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Submission:

Here is a **formal submission draft (2026 context)** you can use or adapt. It is written in a style appropriate for lodging with the Queensland Redistribution Commission.

Proposed redistribution of the Electoral District of Aspley (2026 review)

I write to strongly oppose any proposed change to the boundaries of the Electoral District of Aspley that would **divide the suburb of Geebung across multiple electorates**.

1. Community of Interest Must Be Preserved

The redistribution process explicitly requires consideration of **community of interest**, including social, economic, and regional connections.

Geebung is a well-established, cohesive suburban community with:

- * Shared local schools, sporting clubs, and community organisations
- * A common transport and commercial hub centred around Geebung railway station and surrounding precincts
- * Strong historical and social ties within Brisbane's northside

Splitting Geebung would arbitrarily divide this unified community, weakening its collective voice and undermining effective representation.

2. Avoid Unnecessary Voter Disruption

A key principle in redistribution submissions is to **minimise disruption to voters and existing communities**.

Dividing Geebung would:

- * Force residents in the same suburb into different electorates
- * Create confusion regarding representation and local advocacy
- * Disrupt long-standing relationships between constituents and their elected

member

Where alternatives exist, such disruption should be avoided.

3. Logical and Recognisable Boundaries

Electoral boundaries should reflect ****clear, recognisable geographic features and suburb boundaries**** wherever possible.

Geebung is a clearly defined suburb. Splitting it would:

- * Create artificial and confusing boundary lines
- * Reduce transparency for voters trying to understand their electorate
- * Undermine the principle of intuitive, community-aligned boundaries

Maintaining whole suburbs within a single electorate is a widely accepted best practice unless absolutely unavoidable.

4. Population Equality Can Be Achieved Without Splitting Geebung

The redistribution is driven primarily by the need to ensure electorates remain within the required enrolment quota.

However:

- * Many electorates across Queensland are undergoing adjustments due to population shifts ([ABC News][3])
- * Boundary changes can be achieved by adjusting ****peripheral or less cohesive areas**** rather than splitting an established suburb

There is no compelling justification that requires Geebung to be divided in order to meet quota requirements.

5. Alignment with Broader Redistribution Principles

The current redistribution process (2025–2026) includes public consultation specifically to ensure local communities are properly represented.

Retaining Geebung wholly within Aspley would better align with:

- * Community identity
- * Effective representation

- * Public expectations of fair and logical boundaries

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully submit that:

****The suburb of Geebung should remain wholly within a single electorate, preferably within the Electoral District of Aspley, and should not be split under any proposed redistribution.****

Such an approach best upholds the Commission's guiding principles of:

- * Community of interest
- * Minimal voter disruption
- * Clear and logical boundaries
- * Fair and effective representation