

From: [Doug & Jackie](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: Electoral Boundaries
Date: Friday, 26 August 2016 6:19:57 PM

Dear Secretary,

We have lived in Highfields for the past eight years, and in that time have come to regard Highfields as part of Toowoomba.

We have our Doctor & Dentist in Toowoomba – also do our Banking & most of our shopping in there.

If Highfields was moved into another area, such as Nanango, we would be many kilometres away from our Representative.

Also, this being a fairly large area & growing rapidly, it would place a great strain on that Representative who already has such a large electorate to cover.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Yours Sincerely,

DOUG & JACKIE TOMS



From: [rraabe](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: TOOWOOMBA NORTH ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW
Date: Friday, 26 August 2016 8:40:08 PM
Attachments: [TOOWOOMBA NORTH.docx](#)

Attached please find my objection in relation to above.

Thanks
Richard Raabe
8 Ninderry Drive
HIGHFIOELDS 4352



25 August 2016

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: TOOWOOMBA NORTH ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Thank you for considering my submission regarding the review of State electorate boundaries. I wish to comment regarding Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights which is currently in the electorate of Toowoomba North and is regarded as part of the City of Toowoomba on the Great Dividing Range.

I am concerned that the commission may consider moving the northern boundary of Toowoomba North to the south of my community effectively placing us in a rural electorate.

A great many residents of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights, such as myself, moved to this area from within Toowoomba because Highfields/Blue/Mountain Heights is, effectively, an outer suburb of Toowoomba.

The local council has recognised the strong community ties between Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities, Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play across Toowoomba and Highfields – **not** rural areas to our North.

Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs.

Another important point that must be considered is that the existing electorate is a source of workforce and small business for both Highfields and Toowoomba areas. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region.

Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights stops on a regular basis throughout the day. There is no such correlation with buses and routes from here to other centres outside of long-range bus routes.

Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights has poor mobile phone reception as well as a lack of NBN. My methods of fast access and communication with my member if they are remotely located are limited, whereas I can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently in Toowoomba North. Also many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication or access to private transport in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents.

The redistribution of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will financially and socially isolate and deny this community equal and appropriate access to their elected representative.

I am a senior who resides in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights. Practically everything I need is in Toowoomba. I want to stay in my home and I don't want to be isolated from the services that I need including direct access to my elected representative to do this.

Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate.

All school children in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights attend public or private schools in Highfields or Toowoomba with all teens in Grade 10 to 12 attending High School in Toowoomba.

The typical Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights resident rarely travels north of Highfields. All hospitals, local, state and federal services, private enterprise, entertainment, events, shows and the like are either in Highfields or, more commonly, in Toowoomba.

The Toowoomba Region includes both Highfields and Toowoomba – with similar rating levels, requirements for new developments, shared social events and reciprocal membership rights at the council pool and gymnasiums of each of the communities.

I believe we are quite typical of the family residents of Highfields and I trust you will note that our lifestyles place us firmly in metropolitan Toowoomba as opposed to a rural electorate.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative.

As a local resident of the Toowoomba North electorate for many years, I feel strongly against the redistribution boundaries proposed by the Australian Labor Party. It lacks any real understanding of the needs of my local Community.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will create great confusion and disruption for this community which is strongly linked both culturally and geographically to Toowoomba.

To redistribute Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights to a rural electorate will cause significant isolation and concerns for the residents needing to access the services of their elected representative.

Highfields is located a short distance 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for these suburbs to remain part of Toowoomba.

The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rural based seat.

I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who finds the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much appropriate option.

It would be a great shame to detract from the strong community mindedness of the region by cutting our common representation from Toowoomba North Electorate.

To avoid the isolation of the community I suggest that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary.

Thank you for considering my comments

Yours faithfully

Richard RAABE

8 Ninderry Drive, HIGHFIELDS 4352

Keep Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights in the Toowoomba community

From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Beryl Harch
Date: Saturday, 27 August 2016 10:09:46 AM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Beryl Harch**

Contact Details

- Name: Beryl Harch
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 Crestview Crescent

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text:

I just have learnt of a planned redistribution of the Blue Mountain Heights & Highfields from the Toowoomba electorate to a neighbouring electorate whose base is hundreds of kilometers away. I have lived in this area for nearly 40 years in the Blue Mountains area, do all my shopping, business, doctors etc. in Toowoomba and wish to have a representative with in reasonable access not in an area to which I would have no access at all. As I get older my ability to drive the distance to another electorate would be almost impossible, our mobile phone service is not completely reliable and I have limited internet access. All of these things would impact on my ability to have effective representation.
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From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [arcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Murrumba - Gail Robinson
Date: Saturday, 27 August 2016 12:35:49 PM

Online submission for **Murrumba** from **Gail Robinson**

Contact Details

- Name: Gail Robinson
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 Wybalena Rd, Pomona Q4568

Submission Details

- Submission: Murrumba

- Text:

Hacker and Robinson 3 Wybalena Rd, Pomona, Q4568 re Queensland Redistribution for Murrumba Dear Sir / Madam, Re: Possible Redistribution of Deception Bay As a business operator in this area since 2006, and having witnessed the growth around the district, I am fully aware of the need for electoral reform. However, I think it is important that Deception Bay remains as a whole and unique community, which has, through its geographical position, over the years, developed its own character, identity, and sense of cohesion: • our business offers services for a number of groups concerned with community development and early literacy. Deception Bay has been identified in a number of National studies as an area with low levels of literacy, low socioeconomic prosperity and transient vulnerable families. We have many place-based initiatives that are working hard to address this but dividing up the area will effect funding and present it in a regional profile which often means Deception Bay gets overlooked or put in the too hard basket. • There are many new families making Deception Bay home. It is important that they have reasonable access to their local member in Deception Bay as transport remains a huge problem. • It is really important that local people who already face many disadvantages are not further affected by electoral boundary division which will confuse them as to a sense of place and identity. • Dividing Deception Bay will undoubtedly lead to less service provision and reduced access to programs that deliver to this unique clientele...it will result in regionalization- a trend already happening which just doesn't work in this area. I ask, therefore, for the Commission to look at Deception Bay more in terms of a cohesive cultural entity, than as a series of disparate groups, to be split by dividing areas from each other on a purely numerical basis. Programs to vulnerable families and children need to be consistent and holistic. Yours sincerely, Gail Robinson 27 August 2016
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To: [arcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Eldred Harch
Date: Saturday, 27 August 2016 1:31:40 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Eldred Harch**

Contact Details

- Name: Eldred Harch
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 crestview Crescent Blue Mountain Heights QLD 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

I have lived in Blue Mountain Heights in the State seat of Toowoomba North for over 36 years and see no reason for the electorate to be changed in the redistribution underway. If I need to talk to my member over any concerns I have it is far better & more practical if that can be in the vicinity rather than 2 or 3 hours away. This change will effect all residents of Highfields & Blue Mountain Heights, especially the elderly. It is my view that there would be a significant outcry from this fast growing community of Highfields & Blue Mountain Heights if the residents were forced to travel to see their elected representative hundreds of kilometres away. I would ask that you consider keeping Highfields wthin the Toowoomba North Elecorate, Eldred Harch
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From: [schard40](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: Objection to Highfields electoral boundary changes
Date: Saturday, 27 August 2016 1:50:09 PM
Attachments: [letter LNP - Recovered.docx](#)

Please find attached my letter regarding my disapproval of changes to our electoral boundaries.

Regards SE&LR Chard
Highfields 4352

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Tab A on the Telstra Mobile network



S&L Chard

13 Bronwyn Crt

Highfields 4352

27 August 2016

Ref Objection to Highfields electoral boundary being changed.

Whom it may concern

We have lived in Highfields in the State seat of Toowoomba North for a number of years and see no reason for the electorate to be changed in the redistribution currently underway.

Highfields has poor mobile phone reception, as well as a lack of NBN. My methods of fast access and communication with my member if they in Nanango are limited, whereas I can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently, in Toowoomba North.

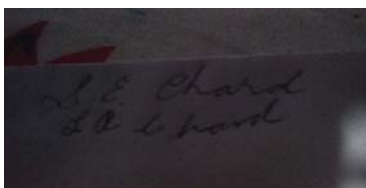
Many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face to face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields /Blue Mountain Heights residents.

It is my view that there would be a significant outcry from this fast growing community of Highfields /Blue Mountain Heights if the residents were forced to travel to see their elected representative hundreds of kilometres away.

I would ask that you consider keeping Highfields within Toowoomba North Electorate.

It is only Labour who want to change this electorate as Highfields is known to be a very LNP voters.

Yours sincerely

A photograph of a handwritten signature in dark ink on a light-colored surface. The signature appears to be 'S&L Chard' written twice, with the second line being a correction or a second attempt. The ink is slightly blurred, and the background is dark and out of focus.

SE&LR Chard

From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [arcsubmissions](#)
Subject: All Districts - John Andrews
Date: Saturday, 27 August 2016 4:39:55 PM
Attachments: [Redistribution Comment..docx](#)

Online submission for **All Districts** from **John Andrews**

Contact Details

- Name: John Andrews
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: Unit 3 13 Wattle Street Cooroy.

Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
As well as other matters that I have embodied in the attached word file my significant comments that to use the Railway line to split Communities would be WRONG WRONG WRONG. Using the Railway line as a general divider is fine, but where there are small communities like Glasshouse, North to Yandina, Eumundi, Cooroy, Pomona, Kin Kin and the like. Put a circle around the effective residential area and add that area to the most appropriate electorate.
- Text: Having lived in Cooroy for some 8 Years and having been involved with the community I know that any other method would be WRONG, WRONG. WRONG. It would not take long for you "Skilled Mappers" to look at my major suggestion of using existing federal boundaries as the basis of the 93 Electorates. Seeing the state boundaries are going through so much change, this would be an appropriate time to start a long term benefit. John Andrews Cooroy Queensland phone 54426934 or 0416778184.
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Submission to

**The Secretary Queensland Redistribution Commission.G.P.O Box1393
Brisbane Queensland.**

**Background. My name is John Andrews Born 16/6/1935 (81years). My
residential Address is Unit 3 13 Wattle Street Cooroy 4563.**

Relevant work experience: Registered as a Licenced Surveyor September 1959. Private Practice 1959 to 1961. Chief Surveyor British Phosphate Commissioners 1961 to 1963. Employed by Engineering Surveys PTY LTD Kingston on Thames 1963 to 1965. On loan to Cambridge University locating Cambridge Radio Telescope. Established a private survey practice in Brisbane and became responsible for the location and easements for the Roma Brisbane Gas Pipeline This practice was amalgamated with another practice and we undertook the resumptions of the Wivenhoe Dam. At the same time the firm was heavily involved in all forms of project developments from Cairns to the border. In 1976 I was elected as an Alderman for the Gap Ward of the Brisbane City Council and spent two terms to 1982. I became Leader of the Opposition in 1981.

With the advent of the emerging Geographic Information Industry I was inveigled into being involved with the established of The Australian Key Centre in Land Information Studies (AKCLIS). It was about this time that your Department and the AEC became interested in GIS as a tool for the redistribution of Electoral Boundaries. During expo 88 I think I showed a software package (Mapinfo) to one of your officers. I am not sure what is being used at the moment but clearly having observed the results of the AEC efforts in the latest Federal Elections it is exciting. The Databases that are being established by 18 year old persons living at an address in Queensland filling out one form which goes to the AEC and back to Queensland is holistic.

I am sure I can make a worthwhile contribution to this debate. There is a significant change to be made both for this and subsequent redistributions at both a AEC and Queensland level. The technology of GIS software packages makes for a more accurate and considered approach.

Having read the all the significant submissions to the proposed redistribution including the one from the gentleman in Victoria, I am surprised that using the same criteria we can get such different shapes of 93 Electorates.

IN MY HUMBLE VIEW ANY SUGGESTION BY ANY OF THE SUBMISSIONS THAT A RAILWAY LINE BE USED AS A BOUNDARY CUTTING COMMUNITIES ON THE NORTHERN RAILWAY LINE LIKE YANDINA, EUMUNDI, COOROY, POMONA AND KINKIN IS WRONG WRONG WRONG.

Having lived in Cooroy and having been involved in the community, I know that the line is an important factor in the community of interest of towns as mentioned above. I suspect there are others in the same category from Brisbane to Cairns. The whole of the community wants to “own” it’s Member.

There is in my opinion a totally different view which would solve some of the common problems that are enunciated in most of the major submissions.

I would suggest that the external boundaries of the Federal Divisions be maintained for the 30 AEC electorates in Queensland. The 93 new Queensland State Seats be wholly contained within the external boundaries of the 30 AEC Divisions.

The three (3) largest AEC electorates namely Maranoa, Leichhardt and Kennedy be subdivided into 4 equal parts in accordance with the perceived community of interest and area weighting. Giving a total of 12 new Queensland seats.

The balance of the existing 27 AEC Divisions each be subdivided into 3 new Queensland seats using the existing external boundaries as the base map. This provides the balance of the 81 additional new Queensland Seats which together with the above seats complies with the requirements of the proposed Redistribution of 93 Seats.

The Statistics at the close of rolls for the 2016 Federal elections.

The total number on the combined rolls in Queensland was 3,075,709. This equates to an average of 102,523 divided by 3 as above = 34,174. The invitation for written suggestion provides for a figure of 33,065 for an electorate without an area factor.

The smallest electorate is Oxley with 95,008 divided into 3 equal State electorates the 32670 voters, or 95.6% of a quota (ie-4.4 %) based on the close of Rolls at the latest Federal election. The largest electorate was Fairfax which on the same basis was 4.6% above a quota. The trigger for a redistribution was certainly not met. The other trigger of adding or subtracting a seat was likewise not met. The AEC Redistribution Act provides that in December 2016 the state of the numbers within the electorates should be examined and TWEAKED if necessary to bring them closer together.

If a Redistribution was done in Queensland based on my suggestion above, and then a December 2016 RETWEAKING was done at an AEC level, it would be very simple to RETWEAK THE STATE BOUNDARIES before the next election. It may be that the AEC may choose to do it's RETWEAK first. Your Stats that you have gathered would be valuable to the AEC.

Considering that one of the noted common problems in major submissions was deciding on the names of new seats. Further considering the fact that the all the seats both old and new may or may not be in harmony with existing names why not abandon all the existing names and call them (starting in the North-east corner of Blair) Blair 1, Blair 2 and Blair3. Brisbane 1 Brisbane 2 and Brisbane3. and No 1, No2 and No3 for the balance of the 27 electorates that are to be divided.

The electorates of Maranoa Leichhardt and Kennedy be Numbered 1 to 4.

John Andrews Cooroy.

From: [bethhern](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: Electoral Boundaries
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 10:23:09 AM

To The Beaudesert Electorate.

I wish to object to the LNP's submission for the Beaudesert Electorate.

It seems like this proposal, if accepted, would place an electoral boundary very close to the Boonah town – in fact within the locality limits. Hoya Road is a main thoroughfare in and out of Boonah, and this is a proposed boundary. An electoral boundary between Beaudesert Electorate and Lockyer Electorate in the streets of Boonah is a ridiculous proposal.

Ideally, the present Beaudesert Electorate boundaries should be maintained on the western side of the Electorate. This places these areas together with the "Scenic Rim" localities.

However, if it was necessary for any localities around Boonah are to be "split off", the boundary should be north of Roadvale and west of Boonah (at least to the Cunningham Highway) and include Kalbar in the same electorate as Boonah. These three localities are like "peas and carrots" (and there are a lot of carrots grown in the region) – they are inextricably linked by history, business, roads, communications, people and families. The "community of interest" test could not be met more than in this region.

In the same vein, it must be recognised that the small localities that surround Boonah (like Mt French, Kents Lagoon, Hoya, Teviotville, Allandale, Bunburra, Cannon Creek, Wallaces Creek, Coochin, Frenches Creek, Mt Alford, Maroon, Croftby, Carneys Creek etc) make up what is commonly known as "Boonah".

Since amalgamation of Boonah Shire with Beaudesert in 2008, the old "Boonah Shire" has faced many difficulties in being represented and serviced from a Beaudesert-based local government. It is the "little brother" region when compared with the eastern side of the Scenic Rim LGA. However, the fact that Boonah was not split, we felt we still had a voice and an identity, and it is now working. Splitting this community in this manner is a ridiculous idea, and we ask that this be reconsidered.

This situation should not be made worse by including this region in an Electorate that is even further removed from the region than Beaudesert – whether it be Ipswich or Lockyer based. Boonah and the various localities that surround it (with rural residential and rural land) are essentially the same community. It would be silly for people on one side of a street only 1km from the centre of Boonah to be in Gatton or elsewhere, while people on the other side of the street and the rest of Boonah and other areas near Boonah are in Beaudesert electorate – which is where our local government (Scenic Rim) has its chambers and main offices. It would effectively take away the opportunity for those voters to have an effective voice with their MP.

Thank you for considering our submission.

Beth Hern

LNP Member
Beaudesert Electorate



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [qrcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Ben Hallam
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 10:31:32 AM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Ben Hallam**

Contact Details

- Name: Ben Hallam
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 6 Jody Court, Highfields, 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

RE: Boundary Review. I live in Highfields, and have done for nearly 20 years. Highfields is, from my perspective, and I believe most of the residents, a more closely aligned suburb of Toowoomba than it is to Crows Nest, Nanango, Yarraman or Kingaroy, all smaller population and economic centres well to the North of Highfields and Toowoomba. The Highfields economy and social life is inexorably linked to Toowoomba, with it being just 20 to 30 minutes away on the main New England Highway link. If particular business cannot be done within Highfields - shopping, medical, education, training and specific work activities, then for sure most people will be working in or around Toowoomba. It therefore makes sense to continue with being a part of the Toowoomba social/business/education and employment mix, and thus our representation should be closely associated with a ward of Toowoomba. Whilst Highfields might once have been a rural community, it

- Text: clearly no longer is. There is little rural services business located at Highfields, and the region has become very much a dormitory suburb of Toowoomba. If there is any logic to maintaining involvement in Local, State and Federal politics, it should be as a part of the community where the majority of affected people have their interest and livelihoods. A remote, or more rurally focused representative will not be so readily active in the interest of this still rapidly growing northern suburb to Toowoomba, and therefore many residents would have a weakened voice within the body politic. On this basis, it is strongly recommended that any boundary review does not disconnect Highfields from the core centre, Toowoomba, upon which its livelihood and service requirements depend so strongly. My view, and that of my family, is that it would be retrograde to disconnect Highfields representation from its strong and enduring relationship with Toowoomba, and that to do so would reduce the potential for Highfields residents to be effective participants in community actions within the proposed revised electorate of Nanango. I therefore vote NO to revising the electorate boundary that could move Highfields out of Toowoomba North. Thanks Ben Hallam

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From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Michael Weston
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 12:58:32 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Michael Weston**

Contact Details

- Name: Michael Weston
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 1 Ballantyne Ct Highfields Qld 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: As a local resident of Toowoomba North I feel strongly against the redistribution boundaries proposed by the Australian Labour Party. This submission in its' entirety is not even thought out from a logistics point of view but does smell of "divide and rule" tactics used by socialists and communists throughout history. Highfields and Blue mountain Heights should remain part of Toowoomba North. Historically the synergy between Toowoomba and Highfields are so intertwined that it would cost millions to change anything.
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From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Kathy Dobson
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 1:41:49 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Kathy Dobson**

Contact Details

- Name: Kathy Dobson
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 8 Crestview Cres Blue Mountain Heights

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

I have lived in Blue Mountain Heights for 29 years and I wish to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba North. Previous to living here I lived in Toowoomba and we moved to this area as it is still part of Toowoomba, an outer suburb, from which we can commute to Toowoomba for work, shopping, sporting, cultural and social interests. To be part of an electorate north of Highfields makes no sense as we aren't part of the same community and our needs would not be met by a representative that lives so far from this end of the electorate. It would be far more logical to retain the existing boundaries as we have a direct relationship and immediate need to connect with Toowoomba. I ask that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as is and not undergo any boundary changes as part of the 2016 redistribution. There is no logic to being part of an electorate so far away from where I live, when I can be in Toowoomba, to visit my elected representative in a matter of minutes. To make our area part of a rural seat will not give the area the representation that we need and deserve. I would ask that this fast growing community of Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights be retained within the Toowoomba North Electorate.

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From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Bronwyn Cairns
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 4:19:09 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Bronwyn Cairns**

Contact Details

- Name: Bronwyn Cairns
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 14 Tara Court Highfields Qld 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

I write to voice my strong disagreement with the proposed change by the Australian Labor Party to the Redistribution Commission proposing the removal of the Highfields area from Toowoomba North to the electoral district of Nanango. Highfields is situated within the Toowoomba Regional Council area and is the fastest growing urban centre. While many residents identify with Highfields as a town in its own right, for many purposes the area is essentially a suburb of Toowoomba, including education, employment, shopping and leisure activities. The proposal to link Highfields to a semi-rural electorate generally not experiencing the same urban and growth issues seems to lack logic. Very few residents of Highfields travel north in their daily lives and do not have any affiliation or connection with northern townships or the old Crows Nest Shire boundary as the proposal seems to want to in same way reinstate. As a resident who has in the past lobbied for much needed infrastructure for Highfields, it would appear that to have our state member of parliament based a significant drive away from our town, in a direction I would not normally travel, would mean less accessibility to that member and a less thorough knowledge of the local issues by them. I am at a loss to see the logic in this proposal or benefits that would result for Highfields residents. I would urge the Commission not to accept the ALP suggestion and act to ensure that the interests of the people of the Highfields area are protected.
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Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 4:19pm

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From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Dianne Hunter
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 4:45:52 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Dianne Hunter**

Contact Details

- Name: Dianne Hunter
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Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

As a long time resident of Highfields I am extremely disappointed that the Labor government is considering changing the electoral boundaries to the Toowoomba North Electorate which would take Highfields out of this electorate and place in a neighbouring electorate which has little in common with the current electorate or close proximity to an elected member of parliament. Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community has more in common with the city of Toowoomba than a country centre many kilometres away. The people of Highfields conduct business, attend educational facilities, access shopping and medical facilities that are based in Toowoomba. It would be far more logical to retain the existing boundaries of this electorate particularly the northern section that clearly has a direct relationship and immediate need to remain connected to Toowoomba. Therefore I ask, that the Toowoomba North electorate retain the community of Highfields in its boundaries and not undergo any boundary changes that are being considered for the 2016 redistributions.
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Submission ID: 63971

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 4:45pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Ajith Saman Harch
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 4:46:37 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Ajith Saman Harch**

Contact Details

- Name: Ajith Saman Harch
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 crestview Crescent Blue Mountain Heights. 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

I have only just learnt that there are planned changes proposed for the Toowoomba North Electorate and that submission close tomorrow 29th August. Why were we not informed earlier as this is important information for all residents of Highfields & Blue Mountain Heights?? This is a ridiculous idea as I work in Toowoomba, do all of my business in Toowoomba, my doctors & banking are in Toowoomba. To expect Toowoomba North residents to have to travel hours to have personal contact with an elected member is absurd when we are so closely associated with Toowoomba and currently have easy access to our member if required.. There is no public transport that would allow me to visit my local member if this redistribution goes ahead whereas we presently have a reliable transport system here to take us into Toowoomba. I am totally against these boundary changes and ask that the boundaries for Toowoomba North remain as they are. Thank you for your consideration, Saman Harch
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Submission ID: 63972

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 4:46pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



From: [Mandy Adams](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: objection / Qld Redistribution Commission
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 5:03:16 PM

Dear sir/ Madam

I wish to lodge our objection to the proposition of changing the zone of MT KYNOCH / BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS, to being included in the electorate of Kingaroy – hours away from us – whereas Toowoomba is 2 minutes from us !

We reside in the Mt Kynoch area, and work in Toowoomba, as do most of Highfields – Mt Kynoch and Blue Mountain Heights residents.

It is preposterous to consider changing the boundaries of the electorate without considerable advantages being given to change what is in existence and working fine. We liaise with our current parliamentary members here on a regular basis because of their close proximity. And our whole street is up in arms that we also did not receive any notification by mail of this change of boundaries, therefore greatly minimising our opportunity to object to this proposal.

I understand that on Monday 29th this issue is to be discussed and request that you forward immediately, our objection.

Thank you.

Regards,

Richard & Mandy Adams

1 Hiwinds Rd, M/S 617 Toowoomba.



From: [Brendan Ryan](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North Boundary Review.
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 5:24:50 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

This email concerns the proposed Boundary changes relating to the Toowoomba North electorate.

I strongly object to any changes to the current boundaries. I have lived in Blue Mountain Heights for over 10 years. I work in Toowoomba (approx 9kms) as does my wife. My 3 children were educated in Toowoomba. We have met, when needed, with our LOCAL political representative - in Toowoomba. Our social circle is in Toowoomba.

We have never been to Kingaroy. We have never conducted any business in Kingaroy. We do not know any person in Kingaroy.

Toowoomba is a fast growing urban community with the commencement of the Bypass, the new airport at Wellcamp and the possibility of the inland Rail Link. Our future revolves around Toowoomba.

Everything we do revolves around Toowoomba. Our local newspaper carries stories and advertisements relating to Toowoomba.

We have NO community connection with Kingaroy.

Again, I STRONGLY object to this proposed boundary change.

Regards,

Brendan Ryan.
12 Hiwinds Road,
Blue Mountain Height.
Q. 4350.

Sent from my iPad



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Geoff and Ginney. Hayward
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 5:37:23 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Geoff and Ginney. Hayward**

Contact Details

- Name: Geoff and Ginney.
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 Rainbow Rd Highfields 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

Please be advised we do not think being part of Nanago is a good idea
In fact a really stupid idea . How does the EC expect us to relate to an
area so removed from Highfields .The inconvenience is absurd .

- Text: Having lived here for 36 years I find it silly in the exstream ,I can
speak to our local _____ member in a mater of minutes or travel 10
mins to do like wise . I have a huge regard for Deb Freclinton but how
much more can be asked of that lady . Seem s to me no regard has
been made to the geography of the area no doubt someone in an office
massaging numbers without looking at a map . I am angry and fed up
with gov and beaureucratic dis regard for the population in general
when will it stop and common sense be the order of the day . Surely
employes of the state are better than this tripe ..
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Submission ID: 63973

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 5:37pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Jim McKenzie
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 5:54:06 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Jim McKenzie**

Contact Details

- Name: Jim McKenzie
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11 Honeyeater Drive HIGHFIELDS Q 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

I am absolutely disgusted to think that the electoral commission can even be contemplating cutting Highfields from Toowoomba North. 1000's of people have moved out to Highfields just in the last few years and 10,000's over the last decade or so the vast majority of whom have come from Toowoomba and continue to work and primarily look to and interact with Toowoomba. To have us suddenly being represented by somebody 100's of kilometres to the north would be ridiculous. Kingaroy and Nanango are very different places to Toowoomba. Whilst historically there might have been a connection between people and Highfields and Crows Nest this has been completely overwhelmed by the massive amount of people who have moved out to the new estates from Toowoomba but still primarily look to and interact with business of Toowoomba on a daily basis. Highfields is part of the Toowoomba Regional Council and really is the Northern hub of Toowoomba. It is a major urban area of Toowoomba and would be poorly represented by a seat such as Nanango which is primarily rural. I don't want to have to travel to Kingaroy to be able to attend upon my local member. I will be protesting vigorously any plan to remove Highfields from Toowoomba North.
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Submission ID: 63974

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 5:54pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Susan Smith
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 5:54:55 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Susan Smith**

Contact Details

- Name: Susan Smith
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 20 Delvue Crescent Highfields, Qld 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

Sir/Madam: RE: Toowoomba North Electoral Boundary Review I moved from Toowoomba to Highfields in search of a semi-rural life style and have always considered this geographical area to be part-and-partial of the greater Toowoomba community. I believe it is essential for a citizen to have reasonable access to their elected, local officials, not to mention continuity of medical care, education and all other services to which we are connected. I further see no reason whatsoever for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights areas to be redistricted into another electoral entity where we choose not to live. There appears nothing 'broken' in the current boundary structure and equally as important, it appears to have served the community adequately for a number of years. Highfields appears to have become a political 'Ping-Pong' ball played with at politicians' whims, e.g., council amalgamation, now this! I therefore strongly suggest the current Toowoomba North Boundary NOT be changed. Thank you for your time, thank you for your consideration.

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Submission ID: 63975

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 5:54pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Sandra Sorensen
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 6:03:01 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Sandra Sorensen**

Contact Details

- Name: Sandra Sorensen
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 6 Rees Drive Highfields 4352



Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

The Secretary, I have only recently been made aware of the submission to change the boundary of the Toowoomba North electorate. I am disappointed that this has not been well advertised. When the labour government amalgamated 8 shires into Toowoomba Regional Council all ties between Highfields and Crows Nest were cut. Previously Crows nest was the Shire centre but there was growing discontent in Highfields as it was a rapidly growing area and had more links with Toowoomba than Crows Nest. The discontent was two sided as Crows Nest residents felt that more money was being spent in Highfields than in Crows Nest. Highfields was rapidly growing and with more people paying rates basic infrastructure had to be provided, this was done as cheaply as possible and was unable to keep pace with the rapid growth of this area and was substandard. Infrastructure such as power and water did not improve in Highfields until after amalgamation. I relise this is a local government issue but it goes to the heart of Highfields identity and loyalty. Highfield residents align themselves with Toowoomba not Crows Nest. I work in Towoomba and my children attended secondary schooling in Toowoomba. All our friends and social activities take place in Toowoomba. Other than groceries all shopping is done in Toowoomba. The mobile phone and internet reception in Highfields is extremely poor. Contacting government departments is at times impossible. If the government representative is not readily acessable the residents will be disadvantaged. Crows Nest is a drive of 45mins in a direction I do not ususally go. My husband is chronically ill. Our local GP is located in Highfields but all other medical facilities we utliise our in Toowoomba. Highfields is not a rural community. Although there are larger blocks in the older area there are a lot more newer areas with smaller blocks. The latest area has blocks 400sq m. This is now an outer suburb of Toowoomba. I know redisribution is done on

- Text:

population. Rather than two electorates for Toowoomba why not three based in the city. With the expansion west, the new airport, and the new bypass this area as a whole is growing and will continue to grow. Like Brisbane it deserves proper representation. Highfields is not a rural community it is a workforce satellite suburb of Toowoomba and deserves to be represented by member who understands its needs and has a close relationship with the area. An example of this is the Highfields state secondary school. It was the members for Toowoomba North and the councillor who lived in Highfields (not Crows nest) that made it happen. Thankyou for reading my submission Sandra Sorensen 6 Rees Drive Highfields

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Submission ID: 63976

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 6:02pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87

From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: All Districts, Toowoomba North - Tracey Jaeger
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 7:13:51 PM

Online submission for **All Districts, Toowoomba North** from **Tracey Jaeger**

Contact Details

- Name: Tracey Jaeger
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 42 Clarke Road Highfields 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts, Toowoomba North

I am writing to you to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba North. Having lived in Toowoomba for over 27 years and enjoying the life style it has offered and the conveniences, my husband and I, along with our four daughters, made the move to Highfields only 6 years ago as Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is effectively an outer suburb of Toowoomba. We did this because we knew that we would still have these conveniences and life style, but we would still be only 15mins away from the schools, shops and infrastructure that we had become accustom to and enjoyed. Our daughters all attended school in Toowoomba and where and still are heavily involved in sport and now all work in Toowoomba and therefore have strong ties to the Toowoomba area in their adulthood. I myself work at a school in Toowoomba and my husband works in the Highfields area, so we all enjoy the lifestyle that Highfields has to offer but the conveniences of Toowoomba being so close to our doorstep. We would lose all of this if our electorate became part of a wider rural one and we would become alienated residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, play and social life. Therefore I ask that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as is and not become a part of any boundary change as part of the 2016 redistribution.

