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**Submission:**

The current submission for changes to Nudgee involve moving portions of suburbs in and out of different electoral districts in order to balance the quotas. The current main given reason for the change is the drop in quota in Sandgate which will be approx. -10% by 2032 with -6.55% with the given change.

This change however redistributes portions of Taigum and Geebung across multiple districts creating an split which goes against community of interest factors since these splits mean portions of the suburb are represented by different people without any key reason or alignment to physical features or ways of communications or travel (ie. aligned to railways or major transport routes).

The portion of Geebung which is moved into Nudgee is primarily a commercial area and while Geebung was previously split, it was aligned to the railway line. Now it is a isolated pocket in Nudgee which is split by a waterway and railway line and the district boundary from the rest of district.

Similarly Zillmere is now effectively cut in half along no valid physical or transport boundary, creating a complex challenge for representation since they are now essentially a small isolated pocket in Nudgee vs a complete suburb previously.

This fracturing of individual suburbs means they risk being underrepresented in each district since their numbers are not great enough to generate support in their district for local initiatives that they need from the government and risk them being abandoned for support for projects in suburbs with larger populations which provide a larger return on investment for governments in terms of benefiting voters. A million dollar park in Wavell Heights or Northgate will impact more voters than a park in the smaller portion of Taigum or Zillmere.

We argue that the current submission does not take into account sufficiently the economic, social, regional or other community of interest factors when splitting up individual suburbs and appears to focus too heavily on head count in each area.

We propose realigning districts more closely with the existing locality boundaries to ensure each locality is effectively represented in their district.

We propose keeping Taigum in the existing Sandgate district, realign Zillmere

into Sandgate completely and realign Geebung completely into the Nudgee district. Given that Geebung had a natural boundary with Downfall Creek and the parks on the southern side, this still makes sense since aligned to physical boundaries.

The change allows alignment of quotas while keeping localities together rather than splitting them up and potentially creating orphaned pockets of areas which may become underrepresented in their district.

Thank you.