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Dear Sir/Madam

I welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed new electorate currently referred to as *Springfield*. In line with the Queensland Redistribution Commission's criteria for electorate naming—clarity, geographic relevance, voter recognition, and meaningful connection to place—I respectfully submit that the electorate should instead be named **Woogaroo**.

The proposed electorate encompasses a broad area that extends well beyond the suburb of Springfield. In fact, Springfield itself comprises only a small portion of the total district. Retaining the name *Springfield* risks implying a narrower geographic focus and may not provide voters with a clear or representative sense of the electorate's true extent.

Woogaroo is one of the earliest recorded names associated with this landscape, predating contemporary suburb boundaries. It is a name deeply rooted in the area's cultural and environmental history. At the physical centre of the proposed electorate lies **Woogaroo Forest**, a defining landmark recognised by residents across Springfield, Springfield Lakes, Brookwater, Augustine Heights, Bellbird Park, and Redbank Plains. Far from being peripheral, Woogaroo Forest is the ecological and cultural heart of the region.

Naming the electorate **Woogaroo** would therefore reflect a place that is geographically central, widely recognised, and historically significant.

The Woogaroo area is characterised by interconnected bushland corridors, ridgelines, and creek systems that have shaped both Indigenous use of Country and later European settlement.

- **Woogaroo Creek** forms a natural north–south spine through the proposed electorate.
- The surrounding ridgelines create a distinct natural boundary and remain important ecological and navigational markers.
- These features continue to influence how residents understand and describe where they live.

This topographic coherence makes Woogaroo a more accurate descriptor of the electorate's landscape than Springfield.

The Commission has emphasised the importance of electorate names that:

- clearly identify the district's location
- enhance voter recognition
- reflect meaningful geographic or cultural features
- avoid confusion with smaller administrative or suburb-based labels

Woogaroo already appears in the names of forests, creeks, reserves, and historical references throughout the region. It is a familiar and unifying term that avoids the ambiguity associated with "Springfield", which refers to only one part of the electorate and is often used in a narrower local government context.

Adopting the name Woogaroo would respectfully acknowledge the deep cultural history of the area and the longstanding connection of Traditional Owners to this landscape. It offers a name that is not only geographically accurate but also culturally grounded, reflecting a place that predates modern suburb development and continues to hold significance today.

Renaming the proposed electorate **Woogaroo** would provide a clearer, more representative, and culturally respectful identity for the district. It aligns with the Commission's naming principles, reflects the true geographic centre of the electorate, and resonates strongly with both the region's history and its contemporary community identity.

I commend this name to the Commission for its consideration.

Kind regards

Joseph

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