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Submission:

The original southern side of the electorate followed natural borders such as Wolston Ck and Bullock head, down to the Ipswich Motorway. Where it then follows Oxley Creek up to Sherwood Road.

The proposal cites "Mount Ommaney was at the lower end of the enrollment threshold at the commencement of the redistribution", so why was Darra and Sumner removed? To compensate this loss, Chelmer, Graceville and Sherwood were also added.

This division breaks the historical Centenary Suburbs by removing Sumner, as well as grouping disparate interest groups together from Chelmer, Graceville, and Sherwood.

The replacement of Darra with Chelmer swaps out a very much working class suburb with one of the most affluent in Brisbane. I do not believe this is a balanced redistribution of this electorate in the slightest.

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I have concerns regarding the following electorates:

The headings the electorate, followed by the section of the **Electoral Act 1992** that the redistribution fails to comply by.

Ashgrove - Section 46(1)(a) and (b)

As with the previous distribution, this electorate is too long. It starts at Jolly's Lookout in Mt Nebo and ends in Milton. The interests of the people living in these areas is going to be very different. The proposed distribution fails to address this issue while including Mt Coottha. This redistribution does not address issues with the large differences between interests of its inner most and outermost residents. To better satisfy Section 46(1)(a), the electorate should be consolidated as a mid-ring residential district, excising the inner-urban Milton/Petrie Terrace tail to Indooroopilly Electorate to allow for a more cohesive community of interest.

Indooroopilly - Section 46(1)(c)

The boundaries for this electorate are largely okay. However, the removal of Mt Coottha seemingly causes problems which can be seen elsewhere in the

electorate, as the boundaries now cross the highway further down to take a bite out of Chapel Hill. The boundary then does not follow Russel Terrace back across the highway, but instead down to Moggill Road, where it takes another chunk out of what was Moggill Electorate. These changes are cited as having a "strong argument for this area's connection to the rest of the district"; however, given that Indooroopilly is an old suburb with one of the largest consumer hubs of SEQ, this argument can be applied to literally any suburb within 5km of the shopping centre. This redistribution ignores natural borders in order to reach a resident count deficiency caused by the removal of Mt Coottha. If in search of population, the borders should be extended northwards to include Milton and Petrie Terrace.

Moggill - Section 46(1)(b), (c) and Section 46(2)

Following the strangeness on the east side of the electorate, The south west of the electorate's boundaries now spans the Brisbane River. Crossing over at the Bremer river and crossing back at Kholo Bridge, the boundary now contains Karalee, running along the Warrego Highway, grouping Karalee to Moggill. Not only are they under different council jurisdictions (Ipswich City Council vs Brisbane City Council) their needs and wants would be placed along side those of people who historically have wished the two sides not be connected at all (represented by the sustained existence of the Moggill Ferry). Although other crossings exist in the form of the Kholo bridge and Colleges Crossing, the people traveling towards Brisbane generally do not use these crossings, instead opting to drive down the highway or by train further south, which further isolates them from their neighbors north of the river. Thus, people in the Karalee area would be much better served by having a representative from the Ipswich area rather than the Brisbane side of the river. Moggill should stay on its side of the river, potentially spreading further west.

Mount Ommaney - Section 46(1)(a)

The south west of the electorate used to follow natural boundaries down to the Motorway. Containing all the Centenary suburb, along with the suburbs east of them up to Corinda and Oxley. The new distribution seeks to remove Darra and append Chelmer. According to the ABS, the difference in median weekly household income between these two suburbs is over \$1500. The removal of a working class suburb for one of the most affluent suburbs in Brisbane drastically shifts the electorates priorities and wants, creating a socio-economic discontinuity within the electorate. If Mount Ommaney Electorate were to start absorbing the Chelmer peninsula, it should be done so without losing a chunk of its population to Inala. For Inala Electorate, Richlands is currently experiencing significant medium-density residential growth, which suggests that the population quota could be met through organic growth rather than the haphazard removal of Darra from Mount Ommaney, but should it need additional population, Inala Electorate could spread eastward into Algester. The Forest Lake community is currently fragmented across Algester and Inala; consolidating this area would satisfy Section 46(1)(a) while solving population deficiencies in Inala without disrupting the Darra/Mount Ommaney link.

Summary

As stated by the proposal; due to changes in population, some electorate boundaries have been changed (which is normal!). However, in an attempt to meet population goals in some, many neighbouring electorates had their boundaries shifted haphazardly, with very little regard to the communities that they affect as the knock on effects from those primary redistributions. Some of these show up as small bites out of neighbouring electorates like between Indooroopilly and Moggill, while others cross physical borders to do so like in the south west of Moggill. Grouping disparate communities together in search of missing numbers.

Outside of the electorates that I'm personally aware of, there are areas such as Gaven which again, appear to have been redistributed with very little regard for natural borders such as highways and rivers reaching even further along what was already a very long electorate which has no chance of properly representing the population it contains. The electorate of Hill, where its abolishment appears to have been done with very little regard for the community. This lack of regard can be seen as well in electorates such as Woodridge where a significant portion of what was Woodridge now sits outside of what is now Woodridge.

Putting politics aside, this proposed redistribution puts to question whether or not the interests of the communities were considered as part of the redistribution or if it was just what was numerically convenient as some electorates have shifted in demographic incredibly drastically, while others have almost not changed at all.

Although **Section 45** requires that the electorate be within numerical limits, I urge the Commission to prioritize the **Matters to be considered in preparing proposed electoral redistribution (Section 46 of the Electoral Act 1992)** when making the decision to redistribute the electorates; utilizing the Brisbane River, major motorways, and LGAs as hard borders and seriously taking into consideration the people who live in the electorates when redistributing electorates instead of seeking numerical parity at the expense of community cohesion - preventing the fragmentation of established communities as detailed in this submission.