorate’s location.

The name Woogaroo has deep roots in both early European settlement and Indigenous history. Electorate names that reflect original place names often resonate more authentically with residents, strengthening community identity. This is already reflected in the many local streets and addresses that still use the Woogaroo name, which is familiar, unifying, and free from the ambiguity associated with “Springfield.”

By contrast, the name “Springfield” refers to a large and rapidly expanding group of suburbs, many of which fall outside the proposed electorate boundaries. This creates confusion and does not help residents understand the electorate’s true extent. Woogaroo, however, is tied directly to **Woogaroo Forest**, a defining natural feature that sits at the physical centre of the proposed electorate.

Woogaroo Forest is the ecological and cultural heart of the region. Naming the electorate after this forest would anchor it to a place that is geographically central, widely recognised, and historically significant. The Woogaroo area is shaped by interconnected bushland corridors, ridgelines, and creek systems that have influenced both Indigenous use of Country and later European settlement. These enduring natural features provide a unifying identity that transcends modern suburb boundaries.

An electorate named **Woogaroo** would better reflect the shared landscape, heritage, and community connections that define the region today.

For these reasons, I believe “Woogaroo” is a more appropriate and locally grounded name for the new electorate.