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Submission ID: 63977

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 7:13pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Tony and Monica Lampard
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 7:35:10 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Tony and Monica Lampard**

Contact Details

- Name: Tony and Monica Lampard
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 Quail Crescent HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Toowoomba North Electoral Boundary Review We support Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights remaining part of the Toowoomba Community. We do not support any change to the current boundary
Regards Tony and Monica
- File Upload: No file uploaded

Submission ID: 63978

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 7:35pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



From: [Susanne Lotz](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: Re: Toowoomba north electoral boundary changes.
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 8:12:08 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to strongly express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba North.

I have been a resident of Blue Mt Heights for 32 years and cannot understand why this proposal could or even be considered. Highfields and Blue Mt Heights are close suburbs of Toowoomba and almost every person living in these areas would have connections with Toowoomba in one way or another. (Schooling, sport, medical, community activities, extra curricular activities, etc) I want a representative who understands my local area and I can drive into town and talk to, face to face, if I have the need. A representative who lives 2 hours away is just not feasible.

Once again I strongly express my disapproval and thank you for your consideration.

Susanne Lotz
6 Crestview Crescent
Blue Mountain Heights

Sent from my iPad



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: All Districts - Mr B. J. Andrews
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 8:21:40 PM
Attachments: [SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION.pdf](#)

Online submission for **All Districts** from **Mr B. J. Andrews**

Contact Details

- Name: Mr B. J. Andrews
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: Preston Place, Brookfield, QLD 4069

Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
 - Text: Please find attached my submission to the 2016 Queensland State Redistribution - Comments on Suggestions phase.
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Submission ID: 63979

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 8:21pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

Comments on Suggestions for State Electoral Boundaries

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the 2016 Queensland State Redistribution of electoral boundaries. I am currently a full-time student, studying an undergraduate degree in Urban and Regional Planning at university, with an interest in the geography and demographics of my home state. In this submission, I wish to offer comments for consideration by identifying boundary changes which I believe improve outcomes.

Based on enrolment figures provided by the Commission, it can be seen that significant boundary changes are necessary, with sixteen electorates either above or below the permissible tolerance in June 2016. The districts requiring particular attention are concentrated in the outer regions of the south-east and major cities along the coast, including Cairns, Townsville and Bundaberg. Similar to suggestions already received, I submit that the required extra four districts be located in South-East Queensland (SEQ), with one each in the Sunshine Coast Regional, Gold Coast City, Moreton Bay Regional and Logan City local government areas (LGAs). Outside of SEQ, I believe the population can be accommodated through a major realignment of the existing electorates.

Similar to a couple of suggestions already received, switching the district of **Mount Isa** from a north-south alignment to an east-west alignment towards Charters Towers has merit. The Flinders Highway would be a stronger transport link for unifying communities of interest rather than that of the current electorate. Removing Charters Towers from **Dalrymple** then allows for subsequent changes to other districts in the north and far north. As has also been suggested, combining Atherton and surrounding towns on the Tablelands with Innisfail on the coast, would be suitable from a community of interest perspective. This allows **Mulgrave** to push north and relieve surpluses from both **Cairns** and the over-quota **Barron River**. Within the Townsville City area, I would suggest the under-quota **Mundingburra** be abolished and split between **Thuringowa** and **Townsville**, with **Hinchinbrook** and **Burdekin** used to accommodate surpluses in Townsville City. Either the redrawn Dalrymple or Hinchinbrook would most likely need to be subject to the Large District Allowance.

Further south along the coast, the under-quota **Mackay** and over-quota **Whitsunday** can be addressed with a realignment of the boundary between the two. With respect to the districts of **Rockhampton** and **Keppel**, I believe it would be logical for the boundary between the two on the north-east side of the Fitzroy River be east-west rather than the present north-south. Unfortunately, following the LGA boundary results in Rockhampton being over-quota thus, I would suggest the following:

- The suburb of Parkhurst be entirely contained within Keppel;
- The suburb of Norman Gardens be entirely contained within Rockhampton; and

- Most of the suburbs of Frenchville and Koongal transferred from Keppel to Rockhampton.

These three changes should reflect community of interest without putting the district of Rockhampton over-quota.

With respect to the under-quota district of **Bundaberg**, it would seem most logical for the electorate to expand towards the coast. Localities such as Burnett Heads and Bargara would be most suitable to be included with the urban Bundaberg area. This would require the district of **Burnett** to be redrawn to better reflect community interest, likely taking areas from the under-quota district of **Callide**. Moving to SEQ, the distribution of over-quota electorates and projected population growth indicates that the four new districts should be located in this region. As mentioned previously, I would submit that these be created within the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay, Logan and Gold Coast LGAs.

A new district of **Caboolture**, as suggested in a number of submissions received already, should include all areas west of the Bruce Highway currently within **Pumicestone**, along with parts of **Morayfield**. Subsequently, Morayfield can shift south to absorb surpluses of both **Kallangur** and **Murrumba**, possibly requiring a new name to better reflect its new boundaries. Regarding Kallangur and Murrumba, I would also like to raise the possibility of redrawing these districts with east-west alignments using transport links, for example, Anzac Avenue and the almost complete Moreton Bay Rail Link, as these would still reflect community of interest.

Another suggestion that has been submitted is transferring the locality of Sippy Downs from the district of **Kawana** to **Buderim**. I would agree this better reflects community of interest at this stage, given its physical separation from the Kawana/Nicklin Way corridors, which comprise the core of the electorate. The need to accommodate projected growth through an additional district, potentially based on Nambour, provides the opportunity to realign the electorates of **Noosa** and **Nicklin** with LGA boundaries. In addition, the locality of Pomona and its surrounds can be transferred out of **Gympie**, uniting parts of Noosa LGA.

Shifting focus to the Gold Coast, enrolment figures also suggest an additional district be created here, with existing electorates at the high end of tolerance, especially **Coomera** being significantly over-quota. Transferring the suburb of Eagleby to **Waterford** would assist in resolving this, better reflecting community of interest. Likewise, I would argue that Logan City parts of **Albert** would be more suitable in an electorate based in that LGA, with a new district created to help accommodate projected growth. This could encompass the southern parts of **Woodridge**, northern parts of **Logan** and eastern parts of **Algeester**, named **Browns Plains**. Parts of **Lockyer** (Greenbank and surrounds) can be transferred to Logan to unite suburbs based upon local government boundaries.

A number of submissions already received have suggested removing the 'tail' from the district of Lockyer, of which I strongly agree with. If the Cunningham Highway is made the boundary of **Ipswich**, areas south of the highway can be included in **Ipswich West** and **Bundamba**, with all of Springfield Lakes, Brookwater and Augustine Heights transferred to **Inala**. Lockyer then takes those parts of Somerset LGA currently in Ipswich West, with the boundary of **Beaunesert** aligning with the Scenic Rim LGA boundary. Speaking of Beaunesert, this district was a popular subject amongst suggestions, calling for all of Scenic Rim LGA to be included in the one electorate, plus parts of Logan City that were, prior to 2008, in Scenic Rim. I wish to point out however that enrolment figures provided by the Commission show that Beaunesert is already about 14% over-quota, thus needing to lose electors I believe. As such, in conjunction with the boundary realignment previously identified, my suggestion is that Tamborine Mountain be included in a Gold Coast based district, likely Albert, as a shared community of interest, I would argue, does still exist.

The comments contained in this submission are of a general nature, representing my thoughts on redistributing Queensland's state electoral districts. These opinions have been based on reading suggestions already submitted and considering the enrolment statistics made available by the Commission. Once again, I would like to thank the Commission for the opportunity to contribute to the 2016 Queensland State Redistribution and wish the Commissioners well in their deliberations.

From: [Ruth Hanson](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: Fw: Boundary Change North Toowoomba
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 8:26:46 PM

Subject: Re: Boundary Change

As a resident in Blue MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS TOOWOOMBA I WISH TO PROTEST STRONGLY TO A BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM MY ELECTORATE OF GROOM TO THAT OF ONE BASED 3 HOURS AWAY.

I have no affiliation with what may be a wonderful area 3 HOURS away when my city of Toowoomba, is 3 MINUTES away.

I cannot vote on issues of an area that on the whole (because of the distance from me and because of the agricultural industries of the area), has no concern to me and neither do I want to vote for same.

I believe that the concept has absolutely no sense and not thought out other than to benefit the Labour party and absolutely no benefit to all of us in BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS.

I DO NOT want my representative 3 hours away just to benefit a political party. all my dealings whether doctors, banks, accountants, etc etc are all a few minutes away and when voting comes I vote for the party looking after my interests and the issues concerning me LOCALLY.

THE IDEA OF THE CHANGE does not anger me just because it is change !!! it angers me because we the people affected by the change were neither notified personally NOR WERE WE CONSIDERED WHEN THE CONCEPT WAS THOUGHT OUT .. it became an issue to suit politics and JUST ONE POLITICAL PARTY at that.

NO TO THE CHANGE.

RUTH HANSON
12A HIWINDS ROAD
BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS.
Q. 4350



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [qrcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Dalrymple - Ron and Laraine Wood
Date: Sunday, 28 August 2016 9:35:54 PM

Online submission for **Dalrymple** from **Ron and Laraine Wood**

Contact Details

- Name: Ron and Laraine Wood
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 16 Prior Close, UPPER BARRON

Submission Details

- Submission: Dalrymple
- Text: This is to pose our objection to the Shire of Dalrymple boundaries being changed. We would like to remain in the Shire of Dalrymple and have our voice heard by Shane Knuth and have the Office in this Electorate.
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Submission ID: 63980

Time of Submission: 28 Aug 2016 9:35pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [arcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Michelle Cherry
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 7:28:13 AM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Michelle Cherry**

Contact Details

- Name: Michelle Cherry
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2 Kimberley Court Blue Mountain Heights 4350

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text:

To whom it may concern, I strongly disagree with the Labour plan to move Blue Mountain Heights out of the Toowoomba North Electorate. It makes no sense, when I work and shop in Toowoomba, my children went to Toowoomba schools. Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields is part of Toowoomba, and considered, by the local community to be an outer suburb of Toowoomba. We would also be isolated from our own town and would be unable to attend any electoral meetings during business hours. What would a rural Electorate have in common with Toowoomba North residents, when we live in a city and have city issues. Therefore it is my request that the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary.

Sincerely Michelle Cherry
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Submission ID: 63981

Time of Submission: 29 Aug 2016 7:28am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Paul Cherry
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 7:51:02 AM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Paul Cherry**

Contact Details

- Name: Paul Cherry
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2 Kimberley Court Blue Mountain Heights QLD 4350

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text:

I strongly refute the ALP's proposal to remove Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate. For over 50 years I have shopped, been educated, worked and socialized as a porud member of the Toowoomba community. To redistribute this Urban centre into a rural seat would seriously allienate the people of Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights away from the community which their lives are completely connected to. Our home in Blue Mountain Heights is only 8 Kilometeres from Toowoomba Centre where we function every day of our lives, Kingaroy and subsequently our elected members would be nearly 3 hours away in a place we may pass through every few years. It is also clear that the priorities and needs of this rural area of Kingaroy will have a different focus to that of our urban city. I therefore request and recommend that the Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights area stay firmly within the Toowoomba North Boundary, Regards Paul Cherry
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Submission ID: 63982

Time of Submission: 29 Aug 2016 7:51am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Caroline Byrne
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 8:00:48 AM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Caroline Byrne**

Contact Details

- Name: Caroline Byrne
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 4 Melrose Street Highfields 4352 Queensland

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba North. I have lived at my present address since 1993 and see no reason for the current boundaries to be changed. Highfields is the northern hub of Toowoomba and is in effect, a suburb of Toowoomba. Due to its close proximity to the Toowoomba CBD, it is culturally and socially connected to this city - for example, my workplace, volunteer activities, medical professionals and all organised social and entertainment activities are in Toowoomba. The need to travel to Nanango to meet my elected representative would be a major inconvenience in both cost and travel time. For those wishing to use public transport, buses are based in Toowoomba, and bus routes go from there through Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields. There is no such service to Nanango so if residents need to travel to Nanango by public transport to meet their MP it would be extremely difficult, requiring the use of long distance buses. The vast majority of Highfields residents operate businesses or work in either Highfields or Toowoomba. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region. It does not make sense to change the electoral boundaries and place Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights in a rural electorate. It would be far more logical to retain the existing electoral boundaries, particularly the northern section. Therefore, I ask that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as it is. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Caroline L. Byrne 4 Melrose Street Highfields 4352 QLD 29 August 2016
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Submission ID: 63983

Time of Submission: 29 Aug 2016 8:00am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Rosemary Evelyn Williamson
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 8:03:09 AM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Rosemary Evelyn Williamson**

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Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

Thank you for considering my submission regarding the review of state boundaries. I wish to comment on the area of Highfields which is on the edge of the city of Toowoomba. I am concerned about reports that the commission may consider moving the boundary of the North Toowoomba electorate, which would place us in a rural electorate. We have lived in Highfields for the past three years and we trade in Toowoomba for our business. I am also a member of the Wilsonton Community Gallery, which is under the umbrella of the Toowoomba Council. I teach there 3 days a week and sell my art work through there. We have always considered ourselves part of the city of Toowoomba, that is where we shop, attend medical and dental appointments and socialize. We would rarely travel north of Highfields unless going to the coast for a few days. I believe that moving the boundary is neither practical nor warranted, the great majority of residents in Highfields would consider themselves to be a part of Toowoomba and wish to retain those connections. We rely on the services and amenities in the city, therefore it makes sense that we stay within its electoral boundaries. Yours faithfully Rosemary E Williamson
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From: [D B](#)
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Subject: Re: Electoral Boundaries
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 8:41:25 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Highfields and am opposed to the recent suggestion of boundary changes for my area. I can see no reason why this would occur other than to benefit the current government.

To suggest that we drive possibly hundreds of km to see our local member is ridiculous.

I have been supported by my current member for Toowoomba North for more years than I can remember and benefit from their local knowledge and understanding of the area.

Regards

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From: [GFRception](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: Proposed Redistribution of Toowoomba North Boundary
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 9:09:19 AM
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Please find attached submission regarding the proposed Toowoomba North boundary change



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I am writing in relation to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission.

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To avoid confusion and isolation of our community (not to mention irritation at the waste of time and money) I strongly suggest that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate.

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Yours faithfully

JONTY THOMAS DEBEL

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Subject: Proposed Toowoomba North Boundary Change
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Subject: Proposed Redistribution of Boundary Toowoomba North
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JODI DEBEL

61 Murphys Creek Road, Blue Mountain Heights Q 4350

From: [Malcolm, Jocelyn](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: change of boundaries
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I am writing in response to the Australian Labour Party's propose redistribution submission.

I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia.

To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs.

I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal on inconvenience for the many time poor residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option.

The removal of Highfields/BlueMountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative.

Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary

I thank you for your consideration

Jocelyn Malcolm
26 Nioka Drive
Highfields



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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **James B Scott**

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Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text:

Please accept our submission regarding re-distribution of Toowoomba North Boundary. We have lived in Highfields for almost 10 years and consider ourselves as a northern suburb of Toowoomba. We appreciate the fact that we can visit our member if we need to, which we have done. If we are attached to another electorate the chances are that we will be unable to see our member face to face, if we need to. To place us in a different electorate with the the presiding member, probably, many kilometers away will place us at a disadvantage to our current situation. We are appealing to you to leave the Toowoomba North Boundary as is. Yours Sincerely, James B Scott (on behalf of J.B.Scott and B.M.Scott)
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Subject: : Toowoomba north electoral boundary changes.
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 9:46:28 AM

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> To whom it may concern,

> I am writing to strongly express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba North.

> Having been a resident of this area for over 30 years I cannot understand why this proposal could or even be considered. Highfields and Blue Mt Heights are close suburbs of Toowoomba and almost every person living in these areas would have connections with Toowoomba in one way or another. (Schooling, sport, medical, community activities, extra curricular activities, etc) I want a representative who understands my local area and I can drive into town and talk to, face to face, if I have the need. A representative who lives 2 hours away is just not feasible.

> Once again I strongly express my disapproval and thank you for your consideration .

> Rex Lotz

> 6 Crestview Crescent

> Blue Mountain Heights

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> Sent from my iPad



From: [Boundaries](#)
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Subject: Kallangur - Felice Houlihan
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 10:54:10 AM
Attachments: [CommentsToSuggestions-FeliceHoulihan.pdf](#)

Online submission for **Kallangur** from **Felice Houlihan**

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- Submission: Kallangur
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Yours sincerely, Felice Houlihan
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Felice Houlihan
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26 August, 2016

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I submit these comments in objection to the suggested changes of the Electoral District of **Kallangur**, in the *Suggestion Submissions* made by:

- S3 – Mr Jeff Waddell
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The district and suburb of **Kallangur** is not just a traffic corridor, with part of the Bruce Highway, part of Anzac Ave, Dohles Rocks Rd, Old Gympie Rd and Narangba Rd. Kallangur is a community hub, where the internal roads of our suburb do not split us. Instead Kallangur has built a community centring around these roads. I **do not** recommend splitting the *Electoral District of Kallangur* in the suggested changes made by the above mentioned submissions. As a community we already feel disoriented and needlessly split in our Federal and Local Council boundaries. The suggested splits would just make it worse.

As a background, Kallangur is the centre suburb connecting the surrounding suburbs of Murrumba Downs, Petrie, Kurwongbah, Dakabin & Griffin. Note although Griffin doesn't share a boundary with Kallangur and isn't actually apart of our current state district, the only roads available presently to access Griffin are through Murrumba Downs and Kallangur.

Our little hub of suburbs contains our shared local schools, shops and facilities etc. With the North Pine River, Bruce Highway and Boundary Rd becoming our adopted boundaries, for what we consider local for us.

The internal main roads of Kallangur, including Anzac Ave, Dohles Rocks Rd, Narangba Rd, Dayboro Rd, and Old Gympie Rd, are more like veins feeding our community. These main roads are not boundaries to us. With our schools, places of work, local shops and parks being throughout our hub. Requiring us to cross or traverse our internal main roads multiple times per day.

As a regular community advocate involved in local online communication and discussions, I frequently see queries, and confusion from our local community members about what electorate they are in. Especially for the Kallangur suburb specific residents. As we are split on both Federal and Local Council levels. Thus this also means our residents do not know who to raise concerns with.

While our local hub is split in government boundaries, we also are not guaranteed to have a government official/s look after our best interests for the central hub that it is. For example my local MBRC Division is 4 (Julie Greer), but the local division that my child's former primary school (Undurba State School) & now secondary school (Mt Maria College Petrie), plus the majority of the local amenities I use, are all in Division 7 (Formally David Dwyer, now Denise Sims). Division 7 contains the majority of this local hub's suburbs, including the remainder of Kallangur.

Division 4's predominate electorate area is North Lakes and Mango Hill. But because our local Kallangur Library (formally at 1476 Anzac Ave, Kallangur) fell into Division 4 along with North Lakes Library, our library was considered redundant and shut down. Even though both libraries were fed by their own different hubs, and ours also facilitated our local members who could not easily get to North Lakes, it was still misrepresented because it fell into another hub's local council boundaries, and not ours.

If the suburb of Kallangur was to be split again for the State government level as well, we would have a total of 6 different government representatives, instead of the normal 3 that majority of other Queensland suburbs have. This would just be more confusing, and frankly unfair.

Additionally it should be noted that one of hub suburbs, Dakabin, has had an increased number of development occurring for the last couple of years, and still continues. This will, if not already, increase our community numbers. Which will boom again, further in the future, when the proposed University on the Old Petrie Paper Mill site, is completed.

I implore that you do not split the current state electorate boundary of Kallangur, representing our hub, to further break-up our community needlessly. What we really need is one government official on each level. Who not only understands our local community needs, but also can be in control & be the representative for our internal main roads, that are critical feeder roads between parts of MBRC and Brisbane.

Yours sincerely,
Felice Houlihan

From: [Aleisha Rose](#)
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Subject: LNP Written Comments on Suggestions
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Thank you.

Kind Regards,

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29 August 2016

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Secretary

The Liberal National Party (LNP) Queensland responds to the Queensland Redistribution Commission's (the Commission) invitation under section 43 of the *Electoral Act 1992* (the Act) for written comments on suggestions received under section 42 of the Act.

We have considered all submissions and respect the considerable work presented by submitters as valuable input into the challenging and complex task before the Commission. Our comments do not infer criticism, other than to respond to the issues raised.

Our initial submission and the following comments are consistent with the following premises:

- Conforming with the requirements as set out by sections 45 and 46 of the Act. We note the Act's requirement in section 45, "*Proposed electoral redistribution must be within numerical limits*". It is acknowledged that in meeting this requirement some uncomfortable communities of interest will result, but submit this dislocation should be minimised.
- Addressing the complexities of balancing low current enrolments with the high growth projections across a large number of electorates.
- The Great Dividing Range is the natural boundary for much of Queensland, unless there is a strong and abiding community of interest.
- Communities west of the Great Dividing Range are best served with an east-west orientation of electoral districts in recognition of existing transport, economic, social service and community alliances.
- Legislative amendment allowing for the creation of four (4) new districts creates the opportunity for the creation of an additional regional district. Queensland is best served by this outcome, in contrast to some submissions that placed all four (4) new districts in the south east corner.
- The legislative provision for weighted electors for districts above 100,000km² is vital to delivering quality representation for rural and remote enrolments. The creation of a new regional district has the important benefit of allowing reduction of the number of large electorates from five (5) to four (4).
- The locations for the remaining three (3) new districts in the south east corner should ensure no Brisbane district need be abolished.

Detailed comments are in Attachment A for the Commission's consideration. The LNP submits the following summary:

Proposed Electoral districts above 100,000km² in area (Cook, Mount Isa, Gregory and Warrego)

A number of submissions present a general consensus for the need for an east-west orientation for electorates west of the Great Dividing Range, which we strongly support. The logical extension of this general consensus is for Dalrymple to be abolished, enabling a district in the Cairns region to accommodate its projected growth. This also allows electorates to the south of Innisfail to recognise the Great Dividing Range as their natural boundary.

In contrast, some submitters extended Mount Isa south to include council areas such as Longreach Regional Council. This results in considerable community dislocation and a fragmentation of communities of interest and is strongly opposed.

Proposed Northern Queensland (Barron River, Cairns, Palmerston, Mulgrave, Hinchinbrook, Thuringowa, Townsville, Mundingburra, Burdekin, Whitsunday, Mirani and Mackay)

Submissions proffered various suggestions for this region, and we are of the view that the LNP's submission better addresses the enrolment growth and delivers strong alignments for communities of interest.

The LNP does not support any adjustment to the Cook boundary that excludes Mareeba or includes Palm Cove/Trinity Beach.

Various suggestions were made pertaining to Hinchinbrook that are not supported as they entailed Palm Island being divorced from its prime service and transport hub of Townsville. Changes to the southern boundary of Hinchinbrook are opposed as they overlook the historical alignment of this area to the north. Likewise, any adjustment that results in the transferring of the north of the Hinchinbrook Electorate into Mulgrave is not supported.

Changes that does not recognise the Great Dividing Range as the natural boundary for coastal districts is not supported. In particular, any extension Burdekin as far south as Clermont is strongly opposed as it fragments communities into a disparate electorate without natural affinity to the Burdekin coast and its economic base.

There is a general consensus for an adjustment to the north Mackay boundary to balance enrolments. We do not support any extension of the Mackay electorate southwards.

The boundary of Mirani should respect its coastal nature and its boundary should not extend to the west of the Great Dividing Range or south of Rockhampton (including into Gracemere).

Proposed Central Queensland (Rockhampton, Keppel, Gladstone and Callide)

There is a general consensus regarding the adjustments to the Gladstone electorate. Excess enrolments are best utilised augmenting the under quota Callide electorate. The proposal to extend the Burnett electorate north is not supported.

Proposed Wide Bay and Burnett Area (Burnett, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Gympie and Nanango)

Submissions generally are in agreement regarding the adjustments to address the under enrolment in the Bundaberg electorate.

Proposals to include the River Heads area in the Maryborough electorate fail to recognise the lack of supporting transport connections.

Submitters had various proposals for the Nanango electorate. Suggestions to move the northern boundary south are opposed as Nanango should be based on Kingaroy. In addition, the western boundary should be adjusted to follow as closely as possible the Great Dividing Range, thereby enabling better alignment of communities of interest. We strongly oppose any move to include any suburbs of Toowoomba in the district of Nanango.

Proposed Sunshine Coast Area (Noosa, Coolum, Buderim, Maroochydore, Nicklin, Kawana, Caloundra and Glasshouse)

Submitters recognised substantial adjustments are required due to enrolment growth and recommended various solutions. We are of the view that the superior location for a new electorate to accommodate this growth is at the north of the Sunshine Coast. This delivers a number of advantages including minimising disruption to communities of interest on the Sunshine Coast, and allowing under quota Brisbane districts to be supplemented with minimal fragmentation by the growth to the north of Brisbane.

Proposed Deception Bay Area (Pumicestone, Kallangur, Murrumba, Morayfield, Redcliffe and Pine Rivers)

See comment above.

Proposed Brisbane North of the Brisbane River Area (Ferny Grove, Everton, Aspley, Sandgate, Nudgee, Clayfield, Stafford, Brisbane Central, Ashgrove, Mount Coot-tha, Indooroopilly and Moggill)

Across this region, districts are facing strongly disparate growth patterns which can be best addressed by supplementation from both the Moreton Bay area and Brisbane Central. It is our strong view no Brisbane district need to be abolished.

Proposed Brisbane South of the Brisbane River (Lytton, Capalaba, Mansfield, Chatsworth, Stretton, Sunnybank, Bulimba, Greenslopes, Greenbank (Algeria) Yeerongpilly, South Brisbane, Mount Ommaney and Inala)

Districts in the south of Brisbane are impacted by the growth being experienced in its south/south-west and in the electorate of South Brisbane. Similar to districts on the north of Brisbane, electoral requirements can be balanced without undue fragmentation.

It is our view that Mount Ommaney's community of interest is best served by reuniting the community of Corinda to the north as it has existing well defined boundaries to the south, e.g. Ipswich Motorway and Wacol Correctional Centre.

We recognise that a number of submissions raised the reunification of the suburb of Sheldon. If this was to occur, we recommend Sheldon be located in the district of Mansfield due to enrolment growth in the Redlands electorate. This movement of approximately 600 enrolments could be balanced by not transferring electors in 3105140 and 3105141 from Chatsworth to Mansfield.

Proposed Area to the north of the Gold Coast (Redlands, Cleveland, Springwood, Waterford, Logan and Woodridge)

See comment above.

Proposed Ipswich Area (Ipswich West, Ipswich, Bundamba, Jagera, Beaudesert and Lockyer)

One of the most challenging aspects facing this redistribution is the complexities of balancing low current enrolments with the high growth projections in this region, as shown by many submissions not conforming legislative quota requirements.

There is a general consensus that there is a need for a new district in the Springfield area which is supported.

A number of submissions suggested that the Scenic Rim Regional Council be located in a single electoral district. We support this aspiration. Unfortunately, this is difficult to achieve in light of the need to balance areas of slow growth with the excessive projected growth in parts of this region.

Proposed Gold Coast Area (Currumbin, Burleigh, Mermaid Beach, Surfers Paradise, Southport, Broadwater, Mudgeeraba, Gaven, Albert, Coomera and Ormeau)

In this region there is recognition of the need for a new district towards the north of the Gold Coast. It is our view that fragmentation of communities of interest can be minimised by minimal adjustments to southern Gold Coast electorates. This enables the maintenance of the unique community characteristics that comprise these districts.

The location of a new district in the Gaven/Nerang area is strongly opposed as it results in substantial dislocations of communities of interest, is not based on a growth area and this appears to have been proposed to serve the submitter's own strategic interests. Our analysis indicates the creation of a new district based on Nerang that pushes Gaven into Carrara would result in all southern Gold Coast districts not complying with the legislative quota requirements. See Attachment A for more details.

Proposed Darling Downs Area (Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South, Southern Downs, Ramsay and Condamine)

Any proposal for Lockyer to be extended to include East Toowoomba is strongly opposed due the resulting dislocation of extensive education, cultural and social facilities from their natural community of interest.

The Great Dividing Range should where possible, be the natural boundary, unless there is strong community of interest alignments, such as between Murphy's Creek and Toowoomba. The

inclusion current of communities to the west of the range in Nanango and in some submissions has the effect of substantial dislocation and should be remedied.

Growth in the surrounds of Toowoomba provides the opportunity for the net gain of a regionally based district.

Some submissions have recommended the inclusion of the University of Southern Queensland campus into the district of Toowoomba South. We support the sentiment of this suggestion. To achieve this, the western boundary should be brought back to the natural division of the Gore Highway (Anzac Avenue) and preserve the existing Warrego Highway (James Street) boundary. This may enable the southern boundary for Toowoomba North to continue to follow the Warrego Highway along Tor St and Bridge St, to better reflect communities of interest. This would allow the social and economic interests associated with the Clifford Park Racecourse (Toowoomba Turf Club), the Oakey abattoir and Beef City to align with their existing employee base and support industries in the proposed district of Ramsay.

Any move to exclude Highfields from its community of interest with Toowoomba is opposed as it the principle area of urban growth in the Toowoomba North district. It relies exclusively on Toowoomba for its social services, sporting infrastructure and employment opportunities.

The northern and western Darling Downs should not be transferred to Warrego as their natural community of interest, transport, economic and social links is to the east in Dalby and Toowoomba.

The LNP submits these comments on suggestions for the Commission's consideration.

