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The Chair
Redistribution Committee for Queensland
GPO Box 2590
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir

I wish to object to the "Proposed redistribution of Queensland electoral divisions September 2017" report. The proposed boundary changes outlined for Ryan and Blair, especially relating to Karana Downs, Mount Crosby area is a major concern to my family. We are the forgotten suburb which appears neither Councils which to support.

When we moved to Karana Downs in 1989 we were in the Moreton Shire Council who had funds and catered to our area with no problems, streets were swept, we had a mobile Health baby clinic, the parks maintained on a more regular basis than now and the area was extremely well managed with excellent services.

Then we were changed to Ipswich City Council are rates were doubled and we got nothing for our money, possibly our rates helped build the new Forest Lakes area, we certainly did not see any benefit for the change.

Finally we were changed to Brisbane City Council, who have managed the area better than Ipswich. Changing our existing administrative boundary would not be of benefit to our community and would only cause more problems.

Currently we are battling to have our postcode changed from 4306 (an area covering 130km and five federal electorates). This postcode causes untold problems and extra financial costs:

- Several attempts to get Foxtel technicians to come out to rectify problems were explained by the fact that we were rural and we had 2 appointments cancelled as it was too far
- Karana Downs is part of Brisbane City Council (28.2km from the City)
- Karana Downs postcode 4306 could be merged with either Bellbowrie Post Code 4070 or Kenmore 4069 where there is a Mail Delivery Centre.
- Slow mail - I have had a share registry letter take 10 weeks to be delivered (Post office advised me to tell the Share Registrar to register their mail -149,381 shareholders would be cost prohibitive- would Australia Post do this for their share letters?)
- Centrelink letter has taken 6 weeks to be received.
- The problem seems to be due to the fact the postcode 4306 covers 130kms and 56 localities at a recent community meeting we were told our mail could go via Toowoomba or Caboolture???
- On the weekend Ikea was going to charge \$200 for a sofa bed to be delivered to Karana Downs but to Kenmore it was \$80.
- Insurance premiums and other charges are higher due to our postcode.
- Alinta Energy does not include 4306

I have only heard about this possible change of Blair taking us out of Brisbane and into Ipswich this week by my daughter as I do not get onto Facebook very often and learnt about the protest. I would like to add that I agree with everything that has been included in the Protest Group letter and include their reasoning to support my protest.

This news has not been widely known in the area, I have not read anything about it in the local Bulletin, Chronicle or Westside News. There has been nothing said from the local councillors in our area - no door knock, there has been no letter box drop to inform us of this major change.

My family strongly objects to this this proposed redistribution.



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