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Suggestion 6

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To whomever it concerns

Dear Sir/Madam

I and every other resident I have every spoken to over several years (which is a large number), see our current federal electoral boundary as absurd, and contrary to the Electoral Act under which boundaries are drawn up. We are currently in the federal electorate of Flynn, which is centred on Gladstone, and have minimal practical associations with that area.

The township of Moore Park Beach is 20 km from regional town of Bundaberg, and all our associations are with Bundaberg. Bundaberg is rightly in the federal electorate of Hinkler, because that is where Bundaberg's regional associations lay. Moore Park Beach and the surrounding area should be in the federal electorate of Hinkler along with Bundaberg.

Just so you know, the general comment one hears when our federal electoral boundary is discussed is that the boundary was not draw on the basis of common association, but was corruptly influenced by the political parties and drawn to achieve a corrupt political objective. I make no comment of that nature, but well understand why it is said. It is not healthy that boundaries should exist, that appear so far outside of the Electoral Act that allegations of corruption get so regularly made, and achieve such traction within a community. I doubt there would be a single elector in this area that believes our boundary was drawn on the basis of common association. This matter needs to get your very serious consideration, because the current circumstance acts to undermine the faith electors have in our political institutions. I and other electors don't want that.

I and other electors of this area would like to be included in the same electorate as Bundaberg, which is our area of natural association.

Yours sincerely,

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