Yours sincerely



Michael O'Dwyer
State Director

SUBMISSION	COMMENT
1. Gerard Clough	No comment
2. Derek Weier	No comment
3. Jeff Waddell	<p>We acknowledge Mr Waddell's the considerable work in Submission 3, however the submission is does not conform as it does not meet the legislative requirements as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bundamba, Macalister, Coomera and Logan to be over projected quota guidelines (p62, 63, 88 and 92); - Thuringowa, Rockhampton, Beaudesert, Waterford, Sunnybank, Lockyer and Gaven are under projected quota (p37, 41, 59, 84, 87, 89 and 96); and - Keppel, Glass House, Kawana/ Mooloolah, Mudgeeraba, Coomera, Albert, Inala, Logan, Ipswich West/Jordan, Bundamba, South Brisbane, Brisbane Central, Morayfield and Southport are under current quota (p40, 53, 60, 62, 68, 77, 82, 85, 88, 91, 92, 94 and 98); <p>The submission is not supported as it is not compliant. Therefore, should be considered cautiously and with reservation by the Queensland Redistribution Commission.</p> <p>In addition, we believe there are the following issues:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LGA boundaries: Mr Waddell has correctly identified that alignment with local government areas is important. This ambition, however, must be moderated by the legislative requirements regarding enrolment numbers and growth impacts. 2. Names: Submission 3 allocates new names to existing electorates which should not be supported. 3. Cairns: Stakeholders consulted stressed the importance of Cairns Racecourse being kept in the electorate of Cairns and being joined by the Cairns Airport. For this reason and in light of the extensive community dislocation resulting from the Submission 3 proposal, this proposal is not supported. 4. Barron River: The character of Barron River is linked to including the communities of Palm Cove, Clifton Beach, Trinity Beach, Kuranda and Barron Gorge. These communities have strong community of interest links to Cairns and its northern suburbs and Submission 3 proposal is not supported. 5. Mulgrave: The proposed change to Mulgrave would have unacceptably high impacts on the communities of interest in Hinchinbrook. Stakeholders in the Cassowary Coast Regional Council area have not supported this proposal and the consequential flow on impacts on Hinchinbrook's southern boundary. There are other ways of addressing the growth expected in the Cairns regions (e.g. LNP submission). This proposal is not supported. 6. Hinchinbrook: Refer to Mulgrave comments. Stakeholders stress the strong connectivity both in transport and social service provisions that exclusively link Palm Island to Townsville, not Hinchinbrook. In addition, Palm Island does not have any commonality with Hinchinbrook communities of interest. 7. Cook/Mabo: Refer to the comments made re Barron River regarding the unacceptable impacts on communities. 8. Mount Isa/Gulf: While the proposed change to Mount Isa at first blush is attractive, as it moves closer to an east west orientation, as per other submissions. Thorough analysis of the proposal found its consequential impacts on other electorates,

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	including Hinchinbrook, Burdekin and Mirani, were, in the words of stakeholders, is unacceptable. In particular, we are of the view where possible the Great Dividing Range should be a natural boundary. Under Submission 3's proposal for Burdekin, the district would lose its unique coastal and sugar character and instead becomes largely based west of the range and on mining.
	9. Townsville, Thuringowa and Mundingburra: The change to exclude Palm Island from Townsville is not acceptable on the grounds of the strong connectivity both in transport and social service provisions that exclusively link Palm Island to Townsville (as per comments on Hinchinbrook). The consequential changes to Thuringowa, Mundingburra and Burdekin are not supported.
	10. Burdekin: As per comments 8 and 9, the changes proposed by Submission 3 are substantial and are not acceptable to stakeholders.
	11. Mirani/McMaster, Keppel and Mackay: While the proposal to no longer have Mirani taking in the area south of Rockhampton and Keppel across to Port Alma is supported, the suggestion to balance this change by securing enrolments from Gracemere is strongly rejected. There is a clear community of interest between Rockhampton and Gracemere that should be respected. There is a greater community of interest for Mirani to move into the south of Mackay, and regain areas that had previously resided in the electorate of Mirani. The proposal for Keppel is under current quota (p40) and therefore is not compliant.
	12 Gregory: We do not support the proposed changes to Gregory boundaries on the grounds stated in comments 8 and 10. Whilst Diamantina had previously resided in Gregory, stakeholders consulted strongly support connections to Warrego, on the grounds of communications, transport, social service and community linkages.
	13. Gladstone and Burnett: The unique community of interest character of Burnett has not been respected. The Calliope and Boyne Valley communities link exclusively north to Gladstone, Biloela and on to Rockhampton as the regional centre, not south to Bundaberg, therefore the Submission 3 proposal would result in strong community dislocation for this area.
	14. Maryborough, Hervey Bay and Gympie: The proposal to bring Gympie into the southern outskirts of Maryborough is not supported by stakeholders as it severs communities of interest. There is a mountain range between Tiara and Curra that crosses the Bruce Highway which is a much more natural boundary. The proposed boundary for Hervey Bay is not supported as River Heads lacks a transport connection to Maryborough, except through the southern suburbs of Hervey Bay.
	15. Sunshine Coast: Similar to the proposal from the LNP, Submission 3 has identified the need for an additional district on the north of the Sunshine Coast. Its solution is unsatisfactory due to consequential impacts on community of interest in other electorates. The proposal results in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Glass House being under current quota (p53) and by taking in the majority of Caboolture, loses its "Glass House character", - Kawana/ Mooloolah being under current quota (p53). Stakeholders have advised firmly that the Buddina community of interest is strongly connected with the Kawana electorate and that Kawana Is/Parrearra only connects to the Buddina community of interest. The Submission 3 proposal to extend to include Mooloolah and Diamond Valleys is against communities of interest,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nicklin's heritage as a hinterland district has not been respected. This proposal suggests a largely coastal district which alters its nature, and - Pumicestone's community of interest is on the east of the Bruce Highway, and should exclude Caboolture.)
	16. Nanango: Representations from stakeholders have strongly supported the South Burnett region be united within Nanango and the boundary of the Nanango district should not extend west of the Great Dividing Range.
	17. Warrego: Submission 3 transfers from Condamine the prime agricultural land of the Northern Downs from Condamine to the proposed large district of Warrego. This is unsatisfactory for stakeholders as this region has strong community of interest and transport, communication, social services and trade connectivity to Dalby and through Toowoomba on to the Port of Brisbane.
	<p>18. Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South/Davis and Condamine: The proposed changes are unsupported. In particular the transfer of East Toowoomba and Redwood to Lockyer is unsustainable and on a community of interest basis it is a disaster due to the transfer out of the Toowoomba City Region the following social and economic drivers - Toowoomba Grammar, Fairholme College, Toowoomba Preparatory School, Queens Park (the centre for the Carnival of Flowers), and St Vincent Hospital and much more.</p> <p>Condamine see comment 16 and 17 regarding the necessity of linking the Northern Downs west of the Great Dividing Range together in their community of interest.</p>
	19. Lockyer: See comment 18 regarding the unsuitability of the proposal to extend Lockyer into Toowoomba East. This proposal is not supported.
	20. Bundamba, Ipswich West/Jordan, Ipswich and Macalister: Submission 3 is unsustainable as the proposal does not conform with legislative enrolment requirements (p62 and 63) where proposed Bundamba and Macalister (new) are substantially above the projected quota allowance. The failure of this submission to meet this legislative requirement means it is not compliant.
	21. Northern metropolitan areas: In this area, submission 3 is opposed as it relies for its proposed adjustments primarily on the abolition of Indooroopilly to be replaced by Fysh in the Pumicestone region. This is unnecessary and causes substantial dislocation of communities of interest across the whole of the north of Brisbane. The abolition relies on flow on impacts of the proposed districts of Logan, Bundamba, Macalister and Coomera being over projected quota which results in this proposal being non-compliant.
	<p>22. Southern metropolitan areas: This Submission relies on the non-compliant proposal for Bundamba, Macalister, Coomera and Logan to be over proposed quota guidelines (p78, 88 and 92) and so is not supported.</p> <p>The proposal for Beaudesert (p87) to align more closely with the Scenic Rim Council boundaries would be supported. It does not meet however legislative quota requirements.</p> <p>Submission 3 reflects the great difficulty for submissions to meet the legislative guidelines and be over minimum current quota and under maximum projected quota in this region, while also respecting communities of interest.</p>

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	<p>23. Gold Coast and Hinterland: This Submission relies on the non-compliant proposal as;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bundamba, Macalister, Coomera and Logan are over proposed quota guidelines (p78, 88 and 92), - Beaudesert, Waterford, Sunnybank, Lockyer and Gaven being under proposed quota (p 59, 84, 87 and 96), and - Mudgeeraba, Coomera, Albert, Inala, Ipswich West, South Brisbane, Brisbane Central, Morayfield and Southport are under current quota as per page 60, 68, 77, 82, 85, 91, 92, 94 and 98 and so cannot be supported.
4. Martin Gordon	<p>We acknowledge Mr Gordon's considerable work in submission 4. The absence of analysis in line with the legislative requirements and the complexity of the current and projected enrolment allowances, means this Submission is not compliant. Therefore, should be considered cautiously and with reservation by the Commission.</p> <p>In particular, the abolition of either Mount Coot-tha or Stafford is not necessary and therefore not supported. Submission 4's proposed new districts in the north of the Sunshine Coast, north Gold Coast and Ipswich regions seem reasonable, however the proposed district in the north of Brisbane is unnecessary and results from the misguided abolition of an inner Brisbane district.</p>
5. Elizabeth Kalpa	Federal matter - not relevant
6. B F Pohlmann	No comment
7. Don Walz	No comment
8. Deon Attard	Sentiment expressed is sound, however is unable to be accommodated under the legislative quota requirements.
9. Kerry Harle & Alan Withers	Submission should be noted.
10. Bob Richardson	<p>We acknowledge Mr Richardson's considerable work in submission 10. It provides what could be reasonable scenarios. The absence of analysis in line with the legislative requirements, and the enrolment assumptions made in alteration of current quota to 30/6/2016 means this Submission is not compliant. It therefore should be considered cautiously and with reservation by the Commission.</p> <p>Mr Richardson's analysis is not complete, e.g. the transfer of enrolments from Nanango to a new proposed district of Somerset is hindered by the absence of details of the proposed additional district of Somerset.</p> <p>The proposal's adjustments flowing from Cook to the Southern Downs results in many mismatched communities of interest. While we agree Nanango should lose electors west of the range to Condamine, we disagree with the move of Dalby and the Northern Downs' prime agricultural land to Warrego on community of interest grounds.</p>
11. Trevor & Karen Martin	Not supported.
12. Steve Dickson MP	Supported.
13. Lynette Briers	Submission should be noted.
14. Viven Ouwerkerk	Submission should be noted.

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15. Dr Mark Mulcair	<p>We acknowledge Dr Mulcair's considerable work in Submission 15. We note it does not comply with legislative quota requirements in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ipswich-Toowoomba Corridor - Ipswich West (current), Ipswich (projected), Bundamba (projected) and Springfield new (current); - Northern Queensland - Whitsunday (current); Sunshine Coast - Glass House (current and projected) and Kawana (current); - Northern Brisbane - Clayfield (current), Nudgee (projected), Indooroopilly (projected) and Moggill (projected); Gold Coast - Beenleigh (current) and Coomera (projected); and - Southern Brisbane - Beaudesert (current), Logan (current), Meadowbrook (projected) Woodridge (current), Bulimba (projected) South Brisbane (current), Yeerongpilly (projected), Inala (current) and Sunnybank (projected) <p>Therefore, this submission should be considered cautiously and with reservation by the Commission.</p> <p>The Submission proposes a number of name changes to districts which are unnecessary and opposed.</p> <p>In addition, there are the following issues:</p>
	<p>1. LDA districts: This submission maintains five (5) large districts, with contrast with a number of other submissions that the number of large districts can be reduced from five (5) to four (4) to deliver improved representation based on communities of interest. The retention of Dalrymple maintains a district based on a collection of uncomfortable communities of interest with a north-south orientation. These communities would be better served by a move to reflecting the existing east-west linkages as set out by a number of submissions. In addition, it results in undesirable impacts on electorates in North Queensland, particularly Hinchinbrook and Mirani.</p> <p>The significant increase in the proposed size of Mount Isa is concerning due to its flow on impacts to Gregory and Warrego such as the move of Dalby and the Northern Downs' prime agricultural land from Condamine. This results in an uncomfortable and unsuitable community of interest.</p> <p>In addition, the transfer of the Longreach Regional Council from Gregory to Mount Isa is strongly rejected by stakeholders.</p> <p>Regional Queensland is better served by those submissions that recommend an east-west orientation of districts in recognition of established transport, social services and communication linkages as well as communities of interest.</p>
	<p>2. Ipswich - Toowoomba Corridor: As Submission 15's proposed Ipswich West, Ipswich, Bundamba and Springfield (new) districts fail to meet quota requirement there are issues raised about the validity of Dr Mulcair's proposals for this region. We note the general consensus regarding the need for a new district around the Springfield area.</p> <p>The proposed Warrego/Condamine boundary splits the prime agricultural communities on the Darling Downs and is opposed.</p>
	<p>3. Northern Queensland: The proposed change to Hinchinbrook is opposed as stakeholders stress the strong connectivity both in transport and social service provisions that exclusively link Palm Island to Townsville, not Hinchinbrook. In addition, Palm Island does not have any commonality with Hinchinbrook communities of interest.</p> <p>The proposed boundaries for Hervey Bay and Maryborough are not supported as River Heads lacks a transport connection to Maryborough, except through the southern suburbs of Hervey Bay.</p> <p>Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach have transport linkages to Gympie, with only a poor connection to Maryborough.</p>

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	<p>4. Sunshine Coast: As the proposed Glass House and Kawana districts fail to meet quota requirement, issues are raised about the validity of Dr Mulcair's proposals for this region. While the proposals have interest, they result in some major dislocations of communities of interest, such as Cooroy and Black Mountain have strong connections to Nicklin and the Sunshine Coast, not Gympie. The transfer of Mooloolaba to Buderim (a recognised premier hinterland district) is strongly opposed by Stakeholders as it transfers 6000 coastal enrolments that have a substantially different character.</p>
	<p>5. Moreton Bay region: While Dr Mulcair's proposals in this region have interest, they rely on substantial adjustments to northern Brisbane districts which mean that Clayfield, Nudgee, Indooroopilly and Moggill are out of quota. This undermines the validity of this proposal and makes unviable a new districts based on Caboolture in the Moreton Bay region.</p>
	<p>6. Northern Brisbane: As the proposed Clayfield, Nudgee, Indooroopilly and Moggill districts fail to meet the legislative quota requirement, issues are raised about the validity of Dr Mulcair's proposals for this region. Therefore, this proposal should be considered cautiously and with reservation by the Commission.</p> <p>The submission relies on substantial and unnecessary changes across northern Brisbane with the transfers of entire suburbs into districts that are not their natural communities of interest, such as Zillmere into Aspley from Nudgee.</p>
	<p>7. Greater Gold Coast: As the proposed Coomera and Beenleigh (new) districts fail to meet the legislative quota requirement, issues are raised about the validity of the proposals across this region. This proposal, therefore, should be considered cautiously and with reservation by the Commission.</p> <p>Dr Mulcair states, "Due to this (rapid growth in the Coomera District), it seems virtually impossible to construct any boundaries that would be within 10% tolerance at both the current and projected times, without massive changes to several districts." We respectfully disagree, as Dr Mulcair is still proposing substantial changes across the Gold Coast resulting in uncomfortable dislocations of existing communities of interest, and has been shown to be unnecessary by other submissions.</p> <p>In addition, this submission has detrimental impacts on its proposed districts in the South of Brisbane, resulting in a third of the proposed districts (11 out of the 32 districts) in the combined regions not complying with the quota requirements.</p>
	<p>8. Southern Brisbane: As the proposed Beaudesert, Logan, Meadowbrook/Waterford, Woodridge, South Brisbane, Inala, Sunnybank, Yeerongpilly, Bulimba districts fail to meet the legislative quota requirement, issues are raised about the validity of the Dr Mulcair's proposals across this region. This proposal, therefore, should be considered cautiously and with reservation by the Commission.</p> <p>The proposal results in substantial and undesirable impacts on communities of interest, in particular in the Capalaba, Mansfield, Chatsworth and Redlands districts which are strongly opposed by stakeholders.</p>
16. Virginia West	Agree with the sentiment expressed.
17. William Heggie	Submission should be noted.
18. Ingrid Heggie	Submission should be noted.

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19. Cr Rick Stanfield	Agree with the sentiment expressed regarding the inclusion of the entire Scenic Rim Regional Council be in one State Electorate. The proposed name change is not supported.
20. Corinne Delahunty	Agree with the sentiment expressed.
21. Ian Pocock	Agree with the sentiment expressed.
22. Paul Blackman	<p>Mr Blackman has made some interesting comments. His views regarding the weighting of large districts does not coincide with the views of the Electoral Administrative Review Commission (EARC) which are reflected in the <i>Electoral Act 1992</i>. weightage exists in similar jurisdictions such as Canadian British Columbia.</p> <p>EARC stated in its <i>Report on Queensland Legislative Assembly Electoral System 1990</i> (p123): <i>If there exists in Queensland a situation in which citizens, because of remoteness, distance, or other geographic factors, are placed at a disadvantage in terms of effective access to their MLAs this must affect their ability to take part in the conduct of public affairs. Such a disadvantage must prejudice good government because representative democracy requires reasonable access by electors to their elected representatives. If some deviation from equal suffrage is necessary to overcome this disadvantage then, in the opinion of this Commission, such deviation is justified.</i></p> <p>His proposal to realign Winton and Diamantina into Gregory and Warrego respectively is agreed, however many of his other suggestions are unsustainable on community of interest grounds.</p> <p>The Submission's views for the southern Brisbane area shows no understanding of the complexities of complying with the legislative requirements to regarding the quotas for current and projected enrolments.</p>
23. Ruth Chalk	Agree with the sentiment expressed.
24. Richard Gorman	Agree with the sentiment expressed regarding the inclusion of the entire Scenic Rim Regional Council be in one State Electorate. The proposed name change is not supported.
25. Alice Gorman	Agree with the sentiment expressed regarding the inclusion of the entire Scenic Rim Regional Council be in one State Electorate. The proposed name change is not supported.
26. Susan Shay	Agree with the sentiment expressed regarding the inclusion of the entire Scenic Rim Regional Council be in one State Electorate. The proposed name change is not supported.
27. Mary McInnes	Agree with the sentiment expressed.
29. Robert Macintosh	Submission should be noted.
30. Lawrence Horton	Submission should be noted.
31. Tegan Goodridge/One Nation	The Submission 31's proposal of new districts without analysis of nearby electorates isolates the suggestions from flow-on impacts to their neighbouring districts and the wider region. None of the proposed new districts comply with legislative quota requirements and therefore should be considered cautiously and with reservation by the Commission.

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	1. Tambourine: In Submission 31 Ms Goodridge/One Nation contests the validity of the projected growth data provided by the Commission. Only anecdotal evidence is submitted that is not supported by proven data. This proposal therefore should be considered with caution. The submission has cherry-picked SA1's to construct this district without addressing the flow on impacts on surrounding districts. In particular, the growth on the Gold Coast that is occurring largely in the coastal strip of the Coomera electorate has not been addressed by this proposal. The submission proposes a Tambourine district that does not meet legislative growth requirements as it under current enrolment allowance. The SA1's listed by Ms Goodridge/One Nation are not contiguous and do not provide a continuous boundary. For these reasons, we believe the proposal for a new district based on Tambourine is non-viable.
	2. Springfield: Similar to other submissions, Ms Goodridge/One Nation identifies the need for a new district based on the Springfield area. This proposal produces a district that does not meet legislative growth requirements as it under current enrolment allowance. Therefore, it should be treated with caution.
	3. Highfields: While the concept of a proposed new district in the Toowoomba region has merit, the execution is poor resulting in a number of stranded SA1's. The enrolment numbers quoted by Ms Goodridge/One Nation should be contested, for example, the SA1s listed for transfer from Condamine to Toowoomba South results in a total of 4455 current enrolments, instead of the submissions quoted figure of 7045 and strands some SA1s. A similar case applies for the SA1s transferred from Toowoomba South to Highfields (new). This issue is repeated across the submission's SA1 proposals. Importantly the proposed new district still does not meet quota. There is merit in including Murphy's Creek in a district based in Toowoomba region due to its strong transport, schooling, social and communication linkages with Toowoomba City. This does not apply for communities east of Wivenhoe and in the Glass House region as they lack any transport or social linkages to Toowoomba. Instead these have natural communities of interest with Brisbane and/or the Sunshine Coast.
	4. North Lakes: Similar to other submissions, Ms Goodridge/One Nation suggests a new district based in the Pumicestone/Murrumba area. This is not supported as the over-enrolment in this area is better utilised by augmenting the under-quota Northern Brisbane districts. In addition, it is difficult to assess the proposal as a number of the SA1's listed for the proposed district appear to have been entered in inaccurately. Actually represent suburbs in Mackay.
32. Peter Yarrow	Agree with the sentiment expressed regarding the inclusion of the entire Scenic Rim Regional Council be in one State Electorate. The proposed name change is not supported.
33. Graham Porter OAM	Agree with the sentiment expressed regarding the inclusion of the entire Scenic Rim Regional Council be in one State Electorate. The proposed name change is not supported.
34. Cr Duncan McInnes	Agree with the sentiment expressed.
35. Colin Lagoon	Agree with the sentiment expressed regarding the inclusion of the entire Scenic Rim Regional Council be in one State Electorate. The proposed name change is not supported.

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36. Mark Yore	Submission 36 by Mr Yore has provided thoughtful analysis that is conceptual in nature that would require further practical modelling.
	1. Coomera: Mr Yore's proposal for a new district based on Coomera is generally supported, but his solution has unnecessary and detrimental impacts on the southern Gold Coast districts that would be better dealt with in the northern growth belt.
	2. Springfield/Bundamba: This proposal is consistent with many other submissions which propose a new district based on the Springfield growth area. Without analysis on a SA1 level, it is difficult to comment as the complexities of balancing low current enrolments with the high growth projections which is one of the most challenging aspects facing this redistribution.
	3. Glass House: Mr Yore's submission seems to address the need for an additional district on the Sunshine Coast. The proposal for a new district at Caboolture is not supported as the over-enrolment in this area is better utilised by augmenting the under-quota Northern Brisbane districts. A new district located in the north of the Sunshine Coast would better address the valid issues raised by Mr Yore, while minimising dislocations and changes to communities of interest across the Sunshine Coast. We agree with his analysis regarding proposed changes to Nicklin.
	4. Barron River: We agree with the need for an additional non-large district based in the Cairns surrounds to the coast. The solution flow-on impacts to the south would be better addressed by realigning the large western districts into an east-west alignment and maintaining the coastal nature of districts to the east, utilising where possible the Great Dividing Range as a natural boundary.
	5. Paired seats: It is observed that Indooroopilly and Brisbane Central do not share a common boundary.
	6. Renamed seats: The proposed changes to the names of Cook and Nicklin are not supported.
37. Paul Smith	Understand the sentiment expressed, however is submission is not supported.
38. Evan Moorehead – ALP	<p>The lack of detailed analysis means Submission 38 has provided little to no guidance on how the proposed redistribution should deal with the overwhelming challenge of managing districts with low current enrolments that are projected to have extremely high growth.</p> <p>To suit its own strategic interest its analysis is rubbery of where the new districts should be located and its impact on existing communities of interest. This Submission makes suggestions for electorates/communities where it suits the submitter's strategic interests, while ignoring the flow-on impacts for other districts. For this reason, this submission should be treated with caution and reservation.</p>

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	<p>1. Weighted electorates: The submission's position on the principle of weightage for large districts demonstrates the ALP's lack of understanding of the needs and challenges faced by Queenslanders in rural and regional Queenslanders and the impacts of significant demographic and economic change. See comment on Submission 22.</p> <p>The proposal for an east-west alignment for Mount Isa is supported. It is, however, vaguely articulated, does not provide detail for consideration of its impact on communities and it is questionable where the proposed district draws its enrolments. It seems this proposed change is likely to have far reaching implications for the Gulf, Peninsular, Tablelands and Barron River/Cairns region. The proposal for Dalrymple is not supported. It is vague and seems to deliver an electorate that perpetuates a continuation of the current dislocations and mismatches of communities of interest. In particular the inclusion of Mareeba is ill thought out and not supported.</p> <p>The reduction of the number of large electorates from five (5) to four (4) is supported. We submit that there have been superior options that allow better alignments to communities of interest have been provided to the Commission, such as the abolition of Dalrymple.</p>
	<p>2. Far North Queensland: The proposed adjustments to the electorate of Cook are not supported. The addition of enrolments from Barron River is not required and results in considerable dislocation for the communities surrounding Palm Cove and Trinity Beach. Submission 38's proposal represents strategic interests, rather than communities of interest. The proposal is rubbery on detail and lacking analysis on how the proposal deals with demographic change in the Far North region. It provides no suggestions for the required changes for Cairns and Mulgrave. In contrast to its tendency again is to make strategic suggestions for other electorates/communities where it suits the submitter's interests.</p>
	<p>3. North Queensland: Submission 38 makes adjustments in Hinchinbrook that are more about its strategic interests than communities of interest. This proposal would result in Hinchinbrook being considerably under quota. Our conservative analysis is this suggestion would move over 4000 current and over 7000 projected enrolments to Townsville. Furthermore, it would result in substantial dislocation of communities across the districts of Townsville, Thuringowa and Mundingburra.</p>
	<p>4. Mackay area: The proposal by Submission 38 for Mirani is unnecessary and not supported. The Great Dividing Range should be utilised as a natural boundary where possible to deliver communities of interest and to ensure Mirani regains its coastal nature. In particular the inclusion of Moranbah in Mirani is incongruous and results in a strongly mismatched community of interest. Again this proposal represents their strategic interests over the community's interest.</p>
	<p>5. Rockhampton area: No comment.</p>

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	<p>6. Central Queensland: Submission 38 provides no detail for its proposal for Callide to gain electors from Nanango and Gregory, and the resulting impacts on communities. It is likely, however that this may result in the South Burnett being separated from its community of interest in proposed Nanango which is strongly opposed by stakeholders. The consequential impact on the southern boundary of Nanango is not detailed. This proposal is poorly thought out and should be regarded with caution by the Commission. Likewise, the submission seems to suggest Callide may gain Emerald from Gregory which would result in perverse outcomes for communities across the Central Highlands and is strongly opposed.</p> <p>The submission is internally inconsistent as it states Burnett should have no change as it is within quota in point 3.6 but in 3.7 it proposes substantial alterations for its boundary.</p>
	<p>7. Fraser Coast and Wide Bay region: The proposal to move the suburb of Urraween cannot be justified on community of interest grounds as it is clearly should be aligned to Hervey Bay localities. Again this proposal represents their strategic interests over the community's interest.</p>
	<p>8. Sunshine Coast, Hinterland and South Burnett: Submission 38 is unclear whether there should be one (1) or two (2) new districts on the Sunshine Coast. The Submission does not support its proposals with the required enrolment data and therefore so should be treated cautiously and with reservations by the Commission.</p> <p>In one of its proposals (page 5), the Submission suggests substantial changes across the Sunshine Coast in order to "wash" enrolments down to shore up the proposed new district at Caboolture. This move is in its own strategic interest as it conflicts with its own submission in point 3.9 that the excess enrolments at Caboolture are more properly used to supplement North Brisbane districts (not a new district at Caboolture).</p> <p>This impact on the Sunshine Coast is unnecessary and can be solved by creating a new district on the Sunshine Coast, which is more logically located to the north, instead of either Caboolture or Caloundra area as postulated on page 6.</p>
	<p>9. Moreton Bay region: The proposals in this region are unbalanced, self-serving and in the Submitter's own strategic interest and not supported as they are not in the community's interest.</p>
	<p>10. Brisbane North: This submission supports the position that no Brisbane districts need to be abolished, instead relying on adjustments between electorates to smooth out the impact of growth. Some of the changes proposed are in the submitters strategic interest and not to the benefit of communities of interest.</p> <p>The Submission is based on a statement that Nudgee is above allowed quota. The data provided by the Commission shows Nudgee is on quota. In addition, the submission does not address Ashgrove which is out of quota. This submission should be treated cautiously and with reservations by the Commission.</p> <p>The proposal for the alteration of the boundary between Clayfield and Stafford/Brisbane Central is not supported. This boundary is currently well defined by the natural boundaries of Gympie/Lutwyche Roads, the railway line and Breakfast Creek.</p>

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	<p>11. Brisbane South: Submission 38 is unviable and should be treated with caution and reservation by the Commission. From our analysis, modelling indicates that the proposed adjustments would result in Greenslopes being substantially over current quota at 39,127 and Mansfield under quota for both current and projected enrolments at 28,271 and 30,202 respectively. In addition, Chatsworth would be effectively cleaved in two with only a small isthmus for connection, thereby destroying the social and economic cohesion of the district.</p> <p>The proposal for the alteration of the southern boundary of Mount Ommaney is opposed. This boundary is well defined by Wolston Creek (Wacol Correctional Centre), the railway line, Harcourt and Ipswich Rds. The need for additional electors for Mount Ommaney is better addressed by reuniting the community at Corinda to the north.</p>
	<p>12. South of Brisbane: The proposal for substantial alteration to Capalaba, Redlands and Cleveland are not supported as these changes are not required. We do believe that Logan, Waterford, Springwood and Woodridge require change, however this submission has failed to deliver a proposal that properly address the challenge of low current and high projected growth.</p>
	<p>13. Gold Coast: Submission 38 does not provide a cogent proposal for the necessary changes on the Gold Coast, and lacks any data to support its proposal. It appears from our analysis that there are insufficient enrolments on the south of the Gold Coast to accommodate this submissions proposal. Enrolments from the electorates of Mudgeeraba, Currumbin, Burleigh, Mermaid Beach, Surfers Paradise and the remaining enrolments not transferred to the new district of Nerang from Gaven (as described by the submission) gives an average enrolment of 30,072 current and 33,450 projected. This is under the legislative quota requirements. The proposed electorate of Carrara/Gaven would split the community of Nerang in half despite it having strong links across the M1, including all being part of the Nerang police station response area. It appears the Mudgeeraba showground would be located outside the division of Mudgeeraba and the rural residential section of Worongary split from its community of interest. To the north the residents of Pacific Pines and Oxenford consider themselves quite separate with each suburb having its own community centre, shopping centres and sporting clubs.</p> <p>Stakeholders have clearly opposed the proposal from the ALP on the grounds the enrolment in the districts of Mudgeeraba and Carrara would not be within quota and "picking an area in which to place a new district which largely consists of recent development without significant growth on the Gold Coast makes little sense."</p> <p>Submission 38 proposes substantial consequential changes to electorates on the Gold Coast which are unnecessary. The proposed alterations to Albert are strongly opposed as Stakeholders have clearly stated that the M1 is a strong natural barrier in this Albert area. Areas to the west of the M1 have their own commerce, industry and residential precincts, including shopping, private and public schools and medical centres. In addition, Submission 38's proposed Albert lacks a community of interest with Logan Village, Yarrabilba and Eagleby but has strong social and transport connections with Tambourine.</p> <p>The associated adjustments across the Gold Coast to enable Submission 38's proposal are not supported.</p>
	<p>14. Ipswich, Scenic Rim and surrounds: This region is challenging due to the complex mix of low and high growth areas as demonstrated by the Submission's only table on page 10. Despite this, Submission 38 lacks any cogent reasoning, data or analysis to support its proposal or to assist the Commission to resolve these challenges.</p>

SUBMISSION	COMMENT
	<p>15. Toowoomba and Darling Downs: This proposal is strongly opposed. Highfields is a significant suburb of Toowoomba, to which it looks for services and community of interest. It should not be transferred to a neighbouring electorate as this would result in substantial negative outcomes and fragmentation. Again this proposal represents their strategic interests over the community's interest.</p> <p>The proposal to move the long recognised boundary of James Street is unwise and short sighted.</p>
39. Jef Cummings	Understand the sentiment expressed, however is submission is not supported.
40. Louise Mortiss	Note the sentiment expressed.
41. Greg Hallam PSM	Agree with the LGA's sentiment that an improved outcome could be achieved with a better alignment to an east west axis.

