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This submission is regarding Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy possibly being moved from the Burnett electorate to the Callide electorate. I oppose this move and wish to hereby submit that Agnes Water area stay in the Burnett state electorate.

Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy (1770) are coastal communities that are intrinsically linked to coastal living and have alignment with the broader Bargara / Bundaberg region to the south.

The 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 and service delivery systems from suppliers, that are already aligned with Burnett.

In contrast, the Callide electorate is predominantly inland, with economic priorities centred around agriculture, mining, and rural industries. Suppliers are not likely to come from the Callide region to the Agnes Water region to service the local residents and businesses.

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

Electoral boundaries should reflect genuine communities of interest. Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy share far stronger ties—economically, socially, and culturally—with the Burnett electorate than with the inland-focused Callide electorate.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the Commission to retain Agnes Water and Seventeen Seventy (1770) within the Burnett electorate.

Thank you,
Campbell Rodgers