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As a resident of Riverhills and a daily commuter, I use Wacol Train Station every day to get to work. It's the closest station to my home, and it's a critical piece of infrastructure for many people in the Centenary suburbs. Despite relying on Wacol station, it's currently located in the Inala electorate, which doesn't reflect where I live, shop, or send my kids to school. It's frustrating not being able to raise concerns or lobby for upgrades through my own local MP.

From a community perspective, Wacol is clearly connected to Mount Ommaney. The station, the surrounding roads, and even the local parks and shops are used far more by residents of Riverhills, Middle Park, and Westlake than by Inala. No one I know from Wacol uses facilities in Inala. We all head east.

Including Wacol in the Mount Ommaney electorate would make local representation more meaningful and responsive. It just makes sense. I would also support renaming the electorate to *Hayden* in honour of Bill Hayden, a respected former Governor-General, federal Labor leader, and long-time representative of this area. His contribution to public life and deep local roots make this a fitting tribute.

In summary: Wacol is functionally and socially part of the Mount Ommaney community, not Inala. Aligning the boundaries accordingly and renaming the seat after one of Queensland's great statesmen would better reflect the reality on the ground.