From: [Boundaries](#)
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Subject: Glass House, Maroochydore, Nicklin, Noosa - Josef Schembera
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 11:42:33 AM

Online submission for **Glass House, Maroochydore, Nicklin, Noosa** from **Josef Schembera**

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Submission Details

- Submission: Glass House, Maroochydore, Nicklin, Noosa

Glass House – The Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay regions are a less extreme version of the growth pressures faced by the Gold Coast. Although the most significant growth has been in the seats of Murrumba (+29.672%) and Pumicestone (+18.322%), there has been growth along the coastal corridor and the hinterland. In past redistributions the M1 has been crossed a number of times (Caloundra and Pumicestone) resulting in issues with community of interest. This can be fixed by a. transferring the northern, mostly unpopulated, section of Bribie Island to Pumicestone from Caloundra b. transferring the section of Pumicestone west of the M1 in Caboolture into Morayfield c. adjusting the boundary between Murrumba and Pumicestone to maintain quota d. Transferring the areas west of the M1 around Landsborough from Caloundra to Glasshouse This allows the seat of Glasshouse to be split into a northern and southern seat, picking up the transferred excess from the current seat of Pine Rivers and allowing the seat of Morayfield to form around the urban area of Caboolture. Additionally the seat of Nicklin should form around the core areas of Nambour, bounded by the M1. This would require a realignment of the coastal and rural seats on the Sunshine Coast. However I do suggest that the seat of Noosa could align within the boundaries of the Noosa Shire Council.
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Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 12:03:23 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **John Sands**

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Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission. I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia. To redistribute this "urban centric" area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Highfields is located a short distance of 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for this suburb to remain part of Toowoomba. The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rurally based seat. I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option. The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative. Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary. I, in summary, also point out the following issues

1. Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs.
2. Many local services covering Highfields are based in Toowoomba
3. My child/children

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attend school in Toowoomba. Being represented by an MP whose electorate doesn't include my child's school does not make sense. The school catchments are based on where you live you go to school, or nearby...this describes Toowoomba as being where I live. 4. I live in Highfields and work in Toowoomba as do the majority of neighbours. 5. It is my firm feeling that my community is Toowoomba- the city where I shop for clothes, buy and service my cars and go out to dinners, cafes, attend the theatre and where my children attend sporting activities. 6. The social meeting points in Highfields are promoted to Toowoomba families, as well as Highfields - many Toowoomba people make the short drive to High-fields on weekends to socialise as do many of my neighbours make the drive to Toowoomba for social events on a regular basis. 7. Many of my friends are either Toowoomba or Highfields residents. We consider ourselves to be part of the same region and community. 8. As a Highfields resident, I consider that I live in the north of Toowoomba, not the far south of a vast rural electorate. 9. Our local Daily newspaper, The Toowoomba Chronicle, regularly carries advertisements and stories focussed on Highfields as these are relevant to Toowoomba itself, not the far south of a vast rural electorate. 10. There is virtually no community connection between Highfields and a rurally based electorate. I thank you for your consideration

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Professor John Sands**

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Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

I live at the border of Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields. This is part of the northern suburbs of Toowoomba, and our house backs on to the New England Highway. Highfields is essentially a residential suburb of Toowoomba. At the 2011 census, Highfields had a population of 8,012, making it the fastest growing area in Queensland. Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields are no longer rural areas, but are largely residential areas. Therefore, it seems inappropriate to move the electoral boundary so that our area is linked with rural communities who have little in common with our needs, nor our needs with theirs. It seems much more logical that these growing residential areas of Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields be linked into the more relevant electoral area of Toowoomba North. This may be especially important considering the construction of the new Range Crossing By-Pass, which will be constructed less than one kilometre from our house. We may need to call on our member for help if we have issues. How will our member have any idea of our situation if he or she lives hundreds of kilometres from our house? Therefore, I ask that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as it is, and not undergo any boundary changes as part of the 2016 redistribution. Thank you for your consideration, John Sands

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Subject: Toowoomba North - Mrs Kirsten Sands
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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Mrs Kirsten Sands**

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Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

I live at the border of Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields. This is part of the northern suburbs of Toowoomba, and our house backs on to the New England Highway. Highfields is essentially a dormitory suburb of Toowoomba. This is evidenced by large volumes of traffic leaving Highfields and heading to Toowoomba at 7.30 am to 8.30 am every morning, and returning to Highfields between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm every night. Many Highfields residents do not travel north of Highfields. Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields are no longer rural areas, but are largely residential areas. Therefore, it seems inappropriate to move the electoral boundary to include our area with rural communities who have little in common with our needs, nor our needs with theirs. It seems much more logical that these growing residential areas of Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields be linked into the more relevant electoral area of Toowoomba North. This may be especially important considering the construction of the new Range Crossing By-Pass, which will be constructed only several hundred metres from our house. We may need to call on our member for help if we have issues. How will our member have any idea of our situation if they live hundreds of kilometres from our house? Therefore, I ask that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as it is, and not undergo any boundary changes as part of the 2016 redistribution. Thank you for your consideration, Kirsten Sands

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From: [Kerry Jones](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: Change of Electoral Boundaries Submission
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 12:15:00 PM

To Whom it may concern.

I have not been able to send my comment on the Electoral Boundaries Submissions form due to a technical issue.

Please know that I have read the submissions and fully endorse the changes recommended in the LNP Submission.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Kerry John Jones

106/10 Leeding Terrace Caloundra 4551



From: [Boundaries](#)
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Subject: All Districts, Toowoomba North - Jim O'Dea
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 12:22:07 PM
Attachments: [28.08.2016 HDBC Submission to Electoral Review Commission.pdf](#)

Online submission for **All Districts, Toowoomba North** from **Jim O'Dea**

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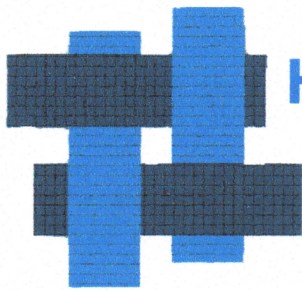
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28th August 2016

The Secretary,
Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing on behalf of the Highfields and District Business Connections. We are a not-for-profit community organisation which represents the local businesses within the Highfields area, currently part of the state seat of Toowoomba North.

We are concerned that the redistribution of the electorates to the north and west or east of Toowoomba North will result in the electoral boundary being moved to exclude Highfields from Toowoomba North. This would be a disastrous decision by the Commission that would greatly impact on our member businesses and our community.

Highfields is a community which relies heavily on Toowoomba for its economic growth and since the council amalgamation in 2008, the community has done a great deal to establish and then strengthen its ties to the Toowoomba Regional Council. To fracture our community by making it part of an electorate different to Toowoomba North would mean that we would be seen as part of a different area by the key organisation which drives our economic future in Toowoomba Regional Council.

Also, the electorates around Toowoomba North are rural based and fundamentally different to Highfields and our cultural alignment with the more urban area of Toowoomba. To redistribute Highfields into one of these rural electorates would result in a very divisive community where the much more populous Highfields would almost certainly overwhelm all the other issues and priorities for the rural constituents.

For these reasons, the Highfields and District Business Connections strongly recommends to the Commission that the whole of the Highfields area remains in Toowoomba North.

Sincerely,

Jim O'Dea
President, Highfields and District Business Connections

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To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Dalrymple - Scott Fittler
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 12:34:28 PM
Attachments: [SFittler Comments on Suggestions State District Boundaries.pdf](#)

Online submission for **Dalrymple** from **Scott Fittler**

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Submission Details

- Submission: Dalrymple
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The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Electoral Commission Queensland
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27 August 2016

RE: Comments on the Suggestions regarding the redistribution of the State into 93 electoral districts

Dear Secretary,

In response to submissions by both major parties for redistribution as part of the Electoral (Improving Representation) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2016 (the Act), I have outlined below my reservations to the submissions.

My comments mainly concern the electorate of Dalrymple, the electorate in which I am a constituent, and the additional large district number (ALDN) weighting for rural seats over 100,000 square kms.

The Act and subsequent investigation by the Queensland Redistribution Commission is to ensure that Queenslanders will have more equitable and improved access to representation. The proposed amendments to electoral boundaries by the two major parties appear to be more about the protection of current members and calculation of political advantage, than the interest of communities.

In contrast to the major parties submissions, I refer to the submission made by Mr Jeff Waddell. Mr Waddell's comprehensive submission provides a non-political overview of the challenges presented by redistribution and makes balanced recommendations that take seriously Matters for Consideration as per s46 of the Electoral Act 1992. This is not necessarily an endorsement of all Mr Waddell's conclusions but of the approach he has taken.

The LNP submission would reduce the five ALDN weighted rural seats of Cook, Mt Isa, Dalrymple, Warrego and Gregory to four, abolishing the rural electorate of Dalrymple. The ALP submission proposes the ALDN weighting be removed completely.

Section 46 of the Electoral Act 1992 outlines matters which need to be considered when redistribution occurs, these include the boundaries of existing electoral districts.

A consequence of the LNP proposal to remove Dalrymple will result in major boundary alterations. It must be noted that Dalrymple is a regional seat currently within district variation quota and it is questionable why the LNP has chosen to remove this electorate. The suggested overhaul of the four other weighted rural seats would result in a reduction of a large proportion of the original constituent representation and remove a significant proportion of original electoral boundaries.

Currently, Dalrymple is well represented and, like all large weighted seats, within quota. The LNP submission proposes massive adjustments across electorates that include the expansion of Warrego, an already geographically large seat at 279,546 square kilometers (which is larger in area than the state of Victoria). The LNP submission runs the electorates of Mount Isa and Gregory horizontally from Northern Territory border across the State almost touching the North and Central coastline of Queensland.

A Matter for Consideration in the Electoral Act 1992 of particular relevance to my concerns regarding the LNP submission is s46 1(a) the extent there is a community of social, regional or other interests within each proposed electoral district and the boundaries of existing electoral districts. The issue of shared community interests is critical to rural electorates where a large geographical area may cover a number of substantially diverse communities. The LNP submission does not take the matter of common interest communities into account at all.

To suggest constituents either on the coastline of Bowen or St Lawrence will be given the best advice and representation by an elected member whose electorate borders the Northern Territory demonstrates a high disregard for the challenges of serving such extremely diverse communities. It is hard to accept that this values 'community interest' as these electorates rezoned in the LNP submission are both vast and varied

Section 46 also lists the ways of communication and travel within each proposed electoral district as a matter for consideration.

The LNP recommendation severely underestimates the logistical complexities of travel between population concentrations and the limited telecommunications in rural and remote areas of Western and Northern QLD. Covering such a huge area will not only restrict access to representation for constituents in the suggested electorates but would have very negative personal impacts on any member required to cover such areas.

The ALP suggestion that all weighted seats be reduced in value disregards the enormous challenges of large rural electorates with limited telecommunications and extreme distances between population concentrations. There are currently only five weighted seats and they are above 100,000 square kilometres. These should remain and be protected as they give balanced representation in rural and regional Queensland.

Weighted seats are designed to give electorates, which are large in distance but small in population, equal weighting with the smaller, heavily populated, city electorates. This corrects an imbalance in parliamentary representation as it compensates for disadvantages but provides no advantage as implied by the ALP recommendations.

Four additional electorates have been legislated to be added to the current 89 electorates under the Act. The four extra seats should be added to areas with high population growth forecasts with no need to merge and abolish another rural seat as occurred in the 2008 redistribution.

Innisfail is key to balancing the retention of rural and regional seats with minor adjustments and without a massive overhaul as suggested by the LNP submission. In high population areas in North Queensland, primarily classified as rural and regional, minor adjustments such as moving Innisfail from Mulgrave to be absorbed by Hinchinbrook.

Minor adjustments can be made for high growth numbers in the electorate of Barron River and lower numbers of Mulgrave. For example, shifting electorate borders slightly on the southern end of the Barron River electorate into Cairns electorate. Mulgrave can be extended further up the coast into the southern end of the Cairns electorate and this will be achieved. These adjustments will balance out the highly populated areas in Cairns and Barron River.

The low quota electoral areas of Townsville, Burdekin and Mundingburra can absorb the high quota numbers from Hinchinbrook, which will absorb Innisfail. It is to be noted that Mount Isa is in quota, but can take in the southern Gulf areas of the Cook electorate to reduce weightage voting percentage in Cook and increase the quota of Mount Isa.

Mackay, which is under quota, can absorb some of the Southern boundary of Whitsunday. Keppel has had high population growth and for this reason Rockhampton could extend its north-eastern borders to take in some of the Keppel electorate to reduce this high quota. The lower quota electorates such as Bundaberg and Callide can absorb the higher quota numbers of Gladstone, Burnett and Hervey Bay to balance quota.

The four electorates to be created should be within the forecasted high population growth areas of South East Queensland, the Darling Downs/Scenic Rim area and both the Sunshine and Gold Coasts.

In conclusion, the five weighted seats must be retained to protect the representational integrity of rural and regional electorates and seats above 100,000 square kilometres should not be reduced in value as suggested in the ALP submission. Moving Innisfail into Hinchinbrook is far less disruptive and mindful of matters for consideration referred to in the Electoral Act 1992, than the massive overhaul of rural and regional Queensland as suggested by the LNP submission.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on submissions and for the Commission's consideration.


Yours Sincerely,

Scott Fittler
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Online submission for **Noosa** from **Vanessa Ann Gregory**

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Submission Details

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- Text: I wish to support the LNP submission for the new seat of Coolum in particular. Noosa should be better linked to the Sunshine Coast and not alienated from it's primary community of interest. I do not feel the need to provide more detail other than to support the LNP position.
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Subject: All Districts - Mark Mulcair
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 12:40:34 PM
Attachments: [Comments on Suggestions.docx](#)

Online submission for **All Districts** from **Mark Mulcair**

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Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
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Regards Mark
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COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS FOR 2016 QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION

(Dr Mark Mulcair)

INTRODUCTION

There are a variety of submissions, most of which cover only a single District or small part of Queensland. There are five submissions which make suggestions for the whole state; myself, Martin Gordon, Jeff Waddell, and the two major parties. Paul Blackman hopes to provide more detail about his suggestions in a future submission, and I look forward to reading any suggestions he might have.

Many of the single-issue submissions are focussed on (a) placing all of Scenic Rim in Beaudesert, or (b) uniting all of Sheldon in the District of Redlands. It seems that most submissions support (a), as it is logical to transfer the small remaining parts of Scenic Rim from Lockyer to Beaudesert. However, due to the growth patterns in southern Brisbane, I do not support transferring Sheldon to Redlands. This is discussed in my original suggestions and below.

Unfortunately, Bob Richardson's submission consists almost entirely of long lists of SA1s, with very little in the way of explanation, which makes it very difficult to assess his proposals for northern Queensland.

LNP Submission

The fundamental issue with the LNP submission is their insistence that a new District must be created in a rural area, where growth patterns would not logically suggest a new seat should go. While their submission does attempt to address some anomalies with the current boundaries, I believe many of these changes can be made within the existing pattern of seats. See for example, our very similar proposals for Nanango, Callide, and Gladstone.

The flow-on effects result in the LNP having to abolish Dalrymple and create the new seat of Palmerston, but again I am not convinced that this is any better than simply making adjustments between Mount Isa, Dalrymple, Cook, and the Cairns-based Districts.

ALP submission

As at the previous redistribution, the ALP's submission is unfortunately quite vague and lacking in any real specifics. The proposals are of a very general nature only, a number of Districts are not even mentioned, and it is not even clear whether their proposals would meet the criteria.

It seems clear from the lack of detail that the federal election may have impacted both major parties' submissions. Perhaps in the future, the Committee could extend or reschedule the time for submissions during federal election campaign.

Jeff Waddell

I commend Jeff for his submission, which is far and away the most detailed and descriptive of all of the Suggestions. I don't agree with all of his proposals, but I can certainly appreciate the work he has put into his submission. Like myself, Jeff is an independent person, without access to anything like the resources of major parties and organisations.

Jeff's proposal is based on abolishing a Brisbane seat, and creating five new seats in the growth areas. As discussed below, I don't think abolishing an existing seat is necessary, but I would agree that Indooroopilly is the obvious candidate if the Committee decided to go down this path.

GENERAL COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS

Should a District be abolished?

A number of Suggestions propose that an existing District be abolished, with five "new" Districts created instead of four. Jeff Waddell abolishes Indooroopilly, the LNP replace Dalrymple with Ramsay, and Martin Gordon suggests removing a District somewhere in northern Brisbane.

I don't believe that this change is necessary. While there are Districts that are well under quota, these are often adjacent to regions of stronger growth, so can be adjusted fairly naturally within the existing pattern of seats.

If the Committee did decide to abolish a District, then Indooroopilly (as proposed by Jeff Waddell) would seem to be the most suitable candidate, as it could be neatly divided in two along the river. Its territory would fit fairly well in Moggill and Mount Coot-tha in the north, and Mount Ommaney or Yeerongpilly in the south.

Naming of Districts

While some of the proposals from Jeff Waddell to rename seats after individuals have merit, I tend to support the existing arrangement whereby Districts are named after a major locality. Given major changes are unavoidable at this redistribution, making further changes to names of Districts would probably cause greater confusion.

Mount Isa, Dalrymple, Cook, Barron River

Several Suggestions propose reducing the size of Mount Isa by expanding it eastwards. This is logical in itself, but it does seem to cause some problems elsewhere. Either Mount Isa needs to be dragged almost as far as the coast (the LNP Suggestion), or else it causes flow-on effects that see Cook pushed into northern Cairns (ALP, Jeff Waddell).

At the last redistribution, the Committee determined that all of the beachside suburbs north of Cairns should be united in Barron River. This arrangement means that the Greater Cairns area is split into only three Districts instead of four. The town of Kuranda is a more logical place for Barron River to lose electors; while it has strong links with Cairns, it is a separate community, and fits better with the "hinterland" area in Cook (or Dalrymple). I note that Martin Gordon also suggests Kuranda be removed from Barron River.

Similarly, the Mackay/Whitsunday hinterland area fits much better in a coastal District such as Mirani and Burdekin rather than in an outback seat like Mount Isa. The LNP's proposed Mount Isa would extend from the NT border to within 50km of the coast. Despite the increase in size, I think it is more sensible for Mount Isa to remain an outback District. The town of Longreach provides an injection of "real" electors instead of LDAs, and would be a suitable place for Mount Isa to gain.

Townsville and Mackay Area

Apart from Jeff Waddell, there is general broad consensus that part of the "Northern Beaches" area currently in Hinchinbrook should be placed in one of the Townsville seats. To prevent all of the growth areas being bottled up in Thuringowa, I suggested placing the Northern Beaches in the District of Townsville. This helps spread the projected growth around.

There also seems to be general consensus that Kirwan be placed in Mundingburra, while Jeff Waddell and I agree that Palm Island could be transferred to Hinchinbrook. I would disagree that any significant change is needed between Mundingburra, Burdekin, and Whitsunday (as proposed by Bob Richardson).

Apart from the LNP, all Suggestions are in agreement that the Districts between Townsville and Mackay require minimal change. Submissions also generally agree that parts of the Mackay urban area around Mount Pleasant and Glenella be removed from the District of Whitsunday.

Rockhampton and Gladstone

The LNP, Jeff Waddell, and myself all broadly agree that Keppel should shed parts of Rockhampton, and that Mirani should lose the Mount Morgan/Bouldercombe area. It seems logical to me that more of the Rockhampton urban area be united in the District of that name, while transferring Mount Morgan removes the long southern "tail" on Mirani.

Jeff Waddell proposes a series of exchanges that allow Gracemere to be placed in Mirani. This was something I tried to do, as it allows much more of urban Rockhampton to be placed in the District of that name. Whether this could be achieved without the additional changes to Gregory and Burdekin is the question. Perhaps some rural parts of Mirani could be transferred to Keppel instead to balance the numbers.

There seems general broad agreement that parts of the Gladstone hinterland should be transferred to Callide. The LNP proposal for Callide seems to be almost identical to my own, in losing the balance of South Burnett, and pushing north-east into Mirani and Gladstone.

Hervey Bay and Gympie

There are some differences between the proposals for these seats, and especially how Gympie interacts with the Sunshine Coast seats. However, there seems universal consensus that the

northern suburbs of Bundaberg be transferred from Burnett, and that the District of Hervey Bay should contract right up to the urban parts of the town.

Sunshine Coast and Caboolture Region

The proposed boundaries for the Sunshine Coast seem to depend on how seats are drawn in other parts of the state. For example, Jeff Waddell and Martin Gordon propose creating two new seats here, but abolishing one in urban Brisbane.

The ALP, Martin Gordon, and myself propose a new District of Caboolture, based on the Caboolture CBD and surrounding suburbs west of Bruce Highway. I believe this is the most logical place for a new District, as it helps soak up the excess from both the Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay areas. Other beneficial flow on effects include allowing Glass House to become more rural (taking in parts of the Caloundra hinterland), and having Pumicestone contract east of the Bruce Highway.

The LNP and Jeff Waddell propose that Glass House continue to contain mixed urban and rural areas, stretching from Caboolture to the Sunshine Coast hinterland. The ALP's District of Caboolture, although somewhat better in uniting more of the Caboolture suburban area, does a similar thing. I suggest it is more logical to keep the Caboolture-based District entirely urban, by pushing southwards into Morayfield, and having Glass House become an entirely semi-rural hinterland District.

Further north, there seems general consensus (apart from the LNP) than Caloundra should shed its hinterland area and contract to the coast. Apart from this, there are some substantial differences in how the northern Sunshine Coast should be drawn. I personally do not see the need to create a new District in this area, although if the Committee did support this approach, I would probably be more inclined to support the LNP's proposal over that of Jeff Waddell.

Ipswich-Toowoomba corridor

Most of the other suggestions propose moving Warrego westwards to take in more outback territory. The problem with this approach is that it leaves too many electors in Condamine and the two Toowoomba seats. Jeff Waddell's suggestion pushes Lockyer up the range into urban Toowoomba, while the LNP tries to address the problem by creating an additional seat (which has flow-on effects elsewhere).

I think my proposals avoid most of these issues. By moving Warrego eastwards to take in Dalby, the excess in this area is fairly naturally addressed. Condamine would undergo some change to become a "donut" style District around Toowoomba, while the urban parts of Toowoomba would be almost entirely contained in the two Toowoomba seats. This prevents the need to any seat to move up or down the range. I note that both the LNP and ALP support the principle of placing areas like Highfields and Crows Nest in a Toowoomba region seat instead of in Nanango.

Apart from the LNP, there is consensus that the bulk of urban Toowoomba in the existing Condamine (Darling Heights and the university) should be transferred to Toowoomba South.

The Ipswich area is a challenge, given the predicted strong growth. There seems to be a general consensus to spread the growth between Districts, by incorporating growth and stable areas in each District. All suggestions agree that a new District be based on the Springfield area, incorporating Inala's share of Ipswich Council plus the growth areas of eastern Ipswich.

Due to the numbers, it seems inevitable that the new Springfield District will be a seat of two parts, separated by the unpopulated Greenbank area. I personally think that adding the southern part of Algester is the "least-worst" approach; it allows Algester to be confined north of the motorway, and it leaves Logan as a more logical rural seat (by taking in the eastern parts of Lockyer). A couple of the other proposed arrangements leave Algester and Logan with unsatisfactory boundaries.

There also seems to be support for including all of Bundamba in the District of that name, and for removing the long eastern "tail" on Lockyer.

Gold Coast

Given the strong predicted growth in this area, there is universal agreement that at least one new District be created here. The three independent submissions (including my own) propose two new seats be located in this region, while both major parties appear to recommend only one.

There is universal consensus that a new District be created in the northern Gold Coast, taking in parts of Albert and/or Coomera. To me, the most logical place for a new District is Beenleigh; this is a major outer suburban centre, which is currently split several ways between different Districts. It clearly makes enormous sense to unite this centre in a single District, and this arrangement also allows Albert to become a fully Gold Coast based District instead of the Brisbane-GC hybrid it is now. Jeff Waddell also supports a new Beenleigh-based District, although surprisingly both major parties seem to leave it split.

Jeff Waddell proposes an east-west aligned District linking Beenleigh with Eagleby; a logical arrangement that was something I considered doing. However, I found it difficult to balance the other Districts, and the other boundaries fell in place better by leaving Eagleby in Coomera.

With its large suburbs separated by major roads and waterways, there is plenty of room for different patterns of seats in the central and southern Gold Coast. There seems general agreement that Albert, Gaven, and Mudgeeraba remain as purely hinterland seats, with the most significant adjustment taking place along the coast.

I recommend Labrador as the location for the new District, as it is a significant centre that is currently split. Creation of this District allows both of Broadwater and Southport to adopt more logical boundaries, with Hope Island returning to the former, and all of the Southport area being united in the District of that name. Jeff Waddell provides an interesting variation on this idea, with Southport becoming a more coastal District and shedding its inland territory to a new seat. In contrast, Labor's proposal for Southport forces the seat of Surfers Paradise too far north, and away from its focal point on the coast.

Urban Brisbane

There are a variety of approaches for Brisbane, many of which depend on the proposals for elsewhere in the state. Rather than try to analyse the proposals in detail, I will simply offer the following comments:

- Assuming changes are needed for Beaudesert, Lockyer, and Waterford, it seems logical to me that Logan be drawn as a more rural seat, taking in the semi-rural and newly developing areas in the southern parts of Logan Council. More urban areas can be placed in seats further north.
- Several suggestions, including many of the single-District submissions, propose that Mansfield's share of Sheldon be placed in Redlands. This is logical in isolation, but given the growth patterns in this part of Brisbane, I believe that Redlands needs to shed territory to Mansfield, to help top up the under-quota Districts further west.
- There seems general agreement that most/all of Greenslopes be united in the District of that name, reducing the enrolment in South Brisbane.
- Assuming the need for significant change around Ipswich and Springwood, I strongly recommend that the Committee take the opportunity to improve the messy boundaries of Inala and Algester, especially by transferring Forest Lake.
- As mentioned, if the Committee decided to abolish an urban seat, then Jeff Waddell's proposal to split Indooroopilly is the best option. If Indooroopilly is retained, there seems general agreement to include more of Toowong, and lose some territory south of the river to Yeerongpilly and Mount Ommaney.
- Given the western, southern, and eastern boundaries of Brisbane Central, the best way for this seat to lose electors is in the north to Stafford and/or Clayfield. This seems better than the ALP's proposal to drag Mount-Coot-tha eastwards.
- It seems sensible to unite all of the semi-rural territory around Lake Samsonvale in a single District. Either Ferny Grove (my suggestion) or a less urbanised Pine Rivers (as suggested by Jeff Waddell) would be suitable candidates.

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I live in Highfields. Highfields is both a town and a locality just north of Toowoomba. It serves as a satellite town of the city of Toowoomba accommodating many of Toowoomba businesses employees. At the 2011 census Highfields had a population of 8,012. The submission refers to something which cannot be restored, a rural community which Highfields is not and will never be again. I would ask that the Commission disregard the submission that argues this case with respect to removing Highfields from Toowoomba north - we belong where we are.

I trust my view is of use to the Electoral Commission

Bryan + Marlene Shepherd



36 BEDWELL ST
CRAWLEY
24. 8. 16

Old Redistribution
Commission

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Ipswich north. There is virtually no community connection between highfields and the existing Nanango electorate. Our local daily newspaper the Ipswich Chronicle regularly carries advertisements & stories focussed on highfields these are relevant to Ipswich. I trust my view is of use to the electoral Commission.

Jan. R. McCullough

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**David Lyle Bogg
2 Coolibah Court
Highfields Qld 4352**

Thursday, 24th August 2016.

**The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001**

To Whom It May Concern

Re: Toowoomba North Electorate electoral boundary redistribution

I am a resident of Highfields and I would like you to accept this letter which disapproves of the proposal to move Highfields out of the Toowoomba North Electorate and into the Nanango Electorate.


There is no community connection between Highfields and the Nanango Electorate. We use many local services that cover Highfields and Toowoomba Not Highfields and Nanango.

Many people who live in Highfields work in Toowoomba and many people who live in Toowoomba work in Highfields. I consider Highfields and Toowoomba to be part of the same community.

I urge you not to change the current boundaries as they are working well and any change will isolate, cause inconvenience and create difficulties for my community.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission and please don't change the boundaries for Toowoomba North.

Yours sincerely



David Lyle Bogg



36 Bedwell St.

Nanang.

Q. 4350.



Queensland Redistribution Commission,

I am writing to express my disapproval of the change of boundaries for the State Electorate of Toowoomba North. We consider Highfields to be part of Toowoomba as it is only a few miles to the North of the City.

Many of the people living in Highfields travel to Toowoomba each day for work, shopping, schools, + specialist treatment.

Our local Council looks after Highfields and if shifted to Nanango, it will have the same feeling as do a lot of our Southern Councils made to join in the amalgamation of Toowoomba City.

We have a lot of friends in Highfields and would miss having a strong connection with our area.

I think it would be really stupid if these people in Highfields had to travel to the Nanango area looking for what is just 10 minutes away not 2 hours in Toowoomba.

