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Dear Redistribution Committee,
I live in Everton Hills and would like to express my support for Submission S10 by Arush Saraswat, particularly the proposed changes to the federal electorate of Dickson.
What appeals to me about this proposal is the idea of keeping Dickson entirely within the City of Moreton Bay. I think this would give the electorate a clearer geographical identity and better reflect the wider region that Everton Hills belongs to.
Everton Hills is a suburban area, but we are also part of a much larger council region that
includes growing residential communities, semi-rural areas and rural communities further west.
These places face some common

challenges, particularly when it comes to population growth, roads, infrastructure, development and protecting the natural environment.

I like the idea of Dickson being an electorate that reflects this mixture of suburban, peri-urban and rural communities, rather than extending into parts of Brisbane City Council.

Of course, people living in Everton Hills have plenty of connections with Brisbane. Many residents travel across the council boundary for work, shopping, education and other activities. I do not think that having a council boundary means communities on either side are completely separate.

At the same time, being part of Moreton Bay does matter. We share the same local council as communities such as Albany Creek, Arana Hills, Ferny Hills and areas further inland. There are common issues affecting the region, including local development, traffic congestion, public facilities and the need to keep infrastructure up with population growth. I think there is something sensible about federal electoral boundaries recognising these existing regional relationships where possible.

I also appreciate that federal electorates cannot be drawn solely around council boundaries.

Population requirements and communities of interest are important, and I understand the Redistribution Committee needs to balance a number of factors.

However, from my perspective as an Everton Hills resident, the arrangement proposed in
Submission S10 provides a clear way of grouping communities within Moreton Bay while recognising the region's suburban and rural characteristics.
For these reasons, I support the proposed changes to Dickson outlined in Submission S10 and ask the Committee to take these considerations into account.