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Personal submission

Hi there,

I'm writing to share my concerns about the LNP's suggested changes to Maiwar.

As someone who lives and works near these areas, I'm really worried about the plan to rename Maiwar back to Indooroopilly and redraw the boundaries to include Chelmer, Graceville, and Sherwood by crossing the Brisbane River. The river is a pretty clear boundary, and those suburbs are a tight-knit community on their own side. One bridge doesn't connect them in any real way. Splitting up the Oxley Reach peninsula just doesn't make sense for the people who live there.

I'm also disappointed by the idea of removing First Nations names like Maiwar. These names matter—they show respect for our shared history and reconciliation. Going back to colonial-era names feels like a step backwards.

What I support:

- Moving Fig Tree Pocket to Moggill (as suggested in proposals 14, 19, 32, 77, 95, 99, 100, 101, 108, 109, 112, 115, and 117). Fig Tree Pocket is already disconnected from the rest of Maiwar and fits better with Moggill in terms of geography and community links.
- Reuniting Bardon (south of Ithaca Creek) and Rosalie into Maiwar, as suggested in proposals 109 and 112 for Bardon, and 19, 81, 95, 100, 101, 109, 112, and 117 for Rosalie. These areas are currently split up even though they're part of the same community, with shared schools and local amenities.

What I oppose:

- The boundary crossing the Brisbane River to include Chelmer, Graceville, and Sherwood in Maiwar. The river is a natural boundary, and these suburbs are a distinct community that should stay together, not be split up across electorates.

Overall, I hope the Commission will keep communities together, respect natural boundaries like the river, and keep First Nations names. The LNP's proposal feels like it's about politics, not people. Please consider the proposals that actually reflect how locals live and connect.

Thanks for reading.