Please consider this change, as we need our neighbours from Highfields to still be able to come into Toowoomba for social events, school events, sporting events and feel still part of our community.

I thank you for your consideration

Misa McCallum



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Highfields
4352
25th August '16

Dear Sir,

This redistribution
will affect us in a
disastrous way.
Please keep Highfields
and Blue hots in the
Toowoomba community

Yours Faithfully

Leslie A. Tappin &
Mary Leona Tappin

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Mrs B. W. Wilkinson
3 Ethel St
Leewards

QLD 4350

Dear Sir

Please leave Highfields the way
it is. I object to the electoral changes proposed
for Leewards North

Regards.

B. W. Wilkinson



13 Campbell Street
East Toowoomba QLD
4350

22 Aug 16

Mr H. W. H. Botting
Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Level 6, Forestry House
160 Mary Street
Brisbane Q. 4001



Dear Chairperson,

As a local resident of the Toowoomba North electorate for many years, I feel strongly against the redistribution boundaries proposed by the Australian Labor Party. It lacks any real understanding of my local community and its needs.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will create great confusion and disruption for this community which is strongly linked both culturally and geographically to the city of Toowoomba.

Some of my closest friends live in Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights and I know they consider themselves part of Toowoomba. While they live in Highfields they work in Toowoomba – it is a 10-15 minute drive!

My eldest daughter also played netball for the Highfields Netball club and represented them at State Championships for four years – all while a student at St Ursula's College Toowoomba and living in North Toowoomba. We are the same community.

To redistribute Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights to a rural electorate will cause significant isolation and concerns for the residents needing to access the services of their elected representative.

Many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative.

This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents should their elected representative be located hundreds of kilometres away due to the difficulty of accessing available transport and the ongoing connectivity shortfalls regularly affecting this area.

To avoid the isolation of this community I suggest that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate.

I also noted some submissions included recommendations that East Toowoomba be moved from North Toowoomba as well. This is also inappropriate for the very same reasons covered previously in this letter.

I thank you for your consideration.

Regards

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Angela Martlew

The Secretary - Re Toowoomba North Electoral
Reviews:

We moved to Highfields four years
ago when we retired. Highfields is
both a town and a locality just north
of Toowoomba.

We enjoy a country lifestyle and a city
on our doorstep.

We would ask that the Commission
disregard the submission that argues
this case with respect to remove
Highfields from Toowoomba North -
We belong where we are.

I trust our view is of use to the
Electoral Commission.

Many thanks.

Doug & Colleen Callaghan:

Y Krefter Prescott



HIGHFIELDS DND 4352.

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Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr F.A.J. Taylor**, 21 Ott Street, Rangeville Highfields, for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

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F.A.J (Jim) Taylor
21 Ott Street
Rangeville Qld 4350

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Sir/Madam

I am responding to Public Suggestion no. 38 (Australian Labor Party) proposed electoral redistribution for the Toowoomba North Electorate.

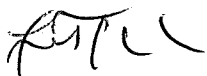
Existing Boundary

I would like you to know that I strongly oppose suggestion 38. The proposal is to make South Street the boundary between the two electorates of Toowoomba South and Toowoomba North. I live in Toowoomba South and the Warrego Highway is the natural geographical boundary between these two electorates and should remain so. Any other suggestion flies in the face of common sense. When you look at a map the Warrego Highway is the main spine running from East to West.

It is comforting to know that we are an integral part of the inner city of Toowoomba and our boundary is not on a slow progression towards Warwick.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards



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Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr. & Mrs A.J. & M.W. Eaton**, 7 Delvue Crescent, Highfields for your consideration.

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Donna Barnes

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7 Delwue Crescent
Highfields 4352

North Toowoomba

Trevor Watts

fax 46022109

State electoral Boundaries Qld.

As a long time resident of Highfields
I object to the change of the
boundaries taking Highfields from
Toowoomba north

We see specialist in Toowoomba
& DVA for services &

most people from Highfields
go to Toowoomba for work,

you only have to look at the
number of cars in the morning

Therefore I ask that Toowoomba
North electorate remain as is

not change boundary as a part
of the 2016 redistribution.

Thanking you A.J. Eaton

Mr W. Eaton

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Dear Chairperson,

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GPO Box 1393,
Brisbane Qld. 4001.

Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Watson,
4 Nioka Drive,
Highfields, Qld. 4352
26/8/2016

Dear Sir/Madam,

This letter is in regard to the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries in the North Toowoomba Electorate.

To the outside observer, it could appear that Highfields, because of its geographical location, was a completely separate community from Toowoomba. But, in reality, this is certainly not the case.

Whereas people have chosen to live in Highfields for a particular lifestyle, usually for the availability of bigger residential blocks, they are never the less, still almost totally involved in and dependant on Toowoomba itself for their day to day needs. Whether it be for work, services, medical, shopping, sporting and/or recreational and many other reasons, the residents of Highfields are part of, and dependant on Toowoomba.

It makes no sense at all to us that the status quo regarding electoral boundaries should be changed, taking into account the above considerations.

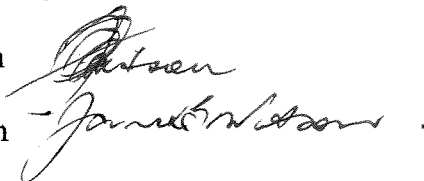
It is our plea that common sense would prevail and that there would be no change to the boundaries of the North Toowoomba Electorate. We have been served well under the present system.

We thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Your Faithfully,

J.L. Watson

J.G. Watson

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Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr. & Mrs K & H Bailey**, 13 Ironbark Court, Highfields for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

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Kevin Bailey
Hilda Ruth Bailey
13 Ironbark Est
Hughfields
4352

Dear Sir,

Please keep Hughfields & Blue
Mountain Heights as part of Loowoomba
north electorate boundary. We do not
want it changed very happy the way
it is.

Thank you.

Kevin Bailey 
HILDA RUTH BAILEY L.R. Bailey.

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Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr. Ronald Lewis May, 20 Cawdor Road, Highfields** for your consideration.

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Donna Barnes

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Mr Ronald Lewis May
20 Cawdor Road
Highfields Qld 4352

Monday, 29th August 2016

The Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Electoral Commission Queensland
GPO Box 1393
Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Chairperson,

Re: Toowoomba North electoral boundary redistribution

As a local resident of the Toowoomba North electorate for many years, I wish to advise the Commission that I am vehemently opposed to the submission put forward by the Australian Labor Party concerning the Toowoomba North boundary redistribution. It lacks any real understanding of my local community and its needs.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will create great confusion and disruption for this community which is strongly linked both culturally and geographically to the city of Toowoomba.

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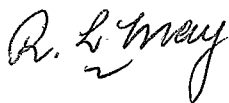
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To avoid the isolation of this community I suggest that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate.

I implore you to listen to the views of the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights community and I thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'R. L. May'.

Ronald May

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Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mrs Jan Pennington, 6 McLachlan Drive, Highfields** for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

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6 McLachlan Drive

HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

August 29, 2016.

The Secretary

Queensland Redistribution Commission

Box 1393

GPO BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge my opposition to the proposal to re-assign the Highfields/Blue Mountains areas from Toowoomba North Electoral District to another locality. I cannot understand why a city, known to be one of Queensland's largest provincial cities, should be so dis-located and dis-advantaged.

My objections are based partly but not solely on the following:-

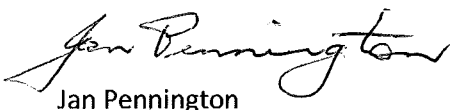
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Yours sincerely

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Jan Pennington

From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Mrs Hogan
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 12:54:54 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Mrs Hogan**

Contact Details

- Name: Mrs Hogan
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 5 Sportsman dr Highfields 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text:

I am writing to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba north. As a resident of Highfields I believe it would be logical to retain the existing boundaries particularly the northern section that clearly has a direct relationship and immediate need to connect with Toowoomba. Therefore I ask that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as is and not undergo any boundary changes as part of the 2016 redistribution.
Thank you R Hogan
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From: [Toowoomba North Electorate Office](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: FW: Toowoomba North Electoral boundary redistribution
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 12:55:23 PM
Attachments: [j.pennington.pdf](#)

Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr Alan Pennington**, 6 McLachlan Drive, Highfields for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

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6 McLachlan Drive

HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

August 29, 2016.

The Secretary

Queensland Redistribution Commission

Box 1393

GPO BRISBANE QLD 4001

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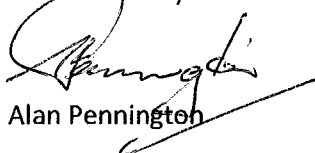
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Alan Pennington

From: [Toowoomba North Electorate Office](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: FW: Toowoomba North Electoral boundary redistribution
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 12:57:13 PM
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Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr & Mrs Stephen and Jane Turner**, 16 Sunray Drive, Highfields for your consideration.

Regards,

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16 Sunray Drive
HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

25th August, 2016

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001

State Electoral Boundaries - Queensland

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have lived in Highfields (Toowoomba North electorate) for the past 28 years and have seen many changes during that time including the growing and blossoming of our current community of which we are proud to belong.

Prior to this we were in the Crow's Nest Electorate where we were a forgotten identity where nothing was done to help us move into the 21st century. We have absolutely no identity with other areas outside of Highfields where we are now linked and enveloped by the Toowoomba North electorate which is where we want to stay. Our life revolves around being linked to Toowoomba as part of the Toowoomba North electorate where we socialise, work, worship, and belong.

We realise this is just a ploy to introduce change for the sake of change but is NOT always the better way to go ahead. You may have noticed the huge growth in this area and hopefully you will consider the fact that people move to this electorate because they are happy with how it is currently and not wanting it to change.

We consider ourselves the **Toowoomba North** electorate and do not want to be severed away as we now live in a vibrant go ahead city and not a rural community. We implore you **NOT** to change the electorate boundaries please.

Yours Sincerely

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Stephen and Jane Turner.

From: [Toowoomba North Electorate Office](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: FW: Toowoomba North Electoral boundary redistribution
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 12:58:30 PM
Attachments: [Hammond.pdf](#)

Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mrs Colleen Hammond**, 16 Currawong Drive, Highfields for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

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Toowoomba North Electorate Office

From: Brian Hammond
Sent: Friday, 26 August 2016 12:27 PM
To: Toowoomba North Electorate Office
Subject: Redistribution Nth Toowoomba

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001

RE: TOOWOOMBA NORTH ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to strongly object to the removal of Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights being removed from the North Toowoomba Electorate.

When Premier Beattie went ahead with the amalgamation of the Shire of Crows Nest with Toowoomba; regardless of their wishes, the residents of Highfields were forced into becoming part of the Toowoomba Shire.

The Highfields community have been represented by the Member of Toowoomba North, from both Labour and LNP Members. This has been a successful representation for the residents of Highfields, especially with the completion of the new Highfields Secondary College.

As they are within a half hour of communication to both areas, the members are aware of any problems concerning the residents, and are readily accessible to anyone who wish to personally speak with them.

By removing Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights from Toowoomba North, where will our representative be located? Are we going to spend half a days travel to discuss any concerns??

Highfields is no longer considered a rural community and is one of the fastest growing communities around the area.

Many residents of Highfields travel into Toowoomba for all business and specialist appointments, many also work in Toowoomba or have a business there. The entire seat of Toowoomba North is in the Darling Downs and State Government Departments are managed from Toowoomba. Therefore I ask, that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as is and not undergo any boundary changes as part of the 2016 redistribution.

Thanking you
Yours faithfully,

Colleen Hammond.
16 Currawong Drive
Highfields.

From: [Toowoomba North Electorate Office](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: FW: Toowoomba North Electoral boundary redistribution
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 1:10:22 PM
Attachments: [W Ryan.pdf](#)

Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mrs W Ryan, 24 Saba Court, Middle Ridge** for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

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Wendy Ryan
24 Saba Court
Middle Ridge Qld 4350

26th August, 2016

The Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Electoral Commission Queensland
GPO Box 1393
Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Chairperson,

Re - Toowoomba North electoral boundary redistribution

Please accept my strong objection to the realignment of the southern electoral boundary for the Toowoomba North electorate.

I understand that a submission has been made by the ALP to move the current boundary from James Street to South Street.

This change will create massive confusion for the people of both the Toowoomba North and Toowoomba South electorates.

I am also of the view that this change has been suggested for electoral advantage and is not in the best interests of the broader community.

Please keep the current boundaries in place for the benefit of the community, unlike what is suggested in the ALP submission, which will without a doubt provide electoral advantage to their selected candidates.

Keep the boundaries strong and honest.

Yours sincerely



Wendy Ryan

From: [Toowoomba North Electorate Office](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: FW: Toowoomba North Electoral boundary redistribution
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 1:12:04 PM
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Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr & Mrs Brian & Wendy Mayma**, 13 Degan Court, Highfields for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

Donna Barnes is a member of the Queensland Parliament, representing the Toowoomba North Electorate. She is a member of the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

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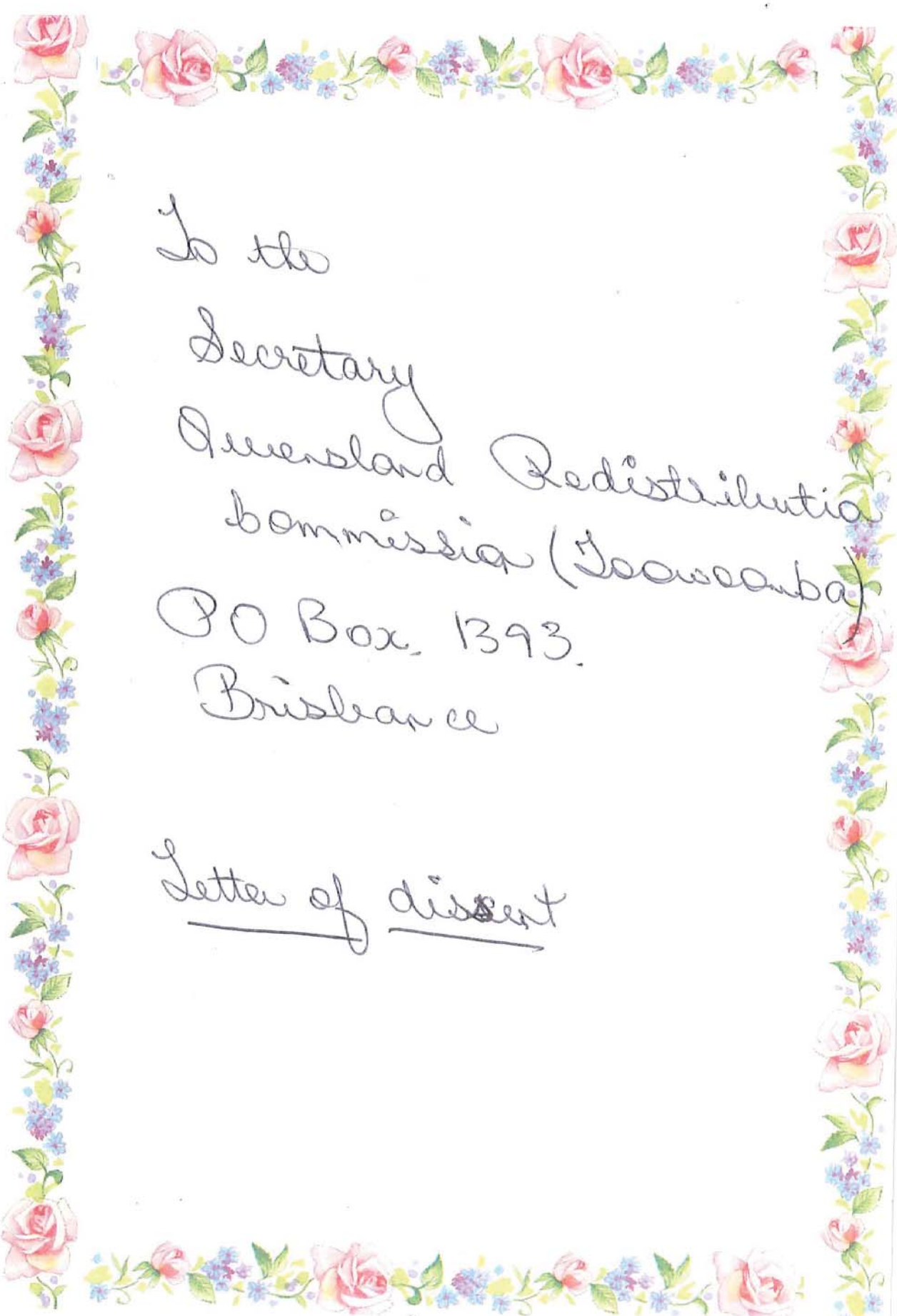
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To the
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Queensland Redistribution
Commission (Toowoomba)
PO Box 1393.
Brisbane

Letter of dissent

29/08/2016
Mr & Mrs Brian & Wendy Mayma
13 Degan Court
Highfields. 4352 Qld.

Dear Sir,

We are writing in response to the proposed redistribution of the boundaries between Highfields, Blue Mountain Heights & Seewamba Qld.

This redistribution will make it much more difficult to access the elected representative.

We live in Highfields & changing the boundaries is in our opinion counter productive for the people in these 2 areas as well as Seewamba.

This proposal is unreasonable & not in the best interest of all residents involved living in these areas.

Yours Faithfully

Wendy Mayma

Brian Mayma

We do not agree with this proposal

From: [Toowoomba North Electorate Office](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: FW: Toowoomba North Electoral boundary redistribution
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 1:13:18 PM
Attachments: [Josh Barnes.pdf](#)

Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr Joshua Barnes, 2/7 Colvin Street, Drayton** for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

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**The Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Dear Chairperson,

Re – Toowoomba North electoral boundary redistribution

Please accept my strong objection to the moving of the southern boundary of the Toowoomba North Electorate from James Street to South Street, Toowoomba.

James Street is a natural and obvious boundary between the Toowoomba North and Toowoomba South seats.

This boundary line is easily identifiable to the community and it makes sense to retain this current boundary to avoid a great deal of confusion for everyone enrolled in these seats.

I thank the Commission for their due consideration of my comments.

Yours sincerely

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Josh Barnes

From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: All Districts - Jason
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 1:24:06 PM

Online submission for **All Districts** from **Jason**

Contact Details

- Name: Jason
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2-4 Munro st Ningi

Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: I have read through many of the proposals submitted and I would like to add my support behind s36 by Mr Mark Yore.
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From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [enquiries](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Katrina Hatchett
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 1:33:25 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Katrina Hatchett**

Contact Details

- Name: Katrina Hatchett
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 33 Charmaine Court HIGHFIELDS Qld 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

I wish to comment regarding HIGHFIELDS township in relation to the Toowoomba North Electoral boundaries. Like many residents in our local area we regard Highfields as a part of the Toowoomba community. I am concerned that the commission may consider moving the northern boundary of Toowoomba North to the south of my area. Highfields is effectively an outlying suburb of Toowoomba. Many of our residents work and have children educated and are involved in sport in Toowoomba. We are tied economically, socially and as a community closely with Toowoomba. Our representation should be within that context. We rarely venture to our North, when we do it's to pass through on the way to holiday destinations. It would be illogical to cut our common representation by Toowoomba North. Highfields and its surrounds is expanding rapidly, stronger tying us with resources in Toowoomba. It would be to our detriment to cut our ties to the unified representations within our current electoral position. Thank you for considering my submission. Katrina Hatchett 33 Charmaine Court Highfields Qld 4352 29 August 2016
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To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Glass House - David Ritson
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 1:42:49 PM

Online submission for **Glass House** from **David Ritson**

Contact Details

- Name: David Ritson
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 49 Stirling Rd.

Submission Details

- Submission: Glass House
- Text:

A few points I'd like to contribute:- 1)The ALP's suggestions for a new electorate for Caboolture is not at all as they claim to be a 'community of interest' grouping. The Glasshouse hinterland towns are very distinctly un-associated with Caboolture despite sharing a rail corridor. 2)Bribie Island should wholly be part of Pumicestone. 3)Caloundra ought not to extend west of the Bruce Hwy at all. It will be gaining all of Aura city as it grows. It should perhaps also include all of Currimundi (rather than that suburb being split) and it's northern boundary being the Kawana bypass road. Thus making up for the loss of Beerwah, Landsborough and Glenview. 4)Kawana should include Brightwater to it's north. And not extend west of the Bruce Hwy either. It will gain much growth in Palmview. Thank you.
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Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 1:57:18 PM
Attachments: [Daniel Carvosso.pdf](#)

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Daniel Carvosso**

Contact Details

- Name: Daniel Carvosso
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 44 Wooldridge Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
 - Text: Please see attached.
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Submission ID: 63999

Time of Submission: 29 Aug 2016 1:57pm

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Mr H. W. H. Botting
Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Level 6, Forestry House
160 Mary Street
Brisbane Q. 4001

Dear Chairperson,

Thank you for considering my submission regarding the review of State electorate boundaries. I wish to comment on suggestions made to the commission regarding the Toowoomba North electorate.

As a lifelong resident of Toowoomba, who was born here, attended school here and now study at the Toowoomba Campus of the University of Southern Queensland, I strongly support the Australian Labor Party's submission to the redistribution commission.

I refer to the ALP's submission that suggests Hermitage Road become the new northern boundary of the Toowoomba North electorate (see appendix A), this is sensible as Hermitage Road is where the new \$1.6 billion four-lane Toowoomba Second Range Crossing (currently under construction) will intersect the New England Highway between Toowoomba and Highfields. Major road infrastructure currently serves as a divider between many Brisbane and regional electorates.

This change suggested by the ALP is necessary due to population growth in the Morten Bay Region resulting in the likely addition of a new seat in the Caboolture area. This will result in a flow on effect to the electorate of Nanango. The most logical way to address this is by Toowoomba North losing Highfields enrolments to Nanango.

The ALP's submission is respectful of and entirely consistent with the position Highfields community leaders Craig Stibbard (the then Deputy Mayor of Crows Nest Shire Council) and others took with respect to local government amalgamations that the Crows Nest, Meringandan and Highfields areas community of interests are with each other and not the city of Toowoomba.

I note some concern surrounding the location of the Nanango electorate office, it would be common sense for the Member for Nanango to have an office in Highfields as this would be the new population centre of the electorate was the ALP's proposal to be accepted by the commission.

The ALP's submission would result in Toowoomba North losing enrolments from Highfields, but gaining them from Toowoomba South by moving the southern boundary to South Street up until the East Creek Reserve (see appendix B), resulting in Toowoomba South losing enrolments. As the ALP submission suggests this could create the circumstances for the communities of Drayton and areas around the University of Southern Queensland to be included in a suburban Toowoomba based electorate like Toowoomba South instead of the rural electorate of Condamine.

If a greater adjustment of electoral boundaries, as outlined in the Australian Labor Party's submission cannot be achieved then I strongly support Mr Jeff Waddell and Dr Mark Mulcair's suggestions to straighten the southern boundary of Toowoomba North and Toowoomba South by including the following SA1's in the Toowoomba North electorate:

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- 3145805
- 3145825
- 3145827

This will result in the remainder of the Newtown (Qld) SA2 being in its community of interest within the Toowoomba North electorate.

Now turning to the Liberal National Party's suggestions; namely the creation of the new division of Ramsey and the removal of parts of Wilsonton, Wilsonton Heights, Fairview Heights and the Airport Estate from the Toowoomba North electorate.

The creation of the new division of Ramsey would see a complete reversal of the ECQ's 2008 redistribution determination to abolish the electorate of Cunningham.

In a politically motivated move the LNP seeks to rip the Wilsonton community apart by removing suburbs of Toowoomba that failed to support their candidate, Trevor Watts in the 2015 State Election and suggests putting them into a rural electorate that also includes the townships of Pittsworth and Oakey.

It is interesting to note that the LNP suggests minor or no changes to the Toowoomba South electorate where they hold the seat with a comfortable margin.

Historically the communities of Wilsonton, Wilsonton Heights, Fairview Heights and the Airport Estate have always been in the Toowoomba North electorate or the former electorate of Toowoomba West.

These suburbs are close to the Toowoomba central business district and have a very clear community of interest with Toowoomba City and the Toowoomba North electorate.

The Liberal National Party's submission argues that these changes are necessary due to population growth to the West of Toowoomba, this is unfounded and is but a drop in the ocean compared to residential population growth in other parts of Queensland.

Furthermore in relation to name changes mentioned in several submissions to the commission I suggest Toowoomba North be renamed to "Duggan" in honour of the former member John Duggan.

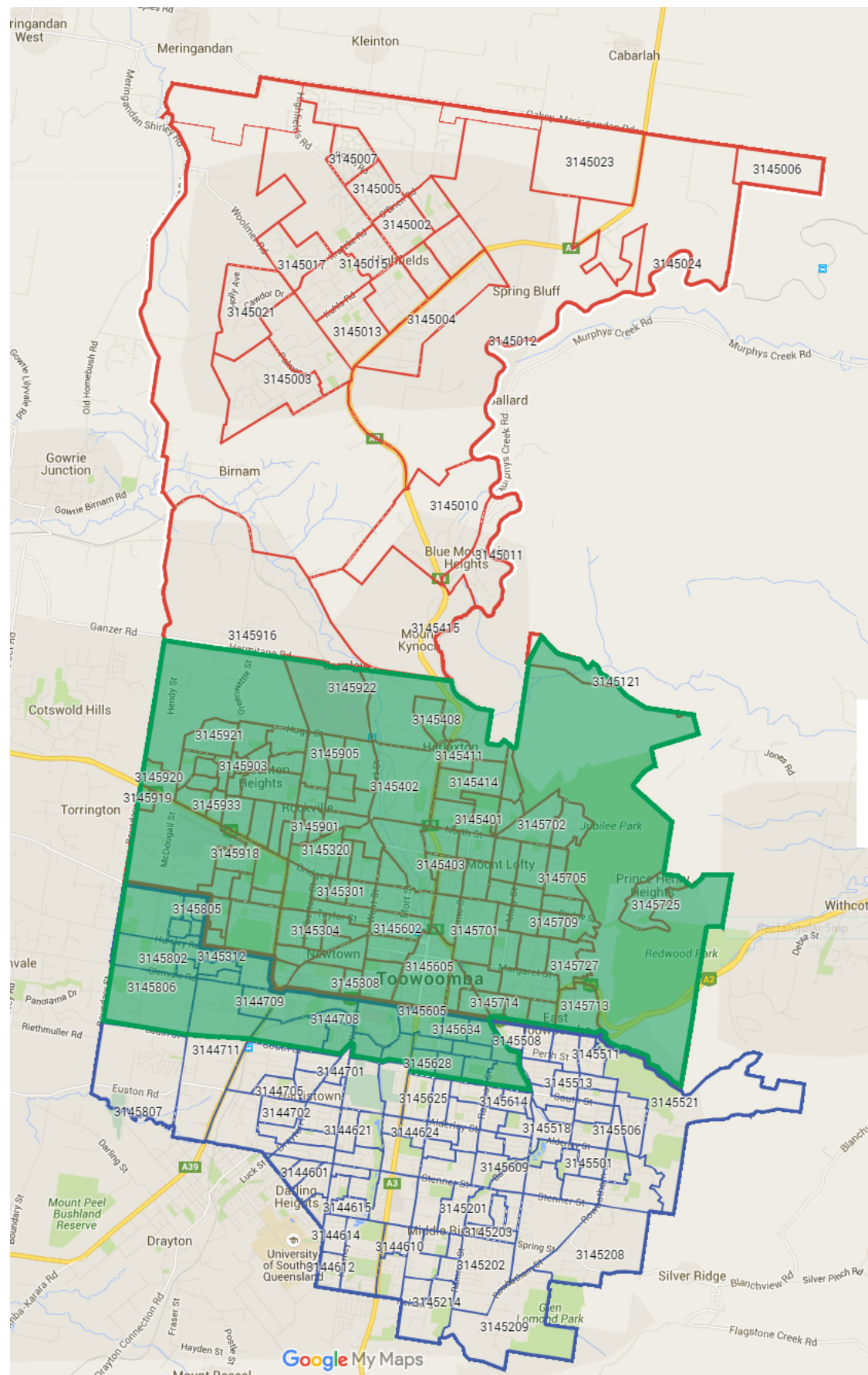
John Duggan represented Toowoomba in the Queensland Legislative Assembly in the divisions of Toowoomba, North Toowoomba and Toowoomba West from 1935 until 1960. Serving both as Deputy Premier and Leader of the Opposition in that time and was later elected as Deputy Mayor and then Mayor of Toowoomba.

I thank you for your consideration and wish you all the best of luck in the task ahead of you.

Regards,

Daniel Carvosso
44 Wooldridge Street, Toowoomba QLD 4350

Map of Toowoomba North electorate (shaded green) under the Australian Labor Party's proposals. Current Toowoomba North in red and current Toowoomba South in blue.



Appendix B

SA1 and enrolment impact of the Australian Labor Party's submission on the Toowoomba North electorate.

