



THE FEDERAL
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Submission CS62

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Comment on suggestions – Queensland federal redistribution
Electorates referred to: Ryan, Dickson, Petrie, Longman
Suggestions referred to: S60 (and S36)

Dear Redistribution Committee,

My name is Darren Condon and I live in Ferny Hills. I'm writing in support of moving the northern boundary of Ryan so that Leslie Patrick Park, home of Arana Sports and Arana Netball and the communities along the Samford Road corridor sit in the same federal division. I am a member of Arana Leagues Club and have been involved with my family with Arana Spots for five years.

At the moment the federal boundary runs along Kedron Brook, right beside the park. On a map it looks like a natural line. On the ground it isn't. Families cross the Brook every day on local roads and footbridges to get to training and games, and a large share of the people using those fields come from Mitchelton and the surrounding suburbs on the Ryan side.

Splitting one sporting precinct from the community that uses it causes real problems:

- **Funding.** Grassroots clubs depend heavily on federal community and sports infrastructure programs. When the facility sits in one electorate and most of its families live in another, it's harder to work out who to approach and harder to build a case for support.
- **Advocacy.** A single community club shouldn't need to deal with two federal members to get a letter of support or raise a local issue. With one division, it would have one point of contact.

The enrolment figures support this change. Ryan is projected to be 10.55% below the projected enrolment quota, roughly 9,300 electors short of the permitted minimum, so it must grow. Extending it north across Kedron Brook and up the Samford Road corridor is a sensible way to do that, because those communities already look towards Mitchelton and Samford Road for shopping, schools and sport.

I recognise this would take electors from Dickson, which is also under quota (by 5.80%). I would ask the Committee to make that up from Petrie and Longman, which are projected to be about 8% and 18% over quota respectively.

As I understand it, Submission S60 takes this broad approach, and I support it. Along the same lines, S36 makes a good case that Keperra and the suburbs north of Kedron Brook share one community. My view is that the answer is to bring that community together in Ryan.

Thank you for considering my comment.

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