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Submission:

Dear Queensland Redistribution Commission,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to provide comments on the suggestions received regarding the redistribution.

My comments relate to the redistribution of the boundaries of the South Brisbane electorate in which I am a resident, and, more specifically, include responses to the following submissions: *14, 100, 101, 110, 112*.

South Brisbane is a growing electorate and consequently the boundaries of the electorate must be narrowed to account for this. However, redistributions must carefully consider the impact of electorate boundaries on “communities of interest”. Thus, I outline my suggested changes in response to the above submissions.

Firstly, I oppose the shift of parts of Woolloongabba and Buranda (with potentially the exception being Buranda east of the Pacific Motorway, being a fairly natural boundary) into Greenslopes as proposed in *Submission 14* on the basis that these communities are significantly disconnected from other communities in the southeast of the current boundary (i.e. Camp Hill and Mt Gravatt).

Secondly, I oppose the proposal in *Submission 110* to shift Dutton Park to Miller on the basis that the current southern boundary of South Brisbane on the southern edge of the South Brisbane cemetery and the rail line form a natural boundary. Moreover, communities along Gladstone Road are more significantly connected to one another, and to the centre of the South Brisbane electorate.

Instead, to accommodate growth in South Brisbane, I support the proposals in *Submission 112* and, to some extent *Submissions 100* and *101* to move the section of Annerley south of Cornwall St to Miller, and to move East Brisbane east of Latrobe St and north of Vulture St to **Bulimba** (as proposed in *Submission 112*), as compared to Greenslopes (as proposed in *Submission 101*). In the case of Annerley, Cornwall St represents a clear natural boundary. In the case of East Brisbane, I believe the focal section of East Brisbane has sufficient community similarity to Bulimba, being more suburban than the more urbanised character of Kangaroo Point, South Brisbane and West End.