TOOWOOMBA NORTH				
SA1	Actual Enrolment	Projected Enrolment	Current Division	Proposal
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3145009	193	355	Toowoomba North	Remove
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3145619	254	258	Toowoomba North	Retain
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3145827	2	2	Toowoomba South	Gain
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3145630	242	246	Toowoomba South	Gain
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TOTAL	7866	8301		
Current Boundries Total	34207	36235		
Proposed Boundries Total	33641	34555		

Current Quota	32204
Allowed Variation (+10%)	35424
Allowed Variation (-10%)	28984

Source: <http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/electoral-enrolment-statistics>

Based on: 30 Oct 2015 data capture

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Subject: Toowoomba North - Kerry Shine
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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Kerry Shine**

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Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

Mr H. W. H. Botting Chairperson Queensland Redistribution Commission Level 6, Forestry House 160 Mary Street Brisbane Q. 4001 Dear Chairperson, Thank you for considering my submission regarding the review of State electorate boundaries. I wish to comment on suggestions made to the commission regarding the Toowoomba North electorate. I support the submission of the Australian Labor Party (State of Qld) principally because it would result in both Toowoomba electorates (North and South) being entirely situated in and encompassing the former Toowoomba City Council Local Government boundaries, while at the same time enabling the district of Highfields to revert to the former Crows Nest Shire Local Government area. Furthermore the design of these two seats would replicate more or less the original 1860 seats of Toowoomba and Drayton. As a resident of Toowoomba North since 1976 and local member from 2001 until 12 I strongly question the Liberal National Party's proposed excision of the relative inner city suburbs of Wilsonton Heights, Airport Estate and Fairview Heights from Toowoomba North into the proposed seat of Ramsey based on the rural towns of Pittsworth and Oakey. These areas have always existed within Toowoomba North (or Toowoomba West prior to 1960) and are an integral part of the Toowoomba City community. I suggest the Toowoomba North be renamed "Duggan" and the Toowoomba South seat is renamed "Drayton". John Duggan represented Toowoomba North for 25 years from 1935 until 1960, was Deputy Premier and Leader of the Opposition, long term Deputy Mayor and Mayor of Toowoomba. Kerry Shine 24 Anzac Avenue, Toowoomba Qld 4350 Former Member for Toowoomba North (2001-12)

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Subject: All Districts - Sandra Dwyer
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Online submission for **All Districts** from **Sandra Dwyer**

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Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
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Subject: All Districts - John Dwyer
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Online submission for **All Districts** from **John Dwyer**

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Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: Having studied the submission lodged by the Queensland LNP I wish to register my support for their submission
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Subject: All Districts, Albert, Beaudesert, Logan - Tim Andrews
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Online submission for **All Districts, Albert, Beaudesert, Logan** from **Tim Andrews**

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Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts, Albert, Beaudesert, Logan

To the Redistribution Commission I wish to draw to the Commission's attention various matters in relation to the Queensland Labor Party's proposed boundaries for the Beaudesert Electorate. The Beaudesert Electorate is presently "over quota". Further development with the estates of Oaklands, Scenic Rise, Avondale Waters, which are in the close proximity to the township of Beaudesert, will further contribute to the quota situation. Labor Party proposes transferring the south-west corner of the existing Logan Electorate – the present Flagstone Estate primarily - into the Beaudesert Electorate. Based on the present boundaries, removing Yarrabilba and including this portion of Logan Electorate into Beaudesert would result in a net gain of electors to Beaudesert. This suggestion does not indicated how this 'over quota' would be addressed. Adding Flagstone to the Beaudesert Electorate fails to consider the "community of interest" consideration of the Electoral Act. Flagstone – the south-western corner of Logan Electorate - may have some common interests with the locality of Jimboomba, but both Flagstone and Jimboomba are different to the rest of the Beaudesert Electorate. Residents of Flagstone presently describe their residency as situated in Jimboomba. I doubt that any resident of Flagstone has ever travelled south of Jimboomba, for weekly shopping, doctors appointments etc. While some time ago there were very strong links between Jimboomba and localities to the south. When Jimboomba became part of Logan City Council, and many years of strong residential growth in and around Jimboomba, these links diminished. Another high density development has been recently been approved for Jimboomba on Cusack Lane by Logan City Council. Additional existing developments at Jimboomba Woods, Flagstone, Mundoolun, Riverbend and the proposed planned high density developments at Greater Flagstone, Ripley and Undullah will see rapid population growth in this area. There are common interests

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between Flagstone and Jimboomba within the Logan Electorate, with the localities of South Maclean, North Maclean, Greenbank, Chambers Flat, Munruben and Park Ridge. In the case of parts of the new Greater Flagstone state development area on the western side of the QLD-NSW railway line, the community of interest lies to the north around Greenbank, Browns Plains and Springfield to which Teviot Road and the Springfield Connection Road provide strong road links. These areas do not have any social/commercial connection with Beaudesert. I would suggest that Jimboomba and Flagstone be included in the Logan Electorate, or split between Logan and another Electorate that includes Greenbank and Springfield. This would enable the issue of Beaudesert being “over quota” to be addressed. The Labor Party further proposes to transfer Yarrabilba to the Albert Electorate. Presently the Albert boundary includes localities near Yarrabilba, such as Cedar Creek, Windaroo, Mount Warren Park and Wolffdene. The very fast growth of Yarrabilba in an easterly and southerly direction will mean that links between Yarrabilba the above mentioned localities will become much stronger. The ‘eastern connector’ road planned by Transport and Main Roads, linking Yarrabilba with localities to the east, will result in Yarrabilba being drawn even closer to communities to the east, such as Cedar Creek, Wolffdene and Beenleigh. The present entrance to Yarrabilba on Waterford-Tamborine Road links Yarrabilba to Beenleigh, Jimboomba and/or Waterford, with very little connection to Beaudesert. Removal of Yarrabilba and Jimboomba from present Beaudesert Electorate boundaries would go a long way to bring Beaudesert within “quota”. It would also enable due recognition to be given to the strong community of interest across the entire Scenic Rim Regional Council area – all rural/residential localities, with strong farming, agricultural industries and enjoying urban and country lifestyle. The boundaries of Scenic Rim Regional Council are a very strong marker on which to base an Electorate’s boundaries, and historically that is the approach the Commission has taken in rural areas. The eastern boundary of Scenic Rim Region has been a boundary for the State Electorate in this region for over 40 years. Including Flagstone and Jimboomba would ignore the strong communities of interest binding together the communities to the south around Beaudesert and Boonah. Including Flagstone, Jimboomba and Yarrabilba will not reflect a community of interest with these two towns. Consideration could be give to the inclusion of the area of Peak Crossing be included the Beaudesert Electorate. Peak Crossing still has a close connection with the town of Boonah (infinitely more than Ipswich). Whilst the township of Peak Crossing has experienced considerable growth in recent years the surrounding area remains primarily rural. I ask the Commission to consider these comments in its deliberation about boundaries for the Beaudesert Electorate. Regards Tim Andrews

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Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 2:18:11 PM
Attachments: [20160829 KAP QRC Comments on the suggestions.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

TO:

The Secretary / Queensland Redistribution Commission
Electoral Commission Queensland

Please find **attached** KAP comments on the suggestions.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm receipt by return email.

Yours sincerely,

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COMMENTS ON THE SUGGESTIONS

2016

QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

Comments on the suggestions

KAP makes the following comments on the suggestions made to the Queensland Redistribution Commission (QRC):

Submission	Suggestion	Comment
28	That large districts be reduced from five to four. ¹	Do not agree – see comment 1 below.
28	That one additional district be located in regional Queensland. ²	The additional four electorates should be in those areas most significantly “over-quota” ³ enrolment deviation – see comment 2 below.
28	That changes to existing boundaries outside south-east Queensland be minimised. ⁴	Agree – see comment 3 below.
28	That the proposed four new districts be in the areas set out. ⁵	Do not agree – see comment 2 below.
28	That there be extensive redrawing of electoral boundaries. ⁶	Do not agree – see comment 3 below.

¹ Submission 28, p1 para [6]

² Submission 28, p1 paras [9] - [10]

³ QRC ‘Enrolment Deviation from Average at 31 May 2016’ deviation map produced by the QRC and accessible at: http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/60698/QLD-Districts_Deviation-from-Average-Enrolment_31May_93-Districts.pdf (accessed 16 August 2016)

⁴ Submission 28, p1 para [9]

⁵ Submission 28, p2 para [2]

⁶ Submission 28, p2 para [3]

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28	That the electoral district of Dalrymple be abolished. ⁷	Do not agree – see comment 4 below.
38	That the weighting of large electorates is a departure from the principle of one-vote one-value. ⁸	Do not agree and not relevant – see comment 5 below.
38	That there should be continuity of electoral districts for voters and the four new districts should be added without making significant changes to electorates such as abolition of electorates. ⁹	Agree – see comment 6 below.
38	That the QRC can avoid the abolition of electorates in regional Queensland. ¹⁰	Agree – see comment 7 below.
38	That the proposed four new districts be in the areas set out. ¹¹	Broadly agree – see comment 8 below.
38	That the south west districts of the electorate of Mount Isa be transferred to other electorates. ¹²	Do not agree – see comment 9 below.
38	That the number of weighted electorates should be reduced from five to four. ¹³	Do not agree – see comment 10 below.
38	That the electors from Mareeba should be moved to Dalrymple. ¹⁴	See comment 11 below.
38	Suggestions re Far North Queensland. ¹⁵	See comment 12 below.

⁷ Submission 28, p2 para [3], sub para (2)

⁸ Submission 38, p1 para [5]

⁹ Submission 38, p2 para [2.2]

¹⁰ Submission 38, p2 para [3]

¹¹ Submission 38, p2 para [3]

¹² Submission 38, p3 para [3.1]

¹³ Submission 38, p3 para [3.1]

¹⁴ Submission 38, p3 para [3.1]

¹⁵ Submission 38, p3 para [3.2]

Submission	Suggestion	Comment
38	Suggestions re North Queensland. ¹⁶	See comment 13 below.
38	Suggestions re Mackay area. ¹⁷	See comment 14 below.
38	Suggestions re Rockhampton area. ¹⁸	See comment 15 below.
38	Suggestions re Central Queensland. ¹⁹	See comment 16 below.

Comments:

1. KAP disagrees with the suggestion “that the number of large districts that benefit from additional large district provision ... be reduced from five (5) to four (4)”.

KAP comments as follows in relation to the suggestion:

- a. to reduce the number of large districts referred to above would be to the detriment of fair rural and regional representation;
 - b. the number of large districts should not be reduced; and
 - c. to ensure fair rural and regional representation the number of large districts referred to above should be maintained.
2. KAP notes the suggestion “that one additional district be located in regional Queensland” and makes the following comment:

The QRC ‘Enrolment Deviation from Average at 31 May 2016’²⁰ data illustrates the areas with the largest deviation above quota (those areas with significant current and projected population growth) are in the areas illustrated as:

- a. ‘Inset 1A’ (those areas broadly based around Caboolture and on the Sunshine Coast and its Hinterland);
- b. ‘Inset 1B’ (Gold Coast north to the Bay and West to the city fringe);
- c. ‘Inset 2’ (the areas around Ipswich, Bundamba and its surrounds); and

¹⁶ Submission 38, p3 para [3.3]

¹⁷ Submission 38, p3 para [3.4]

¹⁸ Submission 38, p3 para [3.5]

¹⁹ Submission 38, p3 para [3.6]

²⁰ QRC ‘Enrolment Deviation from Average at 31 May 2016’ deviation map produced by the QRC and accessible at: http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/60698/QLD-Districts_Deviation-from-Average-Enrolment_31May_93-Districts.pdf (accessed 16 August 2016)

- d. the Scenic Rim and areas North and West thereof.

Accordingly, KAP submits that the additional electoral districts should be made around those areas, being the areas currently over-quota and those areas of large projected population growth.

- 3. KAP agrees with the suggestion “that changes to existing boundaries outside south-east Queensland are minimised” and makes the following comment:

The *Electoral Act 1992* (Qld) (**the Act**) requires the Redistribution Commission to take account of a number of matters,²¹ one of which is:

*“(d) the boundaries of existing electoral districts;”*²²

Noting s46(d), we make the comment that the legislature seems clearly to intend that the Redistribution Commission ensure that changes to existing boundaries are minimised.

We also note the suggestion in the same submission (in direct contradiction of itself) that there be “extensive redrawing of boundaries” and draw the attention of the Redistribution Commission of our comment above that it should make minimal amendments to existing boundaries.

- 4. KAP does not agree with the suggestion that the electoral district of Dalrymple be abolished and make the following comments:
 - a. The Redistribution Commission should, in regard to Dalrymple and all other electorates should make minimal amendments to existing boundaries. The Redistribution Commission should not replace the electorate of Dalrymple.
 - b. The abolition of an electorate seems the antithesis of the exercise that the Redistribution Commission has been tasked with when noting the amendment of the Act to require the inclusion of an additional four electorates.
 - c. to adopt this suggestion would result in the undemocratic removal of the MP elected by the people of the current electorate of Dalrymple. KAP respectfully comments that it would be out of order for the Redistribution Commission do so.
 - d. KAP respectfully comment that it would be out of order for the Redistribution Commission to abolish an electorate, in particular a regional electorate, where the Parliament has sought to increase the number of seats primarily to preserve rural and regional representation.

²¹ As set out in section 46 of the *Electoral Act 1992* (Qld)

²² *Electoral Act 1992* (Qld) section 46(d)

- e. We refer in this regard to our discussion at comment [3] above in response to this suggestion and comment further that in this regard the legislation includes an inherent obligation to maintain existing electorates.
5. KAP does not agree with the suggestion that “the weighted electorates of more than 100,000 km² are a departure from the principle of one-vote one-value”. In response to that suggestion we make the following comment:
 - a. The suggestion that the Redistribution Commission act on the basis of what the submission calls the principle of one-vote one-value is wrong in law and is an irrelevant consideration.
 - b. It is a requirement of section 45 of the Act that the Redistribution Commission ensure that in calculating the average number of voters the number of enrolled voters be added to the ‘*additional large district number*’.
 - c. For the Redistribution Commission to take account of such a principle in application of section 45 would be erroneous.
6. KAP agrees with the suggestion that “as far as practicable, a continuity of electoral districts for voters ... [and] ... the addition of four new districts provides the QRC an opportunity to deal with population growth without making significant changes to electorates, such as abolition of electorates”. KAP further reiterates, in regard to this suggestion, comments [2], [3], and [4] above.
7. KAP agrees with the suggestion that “the QRC can protect the representation of regional Queensland by avoiding the abolition of electorates in regional Queensland”. In this regard we make the following comments:
 - a. The Redistribution Commission should not abolish electorates in regional Queensland; and
 - b. We further reiterate, in regard to this suggestion, comment [4] above.
8. KAP broadly agrees with the suggested location of the additional electoral districts being in or around the Caboolture, Nerang, Ipswich and Caloundra areas. However, in this regard we make the following comments:
 - a. The Redistribution Commission should not abolish electorates in regional Queensland; and
 - b. We further reiterate, in regard to the suggested location of the four additional electoral districts, our comment [2] above.

9. KAP does not agree with the suggestion that “the south west districts of the electorate of Mount Isa should be transferred to” other electorates and make the following comments:
- a. KAP is not convinced that the electorate of Mount Isa requires adjustment and in that regard refers to the general principles set out in our comments [3], [5] and [6] above.
 - b. these south west districts of the electorate of Mount Isa are readily serviced by a Mount Isa based MP by direct road transport.
 - c. In the event that the Redistribution Commission is of the view that there are required adjustments to the boundaries to reduce the area and increase voter numbers and noting our preceding comments, there are relatively easily serviced areas that could be added to the electorate. If necessary, this might include consideration of the amendment of the boundaries to take in the populations located in Muttaborra or Aramac, or to take in Southern parts of the electorate of Cook.
 - d. KAP is of the view that the more significant role for the QRC in this area is the reduction of the quota in the electorate of Cook.
10. KAP does not agree with the suggestion that there is an “opportunity to reduce the number of weighted electorates from five to four”. In this regard we refer the Redistribution Commission to our comment [1] above.
11. KAP notes the suggestion that the voters of Mareeba should be moved to the electorate of Dalrymple and make the following comments:
- a. KAP is not convinced that the electorate of Dalrymple requires adjustment noting it is close to quota (with an elector quota deviation of only -1.634%) and in that regard refers to the general principles set out in our comments [3], [5] and [6] above.
 - b. In the event that the Redistribution Commission is of the view that there are required adjustments to the boundaries and noting our preceding comments, there are other areas with lesser population growth that could be added to the electorate. If necessary, this might include consideration of the amendment of the boundaries to take in the populations located in Chillagoe and Speewah. Such an approach would have the additional benefit of bringing the elector quota deviation in Cook and Barron River down while making minimal changes to the current electoral boundaries.
12. KAP makes the following comments regarding the suggestions re Far North Queensland. If necessary, the boundaries could be adjusted in the following areas to assist in balancing the quota, by moving:

- a. Innisfail from Mulgrave to Hinchinbrook;
- b. The Southern suburbs of Cairns from Cairns to Mulgrave; and
- c. The Southern suburbs of Barron River from Barron River to Cairns.

Such an approach would have the additional benefit of bringing the elector quota deviation down in those areas over quota while making minimal changes to the current electoral boundaries.

13. KAP makes the following comments regarding the suggestions re North Queensland.

- a. If necessary, the boundaries could be adjusted in the following areas to assist in balancing the quota, by moving:
 - i. Mt Low and Bushland Beach from Hinchinbrook to Thuringowa;
 - ii. the Bohle area from Thuringowa to Townsville;
 - iii. parts of Kirwan (east of Thuringowa Drive) from Thuringowa to Mundingburra;
 - iv. Currajong from Townsville to Mundingburra;
 - v. Rosslea from Townsville to Mundingburra;
 - vi. The area North of Shaw (see **attached** map) from Thuringowa to Townsville; and
 - vii. Burdell from Hinchinbrook to Townsville.

This would allow the Redistribution Commission to make changes consistent with its obligations under section 46(1) of the Act, making only minimal changes to the existing boundaries.

- b. Noting that Burdekin takes in a growth area of Townsville there should be no requirement for change as population growth over time will take care of the current minor quota shortfall. In the event there are required additions to Burdekin these could be achieved by adjusting the boundaries to take in parts of bordering electorates, such as Thuringowa, Townsville or Whitsunday if required.

14. KAP makes the following comments regarding the suggestions re Mackay area. If necessary, the boundaries could be adjusted in the following areas to assist in balancing the quota. As Mackay is well below quota it could absorb the southern part of Whitsunday moving such part of this area as required from Whitsunday to Mackay.

15. KAP makes the following comments regarding the suggestions re Rockhampton area. If necessary, the boundaries could be adjusted by extending the boundary of Rockhampton to absorb parts of Keppel and thus aid in bringing the elector quota deviation in Keppel into quota and closer to zero deviation.

16. KAP makes the following comments regarding the suggestions re Central Queensland. If necessary, the boundaries could be adjusted to assist in balancing the

quota, by moving the boundaries of Gladstone and Burnett so that the electorates of Callide and Bundaberg are increased closer to quota.

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To: [Boundaries](#)
Cc: [Anthony Pink](#); [Andrew Bartlett](#); [Kate Dall](#)
Subject: Queensland Greens Submission Response to Boundary Suggestions for Qld Redivision
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 2:40:03 PM
Attachments: [Queensland Greens Submission Response to Boundary Suggestions for QLD Redivision.pdf](#)

To whom it may concern,

Please see the attached Queensland Greens submission in response to boundary suggestions for the Queensland redivision.

Neil Cotter
Queensland Greens Secretary



Queensland Greens

State Redistribution 2016 - Comments on Suggestions

Prepared - 29 August 2016

Foreword

The Queensland Greens wish to thank the Boundary Commission for the opportunity to make further comment on the submissions to the review.

In this submission we look at a few of the boundary submissions, and make recommendations on potential improvements and identify issues as the party sees them. We also reiterate some of the suggestions we made in previous submissions about the process.

For this boundary review, we have not submitted an initial boundary submission. This is in no small part due to the unfortunate timing for the beginning of this commission, during a federal election. The commission is not limited in legislation to suspend for elections that affect Queensland, only State elections, this is an oversight in the legislation and should be amended in course.

The Greens would like to thank Judge Botting, Ms Carroll and Mr van der Merwe and their staff for conducting this review with the professionalism and rigour that we have come to expect of appointees to such a difficult and politically sensitive role.

Commentary on Submissions

Overview

The Greens take the view that redistributions of the state should, as best as possible, fulfil the following goals:

- The boundaries should give all political parties a chance of representation in parliament if their primary vote is a significant proportion of the overall vote
- The promotion of one vote one value through the system, in that the number of voters between electorates should be even as far as practical, and the number and amount of 'phantom voters' introduced through the large district number should be minimised
- In an election where the result is a 50:50 split on two-party-preferred overall, the result should be as close as practical to equal between the two sides.
- The boundaries should be contiguous, logical and follow some patterns of shared interests between populations
- As much as possible, the boundaries should follow logical divides such as rivers, mountains, highways and arterial roads.
- Increasing the number of seats with high electoral margins disenfranchises minority voters in those seats. As much as practical the practice of "packing" districts should be avoided.

The party have taken a 'rule of thumb' approach to analysing the data. We have access to clear datasets of estimated SA1 voting patterns, however due to the nature and cost involved in entering the data from the submissions made, we have opted instead to estimate the impacts based on that data. We don't consider this to be the last word on the analysis, but it is an educated estimate on the effects of boundaries

LNP Submission

In broad strokes, the LNP submission is technically sound, as one would expect, but there is no doubt about its intent to ensure that in a 50:50 election against the ALP, the new seat allocations would award the LNP three seats and the ALP one on the current vote estimates. This is hardly what anyone would call a fair outcome, and while we do expect that political parties will make submissions with their own interests in mind, we are hardly partial to the idea that such decisions should go without scrutiny. The Greens would seriously oppose any attempt to make notional gains in this fashion and we suggest the commission reject the LNP's placements in this regard.

That said, there are principles that the LNP has employed that should be commended, specifically their focus on western regional seats flowing from east to west, along existing transportation routes leading to the coast, rather than from north to south. It makes sense from a logistics standpoint: materials from Mt Isa are not sent inland to Longreach, they are ported to Cairns and Townsville through places like Charters Towers. The link is considerably more logical than a western seat that extends so far south as to link up places along routes that nearly no transportation would take.

We also recognise the LNP's interest in new seats on the Gold Coast, Sunshine Coast and in the Logan/Ipswich areas. What we don't agree with is their choice to add a seat in the far north. We believe that seat should have been drawn in the expansion suburbs in the Deception Bay/North Lakes/Caboolture area, with a new seat for the Sunshine Coast drawn further north, with coastal seats all drawing a little further south to absorb the quotas.

We also believe that the proposed naming of the Jagera electorate should be raised with Elders of the Jagera people and other Aboriginal people of the relevant region before going ahead with such a proposal.

ALP Submissions

The ALP has once again chosen not to be very specific about its boundary positioning, but has made some excellent points about the placement of electorates in general.

The suggested placements for the four new electorates (Caboolture, Nerang, Ipswich & Caloundra) would come much closer to reaching a 2 to 2 result in a 50/50 election than the LNP suggestions, though it is a shame that they have chosen not to show their workings on that. They are also broadly in step with our thoughts and the thoughts of the LNP on extending western electorates from east to west.

ALP and LNP Submission Caveat

Some of the choices in Brisbane-based electorates could be called into some suspicion, especially in the north of Brisbane where it appears that the ALP and LNP arguments on boundaries are cross purpose, the ALP advocating to move broadly LNP-voting districts in McDowall, Bald Hills and Bridgeman Downs away from marginal Ferny Grove and slightly safer Stafford to shore up electorates that may face challenge in an election into the relatively safe LNP seat of Everton, where the LNP adopted to strengthen the ALP and LNP boundaries in Aspley and Nudgee to achieve the same population results, which has the effect of making it hard for smaller parties to get footholds and packs some swinging and opposition voters into seats where their member will never represent their political interests.

This is also true of the seats in the west, where even though logic has prevailed and the larger seats will be drawn east-west, it does appear that the selected draw of the LNP in particular is designed to split KAP voters across the new electorates in such a way as to make re-election harder for KAP members. It also looks like, in the drawing of the new Coolum electorate that some effort was placed into disturbing Nicklin, currently held by Independent Peter Wellington.

There are numerous examples like this across the board which are on the surface sensible changes, but are really just cases for “packing” electorates or shoring up marginals. Political parties are entitled to advocate for boundaries that are in their best interests, however it should not be up to either the commission or the public to try and unpick those motivations. What we are asking for is transparency and simplicity, so that a reasonably skilled person could take the data provided and estimate the impacts of a submission. The way it is now that information is simply beyond the reach of the public.

It’s also a reflection of a system that is profoundly unfair, where it is trivially easy to draw boundaries that lock out small parties and independents. An electoral system needs to be built as a reflection of the people who vote for it, allowing such wild variations is only in the interests of the status quo. While this is not a concern of the committee directly, we would like them to keep that in mind while drawing electorates: Is it in the best interest of voters to have like-minded voters so thinly spread as to deny them representation or so concentrated as to make their votes less valuable?

Waddell Submission

The Greens would like to personally thank Mr Waddell for a very thoughtful submission to the commission with considerable detail as to what he would like to see. Waddell’s suggestions are broadly in line with the principles that the Greens would have applied to a submission, though we would prefer to see more east-west configurations in western electorates.

Waddell’s four new seat placements (Sunshine Coast hinterland, Logan, Pine Rivers, Northern Gold Coast) are solid choices and are also very likely to return a 2:2 result in a 50/50 election, though completely removing the Indooroopilly electorate may have knock-on effects that are harder to calculate on a rule of thumb basis. We are supportive of the principle of using names reflecting the ongoing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to an area, but we believe there must be consultation with Elders and others relevant Indigenous people before decisions are made on the use of any such names.

Other Submissions

Overall however we were encouraged by the level of ingenuity and thought that went into submissions but with a limited amount of time and resources to go over all of them we just can’t comment directly. Some submissions

were in a form that would have allowed a deeper analysis, but the data entry costs would have been prohibitive to the party to undertake fully. Other submissions were more descriptive of specific problems with current boundaries and representation issues, we don't believe an analysis of these concerns is warranted, as they speak for themselves and the issues that affect those areas.

Process issues

Technology disparity between submissions

Since our last submission in 2015, the same issues surrounding the use of technology still stand. It is still considerably difficult for submitters to make submissions that demonstrate the sort of changes that they want to see either at a global or local level. It is still political parties, most notably the LNP, that dominate the sort of detailed minutia of submission making.

We would like to reiterate our suggestions from previous submissions on this issue: -

Recommendation 1

Provide a Graphical Information System (GIS) portal for all members of the public and political parties to make boundary suggestions with. The tool provided should only allow for analysis based on population, but key factors such as calculated margins post-distribution should be available to the ECQ and the submitter before publishing and publicly post publishing.

It is quite possible to develop such tools that are accessible to most technically savvy submitters that will make clear their intentions, and also make it possible to show those people the effects of their choices. It could also be developed in such a way as to allow submitters to make small changes to single electorates, groups of electorates or even just to allow them to identify their own local communities of interest.

It would give the commission a clearer picture of the intent of submissions, with clear boundary guides that will help them shape a new set of boundaries that takes the best fit options from a range of sources. It's also good for transparency, allowing the public to examine and determine political biases in submissions that would otherwise go without scrutiny. Another advantage would be that it would be considerably easier to scrutinise suggestions if they were in forms that were easy to load and analyse using freely available tools, in the same way the commission provides that information with existing boundaries and draft/final boundaries when they are submitted.

This has been done in other jurisdictions in Australia, the most recent being the redrawing of boundaries in the ACT. Elections ACT created a sign-in web portal for submissions to be made¹; as this process continued the submissions from individuals, community groups and parties all shown clearly with the tool providing the detail for each submission clearly. This change radically changed the quality and number of submissions given for their review, finishing at 56 in total for the ACT as compared to the 10 received for the Brisbane redistribution.

Commission Timing

As the legislation on holding a boundary commission stands today, if a state election were to be called during the process, then the current task would be suspended pending the outcome of the election and then restarted at a time following the return of the writ. This is an entirely sensible thing to do, as elections are taxing on many stakeholders in this process.

¹ http://www.elections.act.gov.au/electoral_boundaries/redistributions/2015_redistribution

That consideration also goes for federal elections: political parties, politicians and psephologists tend to focus their efforts on elections rather than boundary submissions, which is why we found it unhelpful that the process was started in earnest in the last week of the federal election campaign.

Recommendation 2

The commission should not start its work within one month of any electoral campaigns held at a federal, state or local level that directly affect Queensland. If an election is called during the process at any of these levels, the process should be suspended until after the return of the writ on that election.

The use of Indigenous names for electorates

We notice in submissions that the LNP & Mr Waddell are suggesting names with significant Indigenous heritage. While we are confident that the LNP & Mr Waddell are simply trying to honour the Indigenous heritage of the state, the Queensland Greens feel that we should respect the sensitivities around the use of such words and give indigenous groups the final say on whether they wish to have that name appropriated in such a manner.

Recommendation 3

The commission should consult with the relevant Indigenous communities before accepting an Indigenous name for an electorate.

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I draw the Commission's attention to the proposal of the LNP to have the electoral boundary run through the locality of Tamborine. This would split the village between two electorates, in part along Waterford-Tamborine Road. This proposal is objectionable. The boundary in this region should ensure that all of Tamborine is included in the Beaudesert Electorate (especially the Scenic Rim portion south of the Logan City LGA boundary, as Tamborine is a split locality between Scenic Rim and Logan City). It makes no sense to split this locality between two State Electorates. A better suggestion would be to leave the Beaudesert boundary where it presently lies along the eastern border of Scenic Rim Regional Council at Cedar Creek along Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road. Further, it is noted that the proposal also would split Tamborine and Tamborine Mountain, Tamborine being split between Beaudesert Electorate and Albert Electorate, and Tamborine Mountain being in Albert Electorate. This proposal ignores the community of interest shared by these localities, which are two localities borne of each other in history, sharing a name and a community of interest. The Tamborine Mountain newspapers also report news from Tamborine and the communities of these areas share common interests and face similar issues. It does not make any sense to draw a line and have Tamborine (or part of it) in Beaudesert Electorate and Tamborine Mountain in Albert Electorate. Keep them together. It is also suggested that splitting the two localities will lead to confusion at voter level about which electorate they belong to because in many cases the names are interchangeable - Tamborine Mountain people are referred to as being from Tamborine and also Tamborine can refer to both localities in conversation. The proposal fails to recognise the inherent community of interest in the Scenic Rim Region that binds these two localities and also the rest of that region. Finally the Commission should consider keeping as much of the Scenic Rim LGA in Beaudesert Electorate as possible. We have a unique character, rural living and small country towns which should be afforded representation as a whole at State level. Yours Faithfully

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Projected high increases in enrolments predominate in each of the existing Sunshine Coast electoral districts excepting the existing electoral district of Buderim. To utilise this projected growth to the best advantage of constituents, the new electoral district of Coolum is proposed with its own cohesive community of interests. As a consequence of the proposed new electoral district of Coolum, minor adjustments are necessitated to each of the electoral districts taking into consideration projected enrolment growth and community of interest. Aligning to Noosa boundaries would ensure that Noosa should follow the council areas, with Coolum coming south from there and encompassing an area along the coastline and out to the Bruce Highway and probably going south to the Maroochy River.
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Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mrs Joan Anderson, Blue** Care Nursing Home, Unit E10/256 Stenner Street, Toowoomba for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

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26th August, 2016

The Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Electoral Commission Queensland
GPO Box 1393
Brisbane Qld 4001

Re – Toowoomba North electoral boundary redistribution

I wish to advise the Commission of my strong objection to the southern boundary of the Toowoomba North Electorate being moved from James Street to South Street, Toowoomba.

This in my opinion is a stupid idea which will not work just like the former Lockyer boundary which had a rural seat extending from Mackenzie Street, Toowoomba towards the Lockyer Valley. This was not an obvious boundary, which caused a great deal of confusion for the community.

Road boundaries must be logical and strong and the Warrego Highway (James Street) is the obvious boundary between these seats.

It is my view that the Toowoomba North electorate should not undergo any boundary changes as part of this redistribution.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Anderson".

