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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the current redistribution process. As someone who has spent the past 11 years on Brisbane's northside and still spends a lot of time in and around Stafford, Windsor, and Gordon Park, I wanted to share a simple but important suggestion: Gordon Park and Windsor should be brought back into the Stafford electorate.

While they're currently part of Clayfield, that doesn't reflect how the suburbs function in practice. They've always felt naturally connected to suburbs like Stafford, Kedron and Lutwyche, socially, historically, and in terms of everyday life. Whether you're walking the Kedron Brook bikeway, shopping at Stafford City, or catching a bus along Lutwyche Road, there's no clear boundary separating these areas. People move through them as part of a shared local community.

Gordon Park doesn't have its own major schools, shopping centres, or sports grounds, so locals rely on neighbouring suburbs for these essentials. Kids go to school in Stafford or Kedron, most groceries are done at Stafford City or Market Central Lutwyche, and community sport happens at places like Hickey Park or along Kedron Brook.

Historically, Gordon Park was part of the Stafford electorate. This was true in earlier redistributions and especially around 2008, when maps clearly placed Gordon Park inside Stafford alongside Windsor and Lutwyche. This wasn't just a technical detail, it reflected how people in the inner northside lived and interacted.

There seems to be little to justify in terms of a social and community context, the grouping of Gordon Park and Windsor with suburbs on the other side of Lutwyche Road such as Ascot and Hamilton. A key example being that Windsor is far more interconnected with Newmarket for community, social and lifestyle than it ever has been with Ascot or Hamilton. Further, having Gordon Park, Windsor and Lutwyche transferred back to Stafford, even at the absorption of areas like Chermside into other electorates, would provide a far more balanced geographically and socially connected area.

Overall, I think that Windsor and Gordon Park firmly should sit within the electorate of Stafford. Bringing it back into the Stafford electorate would make local representation more consistent with how people here actually live.

Thanks again for your work on this process and for taking the time to consider local voices.

Kind regards
Tyler

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To whom it may concern,

Thank you for the chance to contribute to the conversation around my area's local state boundaries. As someone who previously lived in St Lucia, Indooroopilly, and Toowong, I wanted to share my perspective on how the current boundaries could better reflect the way our community actually lives and functions day to day.

To get straight to the point, I think Milton would be better served as part of the electorate of Maiwar.

While it's officially part of Cooper, that doesn't reflect how the suburb interacts with the rest of the city. Milton is directly connected through transport, daily routines, and community life to suburbs like Toowong, Auchenflower, and St Lucia, which are already in Maiwar. For example, the Ipswich train line links Milton Station with Auchenflower and Toowong, and anyone who cycles, drives, or catches a bus in this part of Brisbane knows that Coronation Drive and Milton Road act like arteries through the inner west. These are shared spaces used by people from all these suburbs every day.

Milton used to be part of the old Mount Coot-tha electorate before the 2017 renaming and change, and before that Milton, Auchenflower, Rosalie and Toowong were all grouped alongside since the first fair distribution after Bjelke-Petersens' gerrymandering - so there is also a solid historical case too.

In short, bringing Milton into Maiwar would and meaningfully simplify representation, especially for university students and residents. Appreciate your work on this process, and thanks again for considering community feedback.

Kind regards,
Tyler