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I am writing to oppose the proposed transfer of Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy (1770) from the Burnett electorate to the Callide electorate.

Agnes Water and 1770 are coastal towns whose identity, economy, and daily life are closely tied to the broader Burnett region, including Bargara and Bundaberg. Tourism is the backbone of these communities, and the networks that support that industry — visitor traffic, regional branding, service delivery — all flow south toward Burnett, not inland toward Callide.

Callide is an inland electorate shaped by agriculture, mining, and rural industry. These are valid priorities, but they bear little resemblance to the needs of a coastal, tourism-driven community. Placing Agnes Water and 1770 within Callide would mean our interests sit alongside fundamentally different ones, reducing the quality of representation we receive.

Keeping these communities in Burnett means:

- Representation that reflects coastal and tourism-focused priorities
- Consistency with existing regional planning, economic development, and tourism strategies
- Stronger advocacy for the infrastructure and services a growing coastal population and visitor economy depend on
- Preservation of the community ties and service networks already in place

Boundaries should reflect real communities of interest. Agnes Water and 1770 belong — economically, socially, and culturally — with Burnett, not Callide.

I urge the Commission to retain Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy within the Burnett electorate.