Joan Anderson

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29th Aug. 2016.

The Secretary,
Island Redistribution Commission,
G.P.O. Box 1393,
Brisbane. Q4001.

Dear Sir/Madams,

We have only received the letter re the State
Electoral Boundaries this morning and I want to let you
know our thoughts on changing the Tumbra North Electoral
Boundary.

Restoring the "unique historical identity to the former Growt
Nest State would be irrelevant now as most residents of Heighfield
no longer feel any link with Growt Nest. This area has changed
into a suburban area of Toowoomba and is no longer a
rural district.

We agree this is a fast growing urban community & is
culturally & socially connected to Toowoomba. Most of our business
is done in the city - such as Banking, Specialists, Hospitals, Buses.
Why would we want to change? We do not!

Yours faithfully,
J.B. + E.J. Genge.

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Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr Stephen Morey, 9 Skyline Drive, Blue Mountain Heights** for your consideration.

Regards,

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The Secretary,
Queensland Redistribution Commission,
C.P.O. Box 1393
Brisbane Qld.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Review of Toowoomba North Electoral Boundary

I am writing to object to any proposal to change the electoral boundary of Toowoomba.

As mentioned in the header of this letter I am a resident of Blue Mountain Heights and as such consider myself a resident of Toowoomba; not Narringo or Lockyer or Condamine.

I am only 7 kilometres from the current electoral office and if needed I can walk to that office.

Certainly accessing a "local" member whose office is in Narringo would be extremely difficult and inconvenient, not to say expensive in transport cost.

I must say that ^{this} is the whiff of a gerrymander to shore up Toowoomba North Electorate as a Labor seat by removing people who are more likely to vote LNP from Toowoomba North and placing them in a safe LNP seat such as Narringo.

I thought those sort of days had long been over following the Fitzgerald Inquiry.

A solution might be to create a N&B seat

How

of say-north of North St and including Harlaston
Blue Mountain Hts, Highfields out to Carlisle & ring
Bare.

I have been here for 30 years and in time
have I heard of such a ridiculous proposal.

I love Toton Moor - have since I was a
child when we visited from Warwick and this
proposition can only inconvenience the voters
and public of the present electorate.

So I say no to this proposal

Yours faithfully

Stephen Moore

P.S. Sorry about my terrible writing

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Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from Mr & Mrs Hurst, 6 Glenorie Drive, Highfields for your consideration.

Donna Barnes



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HIGHFIELDS

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29/08/16.

TO THE SECRETARY,

MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE LIVED
IN THE HIGHFIELDS AREA FOR TWENTY YEARS
NOW AND ARE VERY HAPPY WITH THE WAY
THINGS ARE. WE THINK IT IS REDICULOUS
TO BE CHANGING THE ELECTORAL BOUNDARY.
WE ARE CALLED TOOWOOMBA NORTH
BECAUSE WE ARE A PART OF THE
CITY OF TOOWOOMBA. IT MAKES NO
SENSE TO US TO MAKE THIS CHANGE.

I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT
HIGHFIELDS / BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS REMAIN
WITHIN THE TOOWOOMBA NORTH ELECTORATE
BOUNDARY.

REGARDS

C. P. HART
[Signature]

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Online submission for **Beaudesert** from **Jennifer Veitch**

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- Submission: Beaudesert

- Text:

I draw the Commission's attention to the proposal of the LNP to have the electoral boundary run through the locality of Tamborine. This would split the village between two electorates, in part along Waterford-Tamborine Road. This proposal is objectionable. The boundary in this region should ensure that all of Tamborine is included in the Beaudesert Electorate (especially the Scenic Rim portion south of the Logan City LGA boundary, as Tamborine is a split locality between Scenic Rim and Logan City). It makes no sense to split this locality between two State Electorates. A better suggestion would be to leave the Beaudesert boundary where it presently lies along the eastern border of Scenic Rim Regional Council at Cedar Creek along Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road. Further, it is noted that the proposal also would split Tamborine and Tamborine Mountain, Tamborine being split between Beaudesert Electorate and Albert Electorate, and Tamborine Mountain being in Albert Electorate. This proposal ignores the community of interest shared by these localities, which are two localities borne of each other in history, sharing a name and a community of interest. The Tamborine Mountain newspapers also report news from Tamborine and the communities of these areas share common interests and face similar issues. It does not make any sense to draw a line and have Tamborine (or part of it) in Beaudesert Electorate and Tamborine Mountain in Albert Electorate. Keep them together. It is also suggested that splitting the two localities will lead to confusion at voter level about which electorate they belong to because in many cases the names are interchangeable - Tamborine Mountain people are referred to as being from Tamborine and also Tamborine can refer to both localities in conversation. The proposal fails to recognise the inherent community of interest in the Scenic Rim Region that binds these two localities and also the rest of that region. Finally the Commission should consider keeping as much of the Scenic Rim LGA in Beaudesert Electorate as possible. We have a unique character, rural living and small country towns which should be afforded representation as a whole at State level. Yours Faithfully

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To: [qrcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Nanango, Toowoomba North - Beth Crane
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 3:34:15 PM
Attachments: [Comment on Labor Electoral Proposal.pdf](#)

Online submission for **Nanango, Toowoomba North** from **Beth Crane**

Contact Details

- Name: Beth Crane
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 43 Barracks Road Cabarlah 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Nanango, Toowoomba North
- Text: I wish to make comment on the current Queensland Labor government proposal to change borders between Nanango and Toowoomba North electorates.
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Time of Submission: 29 Aug 2016 3:34pm

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From: [Michael Crane](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: Comment on Labor Submission
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 3:37:29 PM
Attachments: [Comment on Labor Electoral Proposal.pdf](#)

I wish to lodge my comment on the Labor Submission.

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Michael and Beth Crane

MacBeth Farms

43Barracks Road
Cabarlah QLD 4352

Beth Crane
43 Barracks Road
Cabarlah 4352

To The Queensland Electoral Commission

Comment on Current Queensland Labor Government Submission on proposed changes to electoral boundaries between Toowoomba North and Nanango.

Highfields is a very quickly developing area that is in fact closely aligned with the north of Toowoomba.

Many of the residents are employed in Toowoomba, and support the local economy of Toowoomba and Highfield's own rapidly growing industries. It is a rapidly expanding urban area.

To "tack" it on to a very large rural seat of Nanango, is an insult to both the rural sector of the Nanango electorate and the Highfields component of the Toowoomba North electorate. If this were to occur, any sitting member in the newly form very misaligned electorate, will be in a position of danger of ignoring the interests of both of the sectors, as in order to serve one, the other will be forgotten.

Urban areas that are closely aligned to a major regional centre, do not belong in a predominantly rural electorate.

There would not be fair representation for any residents in such an electorate, especially given the large proposed geographical area that is to be covered.

Most of our major services (health, emergency, retail etc) reside in Toowoomba, and as a result, we the residents rely on that alignment to get the services that are our right.

The proposal is totally incongruent and will be a complete disaster and great injustice to this area.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Beth Crane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Beth Crane
For and on behalf of
Michael and Beth Crane

From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Ronald Bruce Warren
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 3:39:34 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Ronald Bruce Warren**

Contact Details

- Name: Ronald Bruce Warren
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11 Kalimna Drive Highfields 4352

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
 - *The proposal to to change the boundary of Toowoomba North to be part of a rural seat distant from and unrelated to our ties to Toowoomba and its commercial heart is an unwise proposal.
 - *Highfields is is an inextricably linked northern suburb to the cultural, medical, sporting and business centre of Toowoomba where many Highfields residents both work, study and play. *Though I am retired, most of my leisure and church activities are based in Toowoomba, my vehicle is purchased and serviced from there, so our orientation is completely Toowoomba based, and My wife and I do not want to be based in an electorate far flung from our community that has no connection in any way to us, and we are proud to be the northern most suburb of Toowoomba city. We would strongly urge the Qld Electoral Commission to reject this political proposal in favour of the actual residents desire to continue to remain in every way part of the Toowoomba North Electorate.
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Subject: All Districts, Condamine, Nanango, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South - Daniel Goodman
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 4:00:36 PM
Attachments: [Annexure A.pdf](#)

Online submission for All Districts, Condamine, Nanango, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South from Daniel Goodman

Contact Details

- Name: Daniel Goodman
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11 Spieker St MOUNT LOFTY QLD 4350

Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts, Condamine, Nanango, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South

Dear Chairperson I would like to begin by thanking the Commission for considering the following comments in regards to the distribution of state electoral boundaries. This submission focuses on the changes proposed by the Australian Labor Party (Queensland) and the Liberal National Party of Queensland, within the Toowoomba Region. I am a lifelong resident of Toowoomba – I was born here, was educated at Toowoomba East State School, Toowoomba Grammar School and the University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus, and today practise as a solicitor in Toowoomba. I hope that my earnest comments may be of assistance to you. -Australian Labor Party (ALP) submission- I believe that ALP's submission is, for the better part, a sound proposition. I have lived in both Toowoomba City and Highfields, and it is well-known that Highfields has developed a distinct and unique character and reputation, separate to Toowoomba City. Today, Highfields boasts multiple shopping centers, emergency services stations, health services, high quality primary and secondary schools (both state and private) and community amenities. I believe that it has clearly reached the benchmark of an independent municipality. Should additional persuasion be required on this point, I would also direct the Commission to the continued discontent arising from the 2008 local government amalgamations. Even before Highfields became the independent town it is today, it strongly identified as part of the Crows Nest Shire area. Given the above, I submit that describing Highfields as a "suburb of Toowoomba" is incorrect and belittling to the Highfields region, and is not a conclusion that should be drawn just on the basis on geographical proximity. Accordingly, I put it to the Commission that moving Highfields into Nanango or similar would further its status as an



- Text: independent municipality, by making it a contextually major population centre, and likely affording it an electorate office of its own. In reference to the southern boundary of Toowoomba North, I note that the ALP's submission would allow for the electorate to extend further south. This would rationalise the current boundary, which unsatisfactory splits the Newtown suburb, and would bring in suburbs that are socioeconomically and culturally similar to the rest of the re-designated Toowoomba North electorate. Additionally, this would allow for Toowoomba South to take in Drayton and Glenvale, two Condamine suburbs that inarguably belong in a Toowoomba electorate. -Liberal National Party of Queensland (LNP) submission- I argue that the LNP submission is poorly constructed and should not be implemented. The creation of a new electorate of "Ramsay" is, in essence, an attempt to reverse the 2008 abolition of the electorate of Cunningham – the Commission's previous decision was sound, and should be upheld. More egregious though is the suggested boundary change on the western flank of Toowoomba North. The LNP's submission would see the suburb of Wilsonton – a culturally and socioeconomically distinct suburb – arbitrarily split down its middle. This would be a highly detrimental outcome for the people of Wilsonton, for a grossly unnecessary purpose. I note with concern the actions of the Member for Toowoomba North, Mr Trevor Watts MP (LNP). Mr Watts has strongly and personally pushed a campaign to encourage dissenting comments against the ALP's submission. I find this behaviour by Mr Watts to be inappropriate and without precedent (in my experience). While I do not suggest that it is improper for a member of Parliament to so aggressively pursue their redistribution agenda, I submit that the manner in which Mr Watts has done so should give the Commission pause in considering dissenting submissions from the public-at-large. To assist the Commission, I attach (Annexure A) an example of the correspondence Mr Watts has been distributing. The Commission will note that Mr Watts provides "example" or "model" letters to be sent to the Commission – I would put it to the Commission that such "form letter" submissions should be given weight commensurate to the author's effort. I also strongly dispute the content of these form letters, on the basis of what I have said above regarding the Highfields region's emergent independence. - Conclusion- Overall, it is clear that the two major parties have articulated very different visions of the future Toowoomba North. Given the pressures on the Commission to accommodate changing populations and the creation of new seats, I believe that the ALP submission is superior. It provides for a logical outcome in which the "Toowoomba" seats (North and South) encapsulate the Toowoomba City area, while Highfields is afforded the independence it deserves. In contrast, I believe the LNP's submission is blind to the community realities of the Toowoomba region, and is motivated by political opportunism above the interests of the region. Yours sincerely Dan Goodman | LLB | MQLS

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Dan <dangoodman92@gmail.com>

Fw: Redistribution 16.08.16

Dan <dangoodman92@gmail.com>
To: Dan <dangoodman92@gmail.com>

Mon, Aug 29, 2016 at 3:32 PM

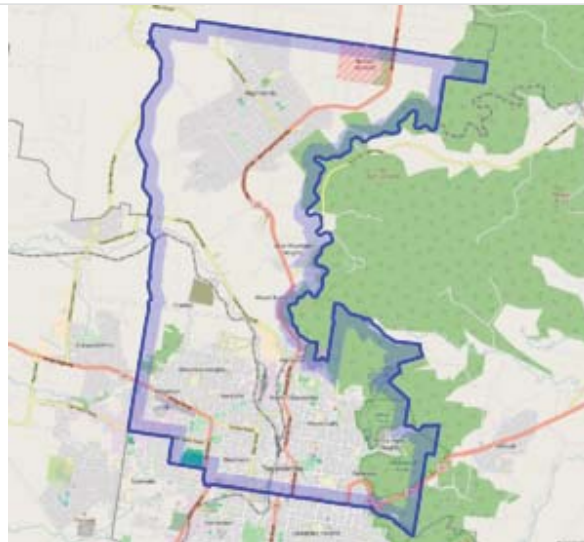
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Sent: Wednesday, 17 August 2016 12:21:27 PM

Subject: Redistribution 16.08.16

I invite you to visit my [website](#); my [Facebook page](#) or write to PO Box 285, Harlaxton 4350, to learn more about the Toowoomba North electorate and the plan the State Government has for Queensland.

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**TOOWOOMBA NORTH ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW**

Keep Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights in the Toowoomba community.

This will affect YOU.

Dear Resident,

I am writing to call on you for your support to object to the electoral boundary changes proposed for the Toowoomba North Electorate.

The Australian Labor Party's submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission is asking that **Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights become part of a neighbouring rural electorate with the possibility of the electorate office being located hundreds of kilometres away from these areas**. Click on link below to view: http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/62920/S-38_ALP-QLD_25.7.16.pdf

If you think that is ridiculous, **you need to tell the Commission?**

This is not a choice between political parties... no matter who wins which seat, if this submission is adopted, your representative, whether LNP, Labor, Green or Independent, will be remotely located away from your home.

Unless the **HIGHFIELDS and BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS communities send a strong message** to keep these areas in the Toowoomba North electorate, you **may well JOIN A NEIGHBOURING RURAL electorate**.

It is easy to have your say. You are encouraged to use your own words, however I have attached a list of points and sample letters which may assist you with your comments to the Committee objecting to this proposed change. You need only write a few sentences. This e-news will help you to do so.

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Queensland Redistribution Commission

GPO Box 1393

BRISBANE QLD 4001

This redistribution will affect you, so please help keep Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights as part of the Toowoomba community.

Kind regards,



Trevor Watts MP

Member for Toowoomba North

WILL MY OBJECTION BE LISTENED TO?

The commission is obligated by law to consider specific matters when making a decision about electoral boundaries. Those matters effectively guide the grounds on which you can object or lend support to a boundary movement.

WHAT DO I SAY?

Below is a list of points you can validly use in your letter to the Commission objecting to Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights being moved from Toowoomba North to a neighbouring electorate. On the following pages are several example letters – **however you are encouraged to use your own words and your own combination of these or other points, to articulate your thoughts.**

List of possible Arguments Against Changing the Toowoomba North Electoral Boundary

1. A great many residents of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights, such as myself, moved to this area from within Toowoomba because Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is, effectively, an outer suburb of Toowoomba.

2. Like many people I know, I live in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights but own and operate a business based in Toowoomba. I do not want my business represented by one electorate and myself by another – it is not truly representative of my community.
3. The local council has recognised the strong community ties between Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities, Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play across Toowoomba and Highfields – **not** Highfields and rural areas to our North.
4. Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs.
5. Another important point that must be considered is that the existing electorate is a source of workforce and small business for both Highfields and Toowoomba areas. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region.
6. Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights stops on a regular basis throughout the day. There is no such correlation with buses and routes from here to other centres outside of long-range bus routes.
7. Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights has poor mobile phone reception as well as a lack of NBN. My methods of fast access and communication with my member if they are remotely located are limited, whereas I can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently in Toowoomba North. Also many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication or access to private transport in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents.
8. The redistribution of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will financially and socially isolate and deny this community equal and appropriate access to their elected representative.
9. In the event Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is redistributed to another electorate this will isolate a significant proportion of this community and deny equal and appropriate access to their elected representative resulting in the following:-
 1. Need to travel a greater distance to meet with their elected member
 2. No public transport available to areas other than to Toowoomba for those without private transport
 3. Cost of telephone calls will financially impact the residents
 4. Electronic communication connectivity unreliable
 5. Inability to access or use of computer
10. I am a senior who resides in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights. I am the recipient of home care that comes from Toowoomba. As I am too old to drive, I rely on the public transport system to get to Toowoomba. I visit the Centrelink office every now and then, I go to the base hospital, I might pay some friends a visit who live in nursing homes and I am a member of the Senior Citizens Association. All of these places are in Toowoomba. Practically everything I need is in Toowoomba. I want to stay in my home and I don't want to be isolated from the services that I need including direct access to my elected representative to do this.
11. Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate.

12. All school children in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights attend public or private schools in Highfields or Toowoomba with all teens in Grade 10 to 12 attending High School in Toowoomba.
13. The typical Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights resident rarely travels north of Highfields. All hospitals, local, state and federal services, private enterprise, entertainment, events, shows and the like are either in Highfields or, more commonly, in Toowoomba.
14. The Toowoomba Region includes both Highfields and Toowoomba – with similar rating levels, requirements for new developments, shared social events and reciprocal membership rights at the council pool and gymnasiums of each.
15. Restoring the “unique historical identity” to the former Crow’s Nest Shire, as mentioned in the ALP submission, no longer bears any relevance to Highfields. The submission notes “many long term residents hold a special affinity to the old shire” but fails to give regard to the reality that the totality of “long-term residents” is a very small fraction of total residents of Highfields due to the very significant growth of new developments and new homes with the accompanying influx of new residents. The submission refers to something which cannot be restored, a rural community... which Highfields is not and will never be again. I would ask that the Commission disregard the ALP submission with respect to removing Highfields from Toowoomba North – we belong where we are.

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Queensland Redistribution Commission

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BRISBANE QLD 4001

Please see below for your convenience a number of sample letters, which may assist you with your comments to the Commission.

EXAMPLE LETTERS ONLY

1)

Mr H. W. H. Botting
Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Level 6, Forestry House
160 Mary Street
Brisbane Q. 4001

Dear Chairperson,

Thank you for considering my submission regarding the review of State electorate boundaries. I wish to comment regarding Highfields which is a township currently in the electorate of Toowoomba North and is regarded as part of the City of Toowoomba on the Great Dividing Range.

I am concerned that the commission may consider moving the northern boundary of Toowoomba North to the south of my community effectively placing us in a rural electorate.

My family has lived in Highfields for eight years having moved here to a new estate from Newtown which is also in Toowoomba North.

My wife works in Toowoomba each day and drops our 6 year old off at school to Toowoomba North State School as it is close to her workplace allowing less disruption to her work day to collect him after school. Our middle daughter attends high school at Downlands College, a private school midway between Highfields and Toowoomba's town centres. The eldest finished school last year at Toowoomba State High School and is now studying at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba, living at home with us still and working weekends at a local café as well as some times in a Toowoomba City bar.

I work operate a plumbing business covering Toowoomba and Highfields with my depot in central Toowoomba.

On weekends we attend public and community events across Toowoomba and Highfields. Our son is a member of the Toowoomba Rugby League and plays regularly. We are members of the Toowoomba Sports Club and Toowoomba Hockey Club.

We rarely travel north of Highfields and feel a close community connection as part of the wider Toowoomba community.

I believe we are quite typical of the family residents of Highfields and I trust you will note that our lifestyles place us firmly in metropolitan Toowoomba as opposed to a rural electorate.

It would be a great shame to detract from the strong community mindedness of the region by cutting our common representation by Toowoomba North.

Thank you again for considering my submission.

2)

I write to express my opinion that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is part of the wider community of Toowoomba and should remain part of the Toowoomba North electorate to ensure we continue to receive representation that reflects our community of social and economic ties.

All my children attend school in Toowoomba. My husband and I work in Toowoomba, as well as socialise, attend events and have friends within Toowoomba.

Most children living here attend school either in Highfields or Toowoomba. Currently year 11 and 12 have no choice but to attend in Toowoomba and primary students have the option to attend schools in Toowoomba where their parent's work nearby.

Our children also largely have their social connections, sporting events and more all within Toowoomba and Highfields, between which I do not really draw any distinction.

Highfields is a thoroughly metropolitan area within Toowoomba and I believe it would be to the detriment of those strong community ties to move boundaries to include Highfields anywhere other than Toowoomba, especially where we became part of a rural electorate.

3)

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission.

I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia.

To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs.

Highfields is located a short distance of 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for this suburb to remain part of Toowoomba.

The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rurally based seat.

I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative.

Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary.

I thank you for your consideration.

4)

As a local resident of the Toowoomba North electorate for many years, I feel strongly against the redistribution boundaries proposed by the Australian Labor Party. It lacks any real understanding of my local community and its needs.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will create great confusion and disruption for this community which is strongly linked both culturally and geographically to the city of Toowoomba.

To redistribute Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights to a rural electorate will cause significant isolation and concerns for the residents needing to access the services of their elected representative.

Many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative.

This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents should their elected representative be located hundreds of kilometres away due to the difficulty of accessing available transport and the ongoing connectivity shortfalls regularly affecting this area.

To avoid the isolation of this community I suggest that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate.

I thank you for your consideration.

Remember to lodge your comments prior to the closing date 5.00pm Monday 29th August 2016 via:

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Post The Secretary

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BRISBANE QLD 4001**

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I NEED TO INCLUDE IN MY LETTER?

Ensure you **include your name and address, date and sign your letter.**

Please go to the above contact links and post your comments **prior to the closing date of 5.00pm Monday, 29 August 2016** or hand it to the staff at the Toowoomba North Electorate Office located at 297 Margaret St, Toowoomba who will forward your submission onto the Commission.

Please submit your comments promptly to help keep Highfields as part of the Toowoomba community.



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Trevor Watts
PO Box 285
Harlaxton Qld 4350

***QUOTE:- "Those who stand for
nothing fall for anything"
Alexander Hamilton***

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Subject: All Districts, Noosa - Tibor Pietzsch
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 4:01:32 PM

Online submission for **All Districts, Noosa** from **Tibor Pietzsch**

Contact Details

- Name: Tibor Pietzsch
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 132b/12 Baywater Drive Twin Waters 4564

Submission Details

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Subject: Toowoomba North - Cheryl Whitechurch
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 4:06:21 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Cheryl Whitechurch**

Contact Details

- Name: Cheryl Whitechurch
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 6 Sunray Drive

Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text: I live in Highfields, this area serves as a satellite town to the city of Toowoomba. In 2011 the census showed Highfields had a population of 8,012 and is the fastest growing area in Qld and also one of the fastest in Australia. I have lived in Highfields for over 25 yrs and it is no longer a rural town. It is now a community with close association to Toowoomba. I believe the majority of residents may live in Highfields but they work and do business in Toowoomba. To change the electoral boundary to put us into a different electoral zone would put a lot of Highfields residents at a disadvantage. Thankyou Cheryl Whitechurch and family.
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From: [Marlise Huf](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: submission
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 4:07:44 PM

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission

Dear Sir,

I have lived in Highfields seat of Toowoomba for 20 years and see no reason for the electorate to be changed in the redistribution currently underway.

I would ask that you consider keeping Highfields within the Toowoomba North Electorate.

Sincerely Yours

Marlise Huf

16/ Concept Villas Highfields 4352

29.8.2016
4 pm



26th August 2016

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Level 6, Forestry House
160 Mary Street
Brisbane Qld 4000

Dear Secretary

I wish to respond to the submission made to the Queensland Redistribution Commission by the Liberal National Party (LNP) and dated 25th of July 2016.

The submission states that:

"The Northern boundary unchanged. Western boundary unchanged but extends down to down 3128221, 312213 and 3128212 (inclusive) to current Lockyer and Beaudesert boundary east to exclude 31332011, north to proposed Bundamba and Ipswich Boundary".

My comments are as follows:

Returning the inner western suburbs to the Electorate of Ipswich West

My comment as to the LNP submission concerning the boundary of the Electorate of Ipswich West is that the north, east and western boundary should remain unchanged except that the inner western suburbs of Ipswich, that includes the suburbs of Coalfalls, Woodend, Sadliers Crossing and part of West Ipswich as detailed and marked 1 in the attached map, should be included in the Electorate of Ipswich West. The area is bounded by the Bremer River, East Street and Brisbane Street.

Historically the inner western suburbs of the City of Ipswich have formed part of the Electorate of Ipswich West, hence its name. To return this area to the Electorate of Ipswich West would correct an historical anomaly.

These inner western suburbs have good connectivity and community of interest with both the outer western suburbs of One Mile, Leichhardt and Wulkaraka as well as the northern suburbs of Brassall and North Ipswich by way of the David Trumpy Bridge, the Hancock Bridge at Coalfalls, the Sadliers Crossing Rail Bridge and the Don Livingstone Bridge. The inner western suburbs also has a community of interest with these suburbs with many of the children living in this area attending Ipswich State High School, located in Brassall, and Immaculate Heart Catholic Primary School, located at One Mile.

As well, residents from the inner western suburbs also have a commercial connection with Brassall and North Ipswich by way of the Brassall Shopping and Riverlink Shopping Centres located at North Ipswich.

The Southern Boundary of the Electorate of Ipswich West

My comment as to the changes proposed in the LNP submission as to the southern boundary of the Electorate of Ipswich West between One Mile and Grandchester is that this boundary should remain unchanged.

I believe that it would be in the best interests of the residents of the south west of the City of Ipswich if this area remained in the electorate of Lockyer, become part of the Electorate of Ipswich or form part of the new Electorate in the south of Ipswich as proposed by the LNP.

The Cunningham Highways is the major road transport corridor running through the south west of the City of Ipswich creates connectivity and community of interest between residents living in this area and those residents living in the southern suburbs of Ipswich.



As well, school children living in the south west of the City of Ipswich fall within the catchment of Amberley State School and Bremer State High School, both located in the southern suburbs of the City of Ipswich. Also, people living in this area have a commercial connection with the shopping centres located in the southern suburbs of Ipswich, notably Yamanto Shopping Centre, further creating a community of interest with the south west and the southern suburbs.

Amberley RAAF Base, Warrill Creek and the Bremer River act as a real geographical barriers separating the south west of the City of Ipswich with the area currently encompassed by the Electorate of Ipswich West.

As such, the south west of the City of Ipswich clearly has a long established community of interest with the southern suburbs of the City of Ipswich while no similar community of interest exists between this area and the area currently encompassed by the Electorate of Ipswich West.

The Northern Suburbs of the City Ipswich

My comment as to the submission by the LNP that the inner northern suburbs of the City of Ipswich (part of Brassall and all of North Ipswich and Tivoli) should all be excised from the Electorate of Ipswich West and become part of the Electorate of Ipswich, is that to do so would split these inner northern suburbs from the outer northern suburbs (Karalee, Chuwar, Blacksoil and Pine Mountain) when the combined northern suburbs of the City of Ipswich is an area that has a long established community of interest. The inner and outer northern suburbs of Ipswich should be in the same Electorate.

Roads such as Warrego Highway, Pine Mountain Road, Hunter Street and Mt Crosby Road form road transport corridors that bind the inner and outer northern suburbs of Ipswich. As well, these suburbs all form part of the catchment area for the Ipswich State High School.

Just as the Brisbane River separates the northern suburbs of Brisbane from the southern suburbs, the north and south of the City of Ipswich is separated by the Bremer River. The Bremer River is not only a geographical barrier but is also a social barrier separating those people living in the southern suburbs from those living in the northern suburbs. As is the case with the Brisbane River, this situation is created by the limited number of bridges that cross the Bremer River, with most of the existing bridges mainly located in the inner western suburbs section of the Bremer River.

The separation between the northern and southern suburbs of Ipswich created by the Bremer River means that these two areas do not share a community of interest other than with the inner western suburbs as detailed previously herein.

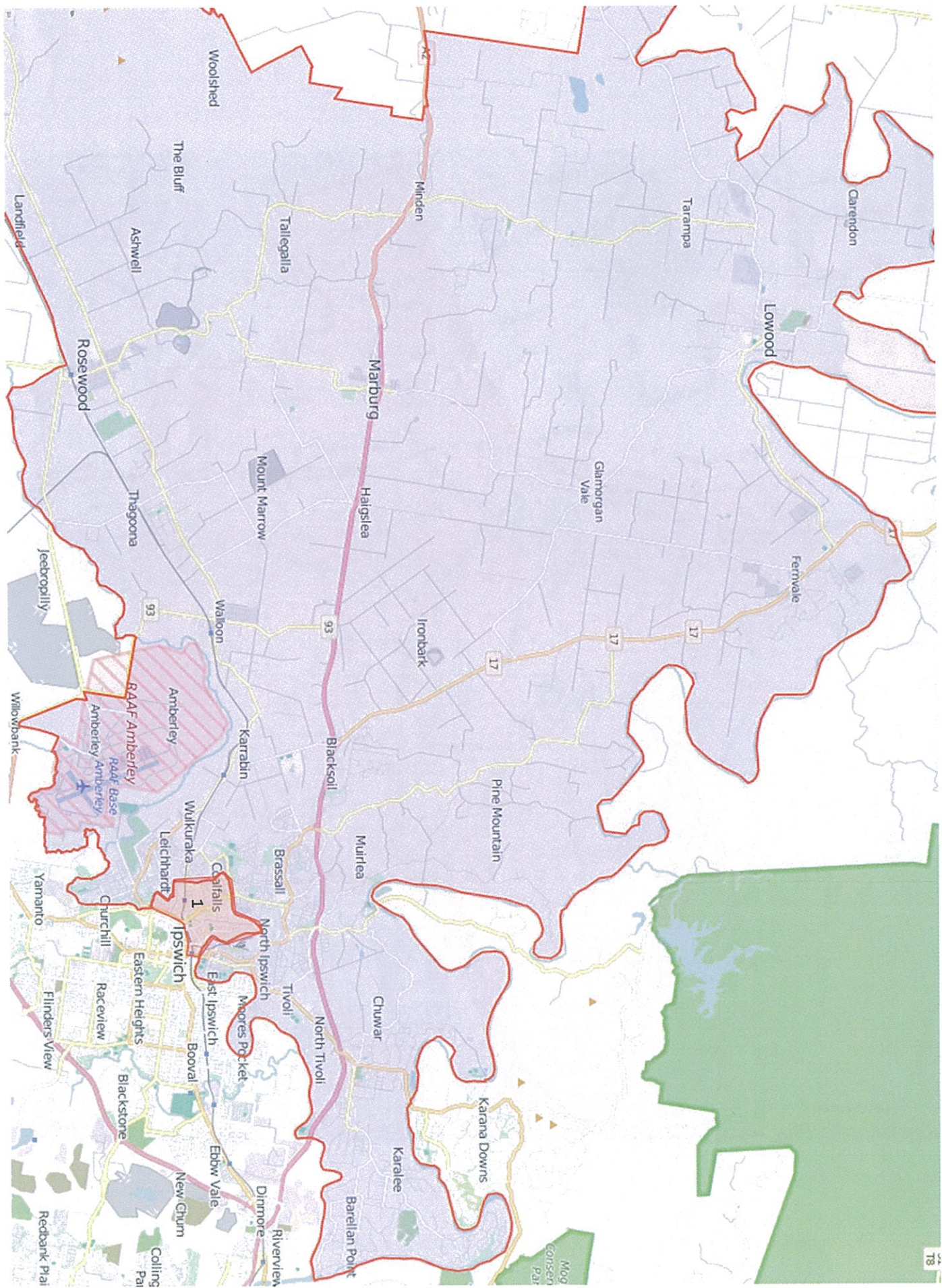
Historically the northern suburbs of the City of Ipswich have formed the core of the Electorate of Ipswich West and this should remain so when the new boundaries for the Electorate are drawn by your Commission.

