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Submission:

My submission is that the community of Highfields remain within the Toowoomba North Electorate.

Highfields is a long-established part of Toowoomba North and continues to grow with future likelihood that we will effectively connect in the future.

In the reading I've done I see that Toowoomba North is well within the electoral tolerance, and as such is not a priority, and would lead to Highfields being disconnected from its main community of interest. Highfields is connected closely to Toowoomba City through critical infrastructure and as the hub for much of the community's employment, services, such as education, health and shopping.

Representation through the elected members for Toowoomba North will continue to be an important mechanism for this communities' interests to be adequately represented through local and accessible representation. One particular reason why the connection with Toowoomba North is important is because Toowoomba Council does not have a ward system and is therefore not directly represented in local council. This is illustrated by stalled local developments including a community or town center.

There is no good reason to move Highfields outside of Toowoomba North particularly as it is well within Tolerance.

Any move to change the boundaries of Toowoomba North could be seen as a cynical move to disconnect the community from its community of interest.

Thank you for your consideration