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Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy (1770) are coastal communities that are intrinsically linked to coastal living, national parks and have alignment with the broader Bargara / Bundaberg region. Their economic, social, and geographic alignment is firmly oriented toward the Burnett electorate. These towns are driven by a tourism-based economy, supported by strong connections to coastal visitation networks, regional branding, and service delivery systems that are already aligned with Burnett.

In contrast, the Callide electorate is predominantly inland, with economic priorities centred around agriculture, mining, and rural industries. The inclusion of Agnes Water and 1770 within Callide would create a misalignment of community interests and dilute effective representation for these coastal communities.

Maintaining Agnes Water and 1770 within the Burnett electorate ensures:

- Continued representation of coastal and tourism-focused communities with shared priorities
- Alignment with established regional planning, economic development, and tourism frameworks
- Stronger advocacy for infrastructure and services that support a visitor economy and a growing coastal population
- Preservation of community identity and existing service networks.

Electoral boundaries should reflect genuine communities of interest. Agnes Water and 1770 share far stronger ties—economically, socially, and culturally—with the Burnett electorate than with the inland-focused Callide electorate. Hence, for these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission to retain Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy (1770) within the Burnett