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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed removal of the suburbs of Lawnton, Strathpine, and Bray Park from the Pine Rivers electorate. I believe this change would be detrimental to the effective representation and community cohesion of the residents in these areas.

1. Community of Interest

Lawnton, Strathpine, and Bray Park share a strong community identity and have longstanding social, economic, and cultural ties with the broader Pine Rivers area. Many residents use the same local services, schools, and community organisations. Splitting these suburbs from the Pine Rivers electorate would fragment these established networks, weakening community representation.

2. Effective Representation

Electoral boundaries should aim to ensure residents are represented by members who understand their local needs. The Pine Rivers electorate has historically focused on the priorities of these suburbs, including infrastructure development, public transport, and local services. Removing these areas risks diluting the attention and advocacy they currently receive, undermining the principle of effective representation.

3. Historical and Social Considerations

Lawnton, Strathpine, and Bray Park have historically been part of the Pine Rivers region. Residents identify with the electorate and its history, and there is a strong sense of belonging that aligns with the Pine Rivers community. Altering the boundaries would disrupt these connections and may create confusion and disconnection among residents.

4. Practical Implications

Changing electoral boundaries can impose additional administrative and logistical burdens, including voter confusion, changes to local service interactions, and a disconnect between residents and their elected representatives. Maintaining current boundaries ensures continuity and stability for both constituents and local government.

Conclusion

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the commission to retain Lawnton, Strathpine, and Bray Park within the Pine Rivers electorate. Preserving these suburbs in their current electorate aligns with principles of community cohesion, effective representation, and historical continuity.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Sincerely,

James Woodger

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