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Dear Committee Members,

I am writing to lodge a formal public comment regarding the initial Round 1 suggestions for the federal redistribution of Queensland, with a specific focus on the Division of Ryan and its bordering electorates.

Having reviewed the published suggestions, I strongly support submissions advocating a northern and western boundary expansion for Ryan—incorporating Samford Valley SA2 and the Kholo–Mount Crosby–Karana Downs area—while objecting to alternative proposals which rely on cross-river adjustments or outdated historical precedents.

My comments evaluate the published suggestions against the criteria set out under s.66 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*:

1. Quotas (s.66(3)(a))

The AEC baseline data shows that Ryan faces a projected enrolment deficit of -10.55% (118,545 electors against a projected quota of 132,526), putting it 9,343 electors outside the -3.5% tolerance.

- **Samford Valley SA2 Transfer (from Dickson):** Adds ~10,350 projected electors (+9,820 current), bringing Ryan to 128,895 electors (-2.74% variance) and achieving quota within tolerance.
- **Kholo–Mount Crosby–Karana Downs Corridor Transfer (from Blair):** Adds ~5,050 projected electors (+4,780 current), bringing Ryan to 133,945 electors (+1.07% variance), placing the division comfortably at the midpoint of the +/-3.5% band.

2. Communities of Interest (s.66(3)(b)(i))

- **Samford Valley SA2:** Topographically enclosed by the D'Aguilar and Taylor Ranges, Samford forms a natural basin orienting its commercial, social, and transport ties eastward into Brisbane. Residents rely on retail hubs in Ryan (Shooping preccincts in Keperra and Brookside in Mitchelton).

- Lacking a local state high school, secondary students attend Ferny Grove State High School in Ryan or travel via dedicated bus lines to independent colleges across Ryan (including Mt Maria, Marist Ashgrove, BBC, and St Peters).

- **Kholo–Mount Crosby–Karana Downs:** This corridor sits entirely within the Brisbane City Council (Pullenvale Ward). Grouping these ratepaying electors inside the Ipswich-centric division of Blair creates an administrative disconnect.

- Commercial routines follow Mount Crosby Road and Moggill Road to Kenmore Village and Indooroopilly Shopping Centre inside Ryan.

3. Means of Communication and Travel (s.66(3)(b)(ii))

- Samford Road (State Route 22, carrying >18,000 vehicles daily) serves as the primary arterial connecting Samford directly to Ferny Grove and Keperra in Ryan.
- Furthermore, the Ferny Grove rail terminus—supported by its 1,400-space park-and-ride facility—functions as the primary mass-transit portal for Samford Valley commuters travelling into the CBD.

4. Physical Features (s.66(3)(b)(iii))

- Samford Valley is enclosed by the D'Aguilar and Taylor Ranges forming a natural basin orienting into Brisbane along the Samford Valley Rd.
- To the Southwest of the electorate, the Brisbane River acts as a natural barrier: Karana Downs and Mount Crosby connect to Ipswich across Colleges Crossing and Mount Crosby Weir bridge, both of which are regularly submerged during flood events, cutting off access to Ipswich, and diverting all traffic east through Kenmore into Ryan.
- Restoring Karana Downs to Ryan re-establishes a clean, flood-resilient river boundary.

5. Regional Balancing

This alignment assists in other seat boundaries:

- **Blair** sheds 5,050 electors to Ryan, reducing its excess surplus from +18.73% to +14.91% and aiding its contraction toward Ipswich.

- **Dickson** sheds Samford Valley (-10,350) but it could absorb Narangba and Kurwongbah (+15,500) from Longman (+18.34% surplus). This move alone leaves Dickson compliant at 129,991 projected electors (-1.91% variance) and aids Longman's surplus quota .

Respectfully submitted,

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Resident of the Division of Ryan

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