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1. Introduction

According to the ECQ's official enrolment figures (as at 29 August 2025), Pine Rivers has 41,716 electors, only +3.67% above the state average of 40,241. This is well within the $\pm 10\%$ tolerance set out in the Electoral Act 1992 (Qld).¹ In other words, Pine Rivers is already compliant with the quota requirement.

Given this fact, removing Lawnton, Bray Park and Strathpine from Pine Rivers is not necessary for quota compliance and would create disruption that the Act specifically seeks to avoid.

I have lived in Bray Park for 27 years, and these suburbs have always been part of the Pine Rivers community and historically under the Pine Rivers Shire Council. Removing them would strip the electorate of its historic heart.

2. Legislative Criteria Supporting Objection

a) Community of Interest (s.45, Electoral Act 1992)

- Lawnton, Bray Park and Strathpine are central to Pine Rivers' identity.
- Our Pine Rivers CBD is located in Strathpine.
- Residents share schools, sporting clubs, shopping hubs and community services that are identified with Pine Rivers and use Pine Rivers in their business names.
- Moving them into Kurwongbah fragments this strong community of interest.

b) Means of Communication and Travel (s.45)

- These suburbs are linked by Gympie Road, South Pine Road, and the Bray Park and Strathpine railway stations, all of which function as transport corridors serving Pine Rivers.

- Their commuting and service patterns clearly align them with Pine Rivers rather than Kurwongbah.

c) Physical Features (s.45)

- Current boundaries respect the Pine Rivers catchment and logical suburb divisions.
- Altering them cuts across established natural and service-based boundaries.

d) Minimising Voter Disruption (s.45)

- The Act requires minimising disruption where possible.
- Residents in these suburbs have long been represented as part of Pine Rivers, and Pine Rivers remains comfortably within quota even with them included.
- The proposed change would therefore be unnecessary disruption.

e) Historical Continuity and Naming Integrity

- The electorate's very name, Pine Rivers, comes from the district historically encompassing Lawnton, Bray Park and Strathpine.
- Removing them would sever the electorate from the origins of its name and identity.

3. Conclusion

Pine Rivers is already within quota (+3.67%), and therefore there is no legal or demographic necessity to transfer Lawnton, Bray Park and Strathpine into Kurwongbah.¹ I wish to preserve the historic and geographic integrity of the Pine Rivers electorate.

I respectfully request that Lawnton, Bray Park, and Strathpine remain within Pine Rivers.

Regards,
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14/9/2025

¹ Source: Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ), Enrolment figures as at 29 August 2025 – Pine Rivers: 41,716 electors (+3.67%); State total: 3,742,386 ÷ 93 = 40,241 average. Available at: [ECQ Enrolment Figures](https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/enrolment/enrolment-figures)
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