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Hello,

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposed modifications to the Pine Rivers electorate, particularly the removal of the suburbs of Strathpine, Lawnton, and Bray Park. While I understand that redistributions are necessary to balance representation, I am concerned about the significant negative impacts these changes may have on the community.

The suburbs of Strathpine, Lawnton, and Bray Park are deeply interconnected with the broader Pine Rivers community. Residents of these areas are actively involved in community groups, sporting clubs, and volunteer organisations that operate across the current electorate. Removing these suburbs would fragment long-standing community ties, weakening cohesion and shared identity.

Local sporting clubs — including rugby league, cricket, and netball associations — draw members from all of these suburbs, with facilities often shared across boundaries. Splitting these areas between electorates risks complicating representation, creating duplication of advocacy, and weakening support for grassroots sport. Similarly, service groups and community organisations supporting youth, seniors, and multicultural residents operate across Pine Rivers and rely on consistent representation to ensure continuity of advocacy.

Daily life also aligns these suburbs naturally with Pine Rivers. Residents use local schools, transport hubs, shopping centres, and health services across the region. Removing them from the electorate risks creating a disconnect between political representation and the lived experience of the community.

Electoral boundaries should, wherever possible, respect natural communities of interest and reflect social, cultural, and economic connections. I therefore urge the Commission to reconsider the removal of Strathpine, Lawnton, and Bray Park from the Pine Rivers electorate and to prioritise maintaining the integrity of these community connections.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this feedback. I trust the Commission will carefully consider the broader impacts on community representation as part of this important process.

