



The Federal Redistribution 2009
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The Australian Electoral Commission

As a former Councillor for the Deagon Ward of Brisbane City Council I wish to object to some of the boundary changes proposed for the Federal Division of Lilley.

The suburbs of Sandgate, Deagon, Shorncliffe and Brighton have a unique identity. As an elected representative for nine years (1991-2000) I had a close working relationship with the community within these suburbs.

The recent local government redistribution and amalgamation has established clear communities of interest in this region. The proposed Federal boundaries do not reflect these communities in respect of the northern boundaries of the Brisbane city council. The proposed seat of Petrie takes in a small portion of the Brisbane City Council by spanning the natural geographical boundary of the Pine River.

The Sandgate district has been part of the Brisbane City Council since the 1920's. The Federal Electorate of Lilley has traditionally been the northern seat of Brisbane City and strong community networks and associations have been built, reflecting these traditional boundaries. It makes clear sense for the electorate of Lilley to be the northern most seat of Brisbane City bordered by the clear natural and local government boundaries that have existed for many years.

The people of the Sandgate district regard their area as being Brisbane's northern township and very much part of Brisbane City. They regard Redcliffe and the peninsula area as a neighbouring shire, a separate city with its own interests and priorities. I believe they will find it difficult to understand why Brisbane's Northern community has been excised and joined to an electorate covering another city and the area north of that city. It would also appear, under the purposed redistribution, that the Sandgate district is the only Brisbane city area not to be represented by a Brisbane based, Federal Electorate. There is genuine local concern that the Sandgate district will become a secondary concern and isolated within the Petrie division, given it is the only part of the proposed Petrie Division that belongs to another city and local government authority.

I trust you will give due consideration to these important issues and ensure that Federal divisions recognise both the strong community linkages and geographical borders that bind the north side communities to Brisbane.

Yours faithfully

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