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Submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission

Re: Retention of Bray Park within the Electorate of Pine Rivers

Introduction

I write to provide a submission regarding the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries in Queensland. Specifically, I wish to express strong support for retaining the suburb of Bray Park within the electorate of Pine Rivers.

Community of Interest

The principle of “community of interest” is fundamental to electoral fairness. Bray Park residents share significant social, cultural, and economic ties with the broader Pine Rivers community. Local schools, sporting clubs, churches, shopping precincts, and health services are heavily integrated across the electorate. Relocating Bray Park into a different electorate would fracture these well-established networks and diminish effective representation.

Geographic and Transport Links

Bray Park is geographically connected to the rest of Pine Rivers by major roads and transport infrastructure. The Bray Park train station, located on the North Pine rail corridor, links directly to Strathpine and other key centres within Pine Rivers. Daily commuting patterns, road usage, and public transport flows all tie Bray Park firmly to the Pine Rivers electorate rather than to surrounding electorates.

Historical Alignment

Bray Park has been historically represented as part of Pine Rivers. Generations of residents strongly identify with this electorate, and the suburb’s civic, sporting, and social life has long been interwoven with the wider Pine Rivers community. Removing Bray Park would undermine this continuity and weaken residents’ sense of representation and belonging.

Effective Representation

The issues facing Bray Park—urban growth, infrastructure development, traffic

management, and cost-of-living pressures—align directly with those experienced across Pine Rivers. Retaining Bray Park within Pine Rivers ensures that residents are represented by a Member of Parliament whose advocacy reflects these shared priorities. Moving Bray Park into a neighbouring electorate would dilute this alignment and risk reducing effective parliamentary representation.

Electoral Fairness

Redistributions are necessary to maintain equitable enrolment numbers. However, equity must not be achieved at the expense of cohesive representation. Pine Rivers can meet enrolment requirements without removing Bray Park, thereby ensuring fairness while preserving community integrity.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully submit that Bray Park should remain within the electorate of Pine Rivers. Retaining this alignment will protect community of interest, maintain geographic and transport cohesion, preserve historical identity, and ensure effective and equitable representation.

No Submission Attachments