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Submission:

I have lived in the Indooroopilly and Oxley area of Brisbane for over 35 years, most recently in the seat of Maiwar (Toowong) for the last 5 years. My daughter attends the local school (Indooroopilly State High School) and I studied at the University of Queensland. Because of this I have seen the area grow and change over time. The street where I lived in Toowong as a student was full of big weatherboard houses at the time, it is now full of apartments. In fact, the majority of dwellings in the existing boundaries of Maiwar are apartment blocks or soon will be developed into apartments.

I have seen that the LNP government has proposed to change the name of our electorate of Maiwar to Indooroopilly and to extend the electoral boundaries across the river to include the suburbs of Chelmer and Graceville. The nature of the houses in this area are all large, old Queenslanders with very few if any apartments. Given that the duty of the elected representative is to represent the interests of the electorate in state parliament, I believe having community and commonality amongst the residents of the electorate is important. The residents of Chelmer and Graceville who live in large old Queenslanders would have totally different lifestyles to those who live in apartments in Maiwar. Because of this, I believe that to maintain good electoral representation it would be best to keep the river as part of the southern boundary for the electorate and to extend the northern boundary from Lang Parade to Park Road. This will create a natural straight boundary with Baroona Road (see attached diagram) and to maintain the integrity of the Brisbane river as a boundary. If there was a requirement to make the electorate even bigger, extending the western boarder to include Chapple Road could be considered. The LNP also want to change the name of the electorate from the Indigenous name of Maiwar to its previous name of Indooroopilly. Indooroopilly is originally an Aboriginal word meaning "gully of leeches" or "gully of running water". Indooroopilly is also the name one of several suburbs within the electorate. If we want the electorate to be fully representative of all its constituents, then it makes no sense to signal out one suburb above another. It could just as easily be named Auchenflower, Toowong, Taringa, Saint Lucia, or Fig Tree Pocket. The one thing that all these suburbs have apart from the predominance of apartment style living, is the fact that they all, apart from Taringa, boarder the Brisbane River and the river plays an important part in the lives of the residents. Saint Lucia has beautiful parks and walking tracks on the river, Auchenflower Toowong and Indooroopilly have the Bicentennial bike way and walking paths along the river and Fig Tree Pocket has several parks and Lone Pine Kola Sanctuary all fronting the Brisbane River. As I have hopefully highlighted, the Brisbane River is a very important feature to the lives of the residents of Maiwar and as such I beleive it is important that this be recognised by naming the electorate after the river. Maiwar, being the Aboriginal word (Turrbal and Yugara people) for the Brisbane River is a fitting

name for a Queensland electorate bordered by the Brisbane River and Maiwar should be kept as the electorate name.
Please give my submission due consideration.

Yours sincerely
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Submission Attachments

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