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Submission:

What areas do you want to lose and where should they be moved?

- The Ferny Grove portion of the suburb of Bunya to the Electorate of Everton. This contains 733 electors and will unify the suburb of Bunya in one electorate.

What is the sensible community/benefit argument?

The people of Bunya were not happy with the decision to split them across boundaries in 2017. Many people were confused and angry with the decision and felt their advocacy, rather than being doubled, was halved.

The Bunya Residents Association, which is a strong and active organisation, has strongly advocated for the reunification of Bunya in one electorate.

As a community of bushland acreage blocks, Bunya shares more with its nearby West, North and Eastern neighbours than they do with the Hills District to the South – which is Brisbane-facing.

What areas do you want to gain?

- The Everton portion of the suburb of Arana Hills. This contains 1,356 electors and will unify the suburb of Arana Hills in one electorate.

- The Everton portion of the suburb of Keperra. This contains 216 electors and will unify the suburb of Keperra in one electorate.

- The Everton portion of the suburb of Mitchelton. This contains 2,206 electors and will unify the suburb of Mitchelton in one electorate.

- The Everton portion of the suburb of Gaythorne. This contains 1,158 electors and will unify the suburb of Gaythorne in one electorate.

What is the sensible community/benefit argument?

Electors in these suburbs are confused. They usually contact my office to represent them in the first place because they reasonably believe that because they are in Mitchelton, for example, that they should be with their neighbours in Mitchelton in Ferny Grove.

There is every reason to keep whole suburbs in one electorate as much as possible because the residents have common purpose and central representation.

What areas are you most keen to keep?

Ferny Hills, Ferny Grove, Arana Hills, Upper Kedron, Keperra, Mitchelton, Gaythorne, Enoggera (particularly the Gallipoli Barracks) and, if possible, Alderley & Ashgrove.

What is the sensible community/benefit argument?

The suburbs of Ferny Grove, Upper Kedron, Ferny Hills, and Arana Hills, are bounded by state forests and form a natural residential cul-de-sac which is oriented towards Brisbane City. They also form a natural electoral boundary which should be kept intact to retain the area's strong community of interest. The Ferny Grove Electorate is anchored by the twin spines of Samford Road and the Ferny Grove Railway Line. Almost everyone who works, attends study or goes shopping uses one of these two transportation routes and it is also for this reason that the community of interest should be kept intact.

Any extra notes for the committee?

The boundaries of the Ferny Grove Electorate represent a natural grouping at present – for the most part. The addition of the Everton portions of the existing suburbs will allow Everton to retain its core demographic and shuffle northward – like other Brisbane outer suburban Northside electorates. This will smooth out the population explosions occurring north of the city.

2025 Redistribution Proposal

FERNY GROVE

Boundary of Electoral District

