



The Federal Redistribution 2009
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Subject: Queensland Electoral Redistribution Submission

Redistribution Committee for Queensland
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Dear Commissioner:

The Birkdale Progress Association Inc. notes from the *Redland Times* (8 May 2009) that there is a submission to excise Thorneside from Bowman and move it to the northern electorate of Bonner. As a community group based largely at the north of Redland City with the aims of protecting and preserving the social, cultural, environmental and heritage aspects of the Redlands, the Birkdale Progress Assn asks that Thorneside remain in the Federal seat of Bowman.

Article: Changes for Bowman planned under electoral redistribution

Link: <http://www.baysidebulletin.com.au/news/local/news/General/changes-for-bowman-planned-under-electoral-redistribution/1507249.aspx?src=email>

1. Thorneside is geographically separated from Lota, Manly and Wynnum by Tingalpa Creek and has access directly only by rail line to the above suburbs.
2. Thorneside is historically part of Redlands and the interests of its residents are tied up with the local government area of Redland City, formerly Redland Shire Council.
3. Along with the suburbs of Birkdale and Wellington Point, Thorneside forms an entity which shares schools, shops, ambulance station, sports fields and other services. Road networks provide connectivity to Redland centres, though of course there is a road leaving the from the west.
4. Currently Thorneside residents are part of the local planning exercise and there is a great identity of interest in establishing the community of the future, including environmental issues.
5. Other bayside suburbs could join Bowman because of a shared responsibility for Moreton Bay, but the Redlands community wishes to stay together.

Yours sincerely
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