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Secretary to the Electoral Distribution Commissioners
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Re: Review of the 2011 Electoral boundaries - Bateman electorate.

Dear Sir / Madam

May I make a submission on the review of the 2011 Electoral boundaries.

I have lived at this same address for the last 30 years. During that time I have seen the electoral boundary for our electorate change at least three times and we have had four different names. The suburb of Booragoon has, at some stage during this time, been divided into three different electoral boundaries and names for the same electoral period. I believe this causes confusion, dissatisfaction and leads to disinterest in our State elections. I volunteer at a Community Information Centre in Booragoon and it is a common occurrence for people not to know their electoral boundary, their electorate name and their electoral representative. If we had some continuity and stability this would help people identify and become more knowledgeable with their area. This in turn leads to a better community spirit and the community would, perhaps, become more involved with local issues.

The general population generally like to identify with their suburb name, the name of their electorate and representatives and the area, services and features that it includes. Simply put there is no need to change for changes sake just to be numerically exact for a few hundred people. As long as the districts are numerically similar there should be no need to change. If there were a change to the electorate of Bateman it would be the fourth in as many reviews.

My submission therefore requests that the name and boundaries of the Bateman electorate remain unchanged for the following reasons:

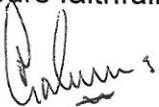
It would be against the community interest for the reasons outlined above.

The land use patterns have not changed.

The physical features are the same.

The existing boundary is satisfactory and is well defined by the current road structure.

Yours faithfully



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