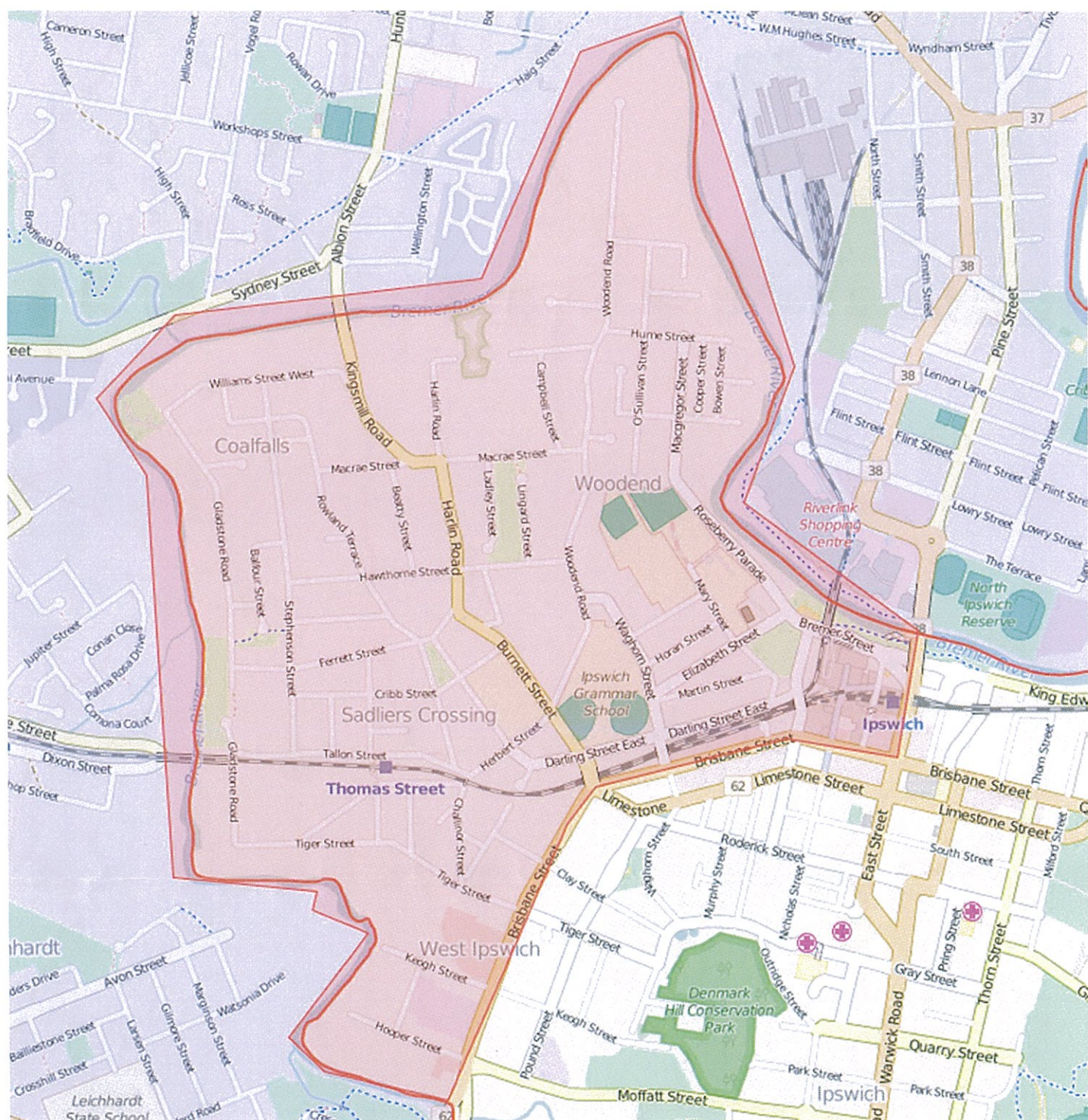
Yours faithfully



Jim Madden MP

Member for Ipswich West





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Dear Chairperson,

Please find attached a submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission from **Mr John Lutvey**, 39 South Street, Toowoomba for your consideration.

Regards,

Donna Barnes

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**The Chairperson
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Dear Chairperson,

Re – Toowoomba North electoral boundary redistribution

I would like to lodge my objections with the Commission to retain the existing southern boundary line of the Warrego Highway for the Toowoomba North electorate.

This boundary makes it easy for everyone to identify which electorate they belong e.g. if you are on the southern side of James Street you are in Toowoomba South and if you are on the northern side you are in Toowoomba North electorate.

This is a simple process enabling the people to define their electorate.

Please don't change the current boundaries.

Yours sincerely


John Lutvey

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Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 4:28:01 PM

We wish to advise as residents of Highfields that we do Not wish to be redistributed into the electorate of Nanango.

We wish to remain in TRC electorate

Sincerely

Sharon Kelleher

Stephen Wardrope

Highfields Qld



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To the Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission

We are writing in response to the Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission. We do not want Highfields removed from the Toowoomba North electorate. It makes sense for Highfields to remain in that electorate as it is so closely connected and the gap is going to lessen over the years to come as Toowoomba and Highfields continue to grow. We wish to be in close proximity to our member and not have to travel several hours to make contact. Highfields is an urban area aligned with Toowoomba in many ways so it is inappropriate to suddenly remove that connection and place it with a rural community. It is not fair to either of the electorates.

Please leave Highfields as part of Toowoomba north.

I thank you for considering our thoughts

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General comments on redistribution submissions

Submissions completely outside of the redistribution guidelines. Submissions S1, S2, S5 and S6 solely address matters outside the scope of the redistribution guidelines.

Submissions which contain elements that are outside of the redistribution guidelines, or create a breach of the Electoral Act. Submissions S7, S22 and S38 include in their submissions elements that are outside of the scope of this redistribution or ignore the requirements of the Electoral Act.

In particular S38 argues

“The ALP submits that the weighted electorates of more than 100,000 km² are a departure from the principle of one-vote one-value.” This would require a change to the Electoral Act and is outside of the powers of the ECQ to amend.

The Nudgee electorate (+10.1%) is currently outside the allowed deviation, but this situation is remedied by 2022. The ALP submits that there is no case for significant alteration of electorate boundaries, and there is sufficient enrolments to maintain the existing electorates in this region. Acceptance of this submission would clearly breach S45 1(a) of the Electoral Act

45 Proposed electoral redistribution must be within numerical limits

(1) In preparing the proposed redistribution, the commission must ensure that the following requirement is satisfied, as at the end of the 21 days mentioned in section 43(2)(b), for each proposed electoral district—

(a) if the electoral district has an area of less than 100,000km²—that the number of enrolled electors does not differ from the average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts by more than 10%;

Submissions requesting that the redistribution creates boundaries consistent with existing local government boundaries.

1. Submission S41 from the Local Government Association of Queensland states that *“state electoral boundaries must, wherever practical, align with local government boundaries”*.
2. Submissions S16, S19, S20, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26, S27, S32, S33, S34 and S35 deal solely with the recommendation to retain the seat of Beaudesert solely within the local government area of Scenic Rim Regional Council.
3. Submissions S9, S13, S17, S18 request that the portion of Redland Bay Regional Council at Sheldon be removed from the electorate of Mansfield.
4. Submission S8 deals with the Mackay Regional Council.
5. Submission S3 which argues that Local Government Boundaries should form a coherent border. *“So to that extent I propose to apply Section 46(1)(d) where strong electoral boundaries and/or communities of interests exist. This includes - but is not limited to – Roads; Railway Lines; Watercourses; LGA and locality boundaries. Weaker boundaries - including but not limited to - unmarked or unfenced property boundaries, line-of-sight or*

'point A to point B' land boundaries that are not either locality or LGA boundaries; I believe need to be reconsidered and re-drawn where possible."

I suggest that there are a number of arguments for State Electorates to avoid splitting Local Government boundaries. In particular those Local Government boundaries which were the subject of the *Local Government (De-amalgamation Polls) Regulation 2013* – the former council areas of Douglas, Livingstone, Mareeba and Noosa – having been surveyed and a determination on their boundaries known, should be held to have a stronger community of interest than those areas where views may be unknown. Given the closeness between the populations and the likely future growth, the Noosa Regional Council area should form a consistent boundary with the State seat of Noosa.

Creation of new electorates

There is general agreement that new seats need to be created within the Gold Coast Regional Council area and around the Springfield area, splitting Bundamba.

There is slightly less agreement on the creation of a new seat on the Sunshine Coast.

There are a range of submissions on the creation of a fourth seat.

Comments on individual redistribution submissions

S3 Mr Jeff Waddell - Submission S3 is a very balanced submission and it is evident that there has been a great deal of care put into the recommendations. While there may be minor differences between this submission and my view on the composition of individual seats, this submission meets the criteria for a fair redistribution.

S12 Mr Steve Dickson MP – This submission deals only with the State seat of Buderim, but I suggest that some of the suggestions may be dealt with in the formation of a new Sunshine Coast seat.

S15 Dr Mark Mulcair – This submission offers another well-crafted redistribution proposal.

- In particular the suggestions regarding the area of Caboolture, including Murrumba and Pumicestone, correct a number of boundary issues. However I would recommend renaming Murrumba to North Lakes instead of Deception Bay, as future boundary adjustments are more likely to retain North Lakes as the core of the electorate, and Deception Bay may well fall into Redcliffe.
- I wholeheartedly agree with the suggestions for the Sunshine Coast region.
- I agree that it makes more sense for the Seat of Springwood to add additional voters at the Carbrook boundary with the seat of Redlands, rather than crossing the highway.
- The changes proposed for the seat of Mansfield are substantial, and I believe they can be more properly addressed by adding the small over-quota section at the border with Chatsworth and allowing the current housing growth in Rochedale to take effect.
- The changes to Whitsunday and Mackay still leave Whitsunday with a “dumbbell-shaped” seat, with significant populations at both ends of the Bruce Highway. It also means maintaining another seat that crosses Local Government boundaries.

S29 Liberal National Party – The LNP submission is clear and reasonably straight forward. This makes it easier to address the recommendations contained within their submission.

On new seats – I agree with the rough locations of the new seats as they are fairly self-evident. While I am comfortable with the creation of the new seats of Ormeau and Jagera, I am of the opinion that the Sunshine Coast seat should be created from the existing seat of Glass House and not the Coolumb area, and I believe that the new North Queensland seat would cause less disruption to boundaries if it were drawn from the Barron River area.

This submission also resolves a number of anomalies with current boundaries, such as the peninsula extending into Caboolture from Pumicestone.

S29 Mr Robert Mackintosh – I disagree with Mr Mackintosh’s proposal to extend across the Highway to maintain the Narangba Innovation Precinct. This submission argues for a number of changes to the Kallangur electorate that have unfortunate knock on effects in adjoining electorates.

S31 Ms Tegan Goodridge – The submission from Ms Goodridge creates some problems in the construction of new seats.

- The proposed seat of Tamborine would necessitate major shifts by all Gold Coast seats as it is away from the current growth areas.
- The proposed seat of Highfields has minor growth compared to the Sunshine Coast area, which has not been addressed in this submission.
- The proposed new seats of North Lakes would cause considerable disruption to adjoining seats, necessitating a number of seats crossing the Highway.
- The seat of Springfield follows the general agreement of other submissions.

S37 Mr Paul Smith – The submission from Mr Smith corrects a number of minor irregularities in West Moreton Bay and the Glass House region of the Sunshine Coast. While the final boundaries may be different, I believe that this submission offers a number of opportunities for minor boundary input.

S38 Australian Labor Party – This submission has a number of issues, not just the poor drafting. As a submission from a major party it lacks detail and fails to include any mapping details to inform the submission. For a major submission to fail to include maps of proposed changes is a sad reflection on their priorities.

- S38 introduces four new seats – based in Caboolture, Caloundra, Ipswich and Nerang. The Ipswich, Caloundra and Nerang seats meet the growth in these areas. A new seat based in Caboolture would simply be a realigned Morayfield. There is no acknowledgement of the need for a new seat to be created in North Queensland. However the submission does acknowledge the need to move the current area of Pumicestone on the Western side of the Highway back into the Caboolture area.
- As proposed by S38, the new seat of Caboolture would contain very little Caboolture in it, essential being the existing seat of Glasshouse with additional electors from the local government area of Moreton Bay.
- This submission appears to have ignored the seat of Pumicestone in section 3.9, despite the fact that it is significantly over quota.
- In section 3.10 this submission moves voters from Brisbane Central to Mount Coot-tha, and from Mount Coot-tha to Indooroopilly, despite Indooroopilly and Mount Coot-tha sharing a common boundary.
- I agree with some of the changes proposed in section 3.11, and they are consistent with the ALP submission on Brisbane City Council boundaries. Moving the remainder of Annerley from South Brisbane into Yeeroongpilly will help contain further growth in South Brisbane. However the maintenance of Bulimba at the very boundary of the allowable variance assumes that growth in this area will be lower than surrounding seats. The submission for Mansfield notes *“The ALP submits that maintaining the current southern border at the Logan City-Brisbane City border reflects that strong community of interest and the principles in section 46(1) of the Act.”* I agree with this observation, but it is inconsistent with their proposed changes for the seat of Caboolture on the Moreton Bay Sunshine Coast Regional Council border.
- Additionally, the statement that *“the Mount Ommaney electorate is in need of more electors to stay within the allowed deviation of enrolment numbers. The ALP submits that the community of interest requires that part of Darra on the northern side of the Ipswich Motorway to be moved from Inala to Mount Ommaney”* overstates the problem when the current under-enrolment is only 3.17 percent under.

- Section 3.12 again tries to solve a simple problem with a difficult solution. Add voters to Springwood by moving the Logan City Council portion of Redlands at Carbrook and Logandale into Springwood is an easier solution than crossing the Highway to move electors from Waterford.
- Section 3.14 adds unnecessary complexity to the creation of an additional seat on the Gold Coast by trying to create an Albert electorate with wildly varying communities of interest.

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Response to Queensland Redistribution Commission Comments on Proposed Boundary Reports

ELECTORATE OF BEAUDESERT

I refer to my submission (s33) in support of a boundary change for the State Electorate of Beaudesert. It requests that close consideration be given to an electoral boundary which empathetically recognizes the community of interest of townships within the Scenic Rim Regional Council as the basis of their inclusion within an amended Electorate of Beaudesert. Also, the point is made that there are efficiency dividends to be derived from the coincidence of local government and state electoral boundaries.

This is supported by **Submission s41** of the Local Government Association of Queensland, in which Greg Hallam states the following:

There is an inextricable link between the interests of local government and state government. In many rural and remote areas, local government delivers the services normally provided by the state and federal governments. In a survey commissioned by the LGAQ in early 2015, it was found that 44 councils were delivering \$26 million annually in non –traditional services like education, health care and communication typically delivered by other levels of government. Councils and the LGAQ work in partnership not only with the government, but with individual Members of Parliament around communities of interest. On this basis the LGAQ believes the state electoral boundaries must, wherever practical, align with local government boundaries...

With respect to **Submission s28** of LNP, while disagreeing with its proposal which has limited coincidence of boundaries of the Beaudesert state electorate with the local government boundaries of Scenic Rim LGA, it does argue for a discrete common boundary as its Submission Rationale, which I believe should have priority in any change of boundary:

The projected growth to the east and south of Ipswich West necessitates change. As far as possible the proposed boundary unites communities with common interests, however ideally the Scenic Rim communities should be a discreet locality in their own right.

Were there to be electoral boundary changes as a result of population growth, this should happen without any loss of community of interest. **Submission S38** of the ALP gives recognition to this at part 2.2 while proposing an additional electorate south of Ipswich, without reducing the Beaudesert Electorate.

Recognition of Existing Electoral Boundaries – Section 46(1)(d) The ALP submits that, in most cases, electoral boundaries reflect existing communities of interest. It is important that the boundaries determined by the QRC provide, as far as practicable, a continuity of electoral districts for voters. The ALP submits that the addition of four new districts provides the QRC an opportunity to deal with population growth without making significant changes to electorates, such as abolition of electorates.

I support its rationale of removing areas to the north-east and east of the current Beaudesert electorate in the Springfield, Greenbank and Flagstone precincts, not currently within the Scenic Rim LGA, to say Logan City LGA while replacing that population by the inclusion of Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly as townships within the Scenic Rim LGA into the Beaudesert Electorate.

Support should be given to new Beaudesert electoral boundary recommendation of Jeff Waddell in his **Submission S3** where he proposes electoral and local government boundaries coincide thereby bringing the Scenic Rim LGA townships of Peak Crossing, Harrisville and Mutdapilly into a new Beaudesert Electorate thereby removing them from Lockyer SED.

Mr Waddell states:

Beaudesert was already outside quota and projected to be 31.5% over projected quota by 2022. In addition, I had already added an extra 1000+ Scenic Rim LGA electors to Beaudesert from my assessment of Lockyer SED above. After crunching the numbers, Beaudesert loses the entire locality of Jimboomba which must be transferred to Logan.

Beaudesert's new SED boundary is simple: In its E, S and W it follows the Scenic Rim LGA boundary - as it does for much of its north. The only remaining Logan LGA territory required for Beaudesert is as follows: Where the Logan River turns into Logan LGA at the western end of the Jimboomba - Cedar Grove locality boundary; continue in an easterly direction along the Logan River; E again into Scrubby Creek; following Scrubby Creek, then the Cedar Vale locality boundary in a clockwise direction until it meets the Scenic Rim LGA boundary at the intersection of Barnes Rd and Trewin Rd South.

Of all submissions received by the SEC, over 25% supported a change to the Beaudesert SED to include the townships of Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly, currently within the Lockyer SED, and in the Scenic Rim LGA, to be within the Beaudesert SED. This clearly reflects the mood of the community across the whole Scenic Rim LGA.

Were the amendments cited above made to SED boundaries, they would better reflect the principle of townships having a strong community of interest within the same LGA, and having the same member of parliament. This would have better administrative outcomes for both State and Local Governments yielding better social dividends.

I thank you for the opportunity for making comment on the above cited submissions.

Graham L Porter OAM

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RE: Keep Highfields in the Toowoomba Community The proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba is the most ridiculous proposal I have heard. As a resident of Highfields, I want to be part of the Toowoomba Community and have access to sporting, education etc that the Toowoomba North electorate provide. I want a representative who know's my community and is local, not someone over 100km's away. Therefore I ask, that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as is and not undergo any boundary changes as part of the 2016 redistribution. I thank you for your consideration.
Rebecca Lotz
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Judge Hugh Botting
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Dear Chairperson

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the review of State electorate districts by the Queensland Redistribution Commission and respond to other submissions.

If the QRC requires any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.
The ALP will participate in the further rounds of consultation in the redistribution.

Kind regards,

Evan Moorhead
State Secretary
Australian Labor Party (Queensland Branch)

**Submission of Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland):
Response to Submissions to the
2016 Queensland Redistribution Commission**

1. Michael O'Dwyer, LNP Submission

1.1 Weighted Seats.

The ALP notes the submission that there should be only four weighted seats. The ALP's submission recognises that weighted seats breach the one-vote, one-value principle. This bipartisan recognition that weighted seats should be a last resort for the QRC is welcome.

This was reiterated in submissions by Mark Mulcair and Paul Blackman.

1.2 LNP Submission Fails Statutory Requirements

The Queensland Redistribution should dismiss the electoral boundaries proposal from the LNP as not meeting the statutory requirements required of electoral boundaries.

Section 45 of the *Electoral Act 1992* provides:

45 Proposed electoral redistribution must be within numerical limits

- (1) In preparing the proposed redistribution, the commission must ensure that the following requirement is satisfied, as at the end of the 21 days mentioned in section 43(2)(b), for each proposed electoral district—*
 - (a) if the electoral district has an area of less than 100,000km²—that the number of enrolled electors does not differ from the average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts by more than 10%;*
 - (b) if the electoral district has an area of 100,000km² or more—the sum of the number of enrolled electors and the additional large district number does not differ from the average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts by more than 10%.*
- (2) In subsection (1)(b)— additional large district number means 2% of the number of km² in the area of the electoral district.*

The LNP submission proposes 8 seats that are outside the numerical requirements of section 45(1)(a) of the Act. The following proposed electorates exceed the

number allowable variance from the average number of enrolments:

- Gaven
- Everton
- Pine Rivers
- Mount Isa
- Pumicestone
- Ferny Grove
- Cook
- Nudgee.

This significant failure to meet statutory requirements means that the proposed boundaries submitted by the LNP are of limited value.

1.3 Contrived Boundaries that Defy Communities of Interest

The LNP submission proposes a number of electoral boundaries that defy communities of interest.

Mount Isa Electorate

The LNP proposed boundaries for the electorate of Mount Isa defy communities of interest and ignore communities that are linked by east-west transit route. The LNP proposal is a gross distortion of the representation of regional communities.

This proposal becomes even more ridiculous when the Commission considers that the proposed Mount Isa electorate now exceeds the 10% variance allowed by the Act.

The Mount Isa electorate commences at the Northern Territory border and moves east to within 20 kilometres of the Pacific Ocean. The proposed boundaries ignore Mount Isa's connection to Townsville through the Flinders Highway and instead move the electorate to include mining communities that are primarily connected to Mackay and Rockhampton.

The proposal to include communities that use Mackay for education and services in an electorate that extends to the Gulf of Carpentaria is ridiculous on a test of community of interest.

Gregory Electorate

Similarly, the proposal for the Gregory electorate starts at the Northern Territory border and only a few kilometres from Mount Isa, and runs to within only 9 kilometres from the Coast.

The narrow, extended electorate combines rural western Queensland, with mining communities outside of Mackay and Rockhampton through to sugar farming communities.

Communities that are currently in the northern area of the proposed Warrego share more of a community of interest than the proposed LNP boundaries.

Ferny Grove Electorate

The LNP proposed boundary for the Ferny Grove electorate starts at Mitchelton and Keperra in Brisbane, then extends to the Wivenhoe Dam and the road linking Esk and Kilcoy. No normal observer would place Mitchelton in the same community of interest as Wivenhoe Dam.

This proposed electorate:

- Cuts across three local government areas: Brisbane City, Moreton Bay Region and the Somerset Region. The Somerset Regional Council operates from Esk.
- Cuts across the D'Aguilar Mountain Range
- Includes communities for which the quickest access route is to drive through Ipswich.

Sixty percent of the population live in urban areas of Brisbane City and neighbouring Moreton Bay. Forty percent of the population would live in non-urban communities stretching almost to Esk.

Nicklin Electorate

The Nicklin electorate currently runs east-west along transport routes that link the Sunshine Coast hinterland with the Bruce Highway.

The LNP proposal for the Nicklin electorate provides an electorate that defies all communities of interest on the Sunshine Coast.

Rather than linking communities brought together by schools, hospitals and transport routes, the LNP submission proposes an electorate that runs from Conondale, west of Maleny through to Kin Kin and Cootharaba, just south-east of Gympie.

This proposal for a bizarre salamander-shaped electorate should be rejected out of hand.

Sunnybank, Stretton and Algester Electorates

The LNP proposal for Sunnybank, Stretton and Algester electorates alters all three electorates to create a Greenbank electorate that cuts across three local government areas and holds little community of interest.

The LNP proposed boundaries has Sunnybank and Stretton gain electors from Algester, and then Algester gains further electors from the Stretton electorate.

This contrived three-way swap proposal creates boundaries that defy community of interest.

Albert, Gaven and Coomera Electorates

The ALP has also submitted that the QRC should recognise communities in northern Gold Coast can be connected across the M1 at major cross points, rather than divided by the M1.

The LNP's contrived proposal for the Albert electorate cuts across three local government areas - Logan, Gold Coast and Scenic Rim. The proposed Albert electorate would include many residents who would use Beenleigh for services and education, but include none of the urban areas of the Beenleigh region.

The proposed electorate would be divided around the Tamborine National Park and the Tamborine Mountain range. The proposed electorate would include Eagle Heights, Belivah and Oxenford in one electorate, with limited community of interest.

The LNP submission also proposes to add electors to the Gaven electorate, despite it being already above the quota for enrolments. The result is that the proposed Gaven electorate has boundaries that exceed the enrolment numbers allowed by the Act.

Ipswich West Electorate

The LNP proposal for alterations to the Ipswich West electorate seems to be designed at taking Ipswich out of the Ipswich West electorate. The ALP submits that Ipswich West should remain an Ipswich based electorate.

The LNP proposal creates a north-south electorate west of Ipswich, where the key community of interest runs along the Warrego Highway.

Rather than connecting communities on Ipswich's outskirts with the transport routes, education and health services of Ipswich, the LNP proposal stretches from Peak Crossing in the south to Lowood in the north but does not include any part of Ipswich between.

Toowoomba North Electorate

The LNP proposal for the Toowoomba North electorate proposes to combine areas on both sides of the Toowoomba range.

The Toowoomba Range is a clear divider of communities. Communities of Murphy's Creek and Lockyer National Park are clearly separated from Toowoomba business district by local government areas, transport routes and a mountain range.

The LNP's proposed Toowoomba North electorate would include the Toowoomba CBD, large parts of the Lockyer Regional Council area and come within a short distance of Lockyer itself.

On the other hand, the ALP submission recognises the status of Toowoomba as a provincial city. Like other provincial cities, Toowoomba should have electorates based on the Toowoomba business district. The ALP submission includes two central Toowoomba electorates and creates Nanango as the third Toowoomba-based electorate in Highfields.

1.4 Agreed Matters

The bipartisan recognition of the community of interest between the Mackay electorate and the Mount Pleasant community is welcome. Mount Pleasant electors are closely associated with shopping, transport and health services in the Mackay electorate.

2. Scenic Rim Submissions

There are thirteen very similar submissions from electors in the Beaudesert electorate arguing for there to be one electorate for the Scenic Rim local government area.

The ALP supports this principle and believes these submissions reflect a strong community of interest, brought together by the Scenic Rim Regional Council area.

This contrasts with the LNP submission which repeatedly proposes electorates that gratuitously breach local government area boundaries.

From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Ferny Grove, Glass House, Kallangur, Morayfield, Nanango, Pine Rivers - Paul Smith
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 4:57:46 PM
Attachments: [Boundary Change Comments.pdf](#)

Online submission for **Ferny Grove, Glass House, Kallangur, Morayfield, Nanango, Pine Rivers** from **Paul Smith**

Contact Details

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Submission Details

- Submission: Ferny Grove, Glass House, Kallangur, Morayfield, Nanango, Pine Rivers
 - Text: Refer to the attached letter
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Time of Submission: 29 Aug 2016 4:57pm

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29 August 2016

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Commissioners,

RE: COMMENT ON THE REDISTRIBUTION OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

This comment is in relation to the redistribution of boundaries to the north-west of Brisbane, with the purpose of creating a new electorate or adapting an existing electorate in the rural and semirural areas around the D'aguilar ranges and incorporating the major lakes.

From my analysis of the submissions to the commission, only submissions 3,15,28,37, and 38 specifically relate to this geographical area.

The submissions all appear to support the grouping of rural and semi-rural communities of interest in the area between lakes Somerset, Wivenhoe, Samsonvale and Kurwongbah.

Merits of the submissions include:

- i. Removing electors from a large area of the region between the CBD and the Sunshine Coast will allow for lesser boundary changes for over quota electorates through that area,
- ii. Rural and semi-rural communities of interest along the eastern side of the D'aguilar ranges will be separated from the urbanised electorates. This will ensure more appropriate representation for communities within the rural and semi-rural areas of Ferny Grove, Pine Rivers, Kallangur and Morayfield.

To align the work of the abovenamed submissions, it appears it would be reasonable to have the southern boundary of the rural and semi-rural electorate run along the Brisbane City Council / Moreton Bay Regional Council boundary. This would ensure that only 2 local government areas would be included in the suggested electorate. Additionally, this would work to remove the overlap of the Federal electorate of Ryan.

To summarise, each submission that referred to the rural and semirural areas around the north west of Brisbane, D'aguilar ranges and major lakes appears to advocate for the grouping of these communities of interest. Additional benefits are obtained by the alignment of local and federal government boundaries.

I continue to support the substance of the abovementioned submissions.

Feel free to contact me to discuss these comments.

Yours faithfully,



Paul Smith CA

From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: All Districts - David Cockburn
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 4:57:57 PM

Online submission for **All Districts** from **David Cockburn**

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Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts

To the Redistribution Commission Comments on suggested boundaries of the Queensland Labor Party in respect of Beaudesert Electorate, Albert Electorate, Logan Electorate and surrounding Electorates. I wish to draw to the Commission's attention various matters in relation to Labor's proposed boundaries for the Beaudesert Electorate. Albert Labor's suggestion proposes transferring Yarrabilba to the Albert Electorate. The present Albert boundary includes localities nearby to Yarrabilba of Buccan, as well as Cedar Creek and Wolffdene. The very fast growth of Yarrabilba in an easterly and southerly direction will mean that links between Yarrabilba and Cedar Creek and Wolffdene become much stronger. The 'eastern connector' road planned by Transport and Main Roads, linking Yarrabilba with localities to the east, will result in Yarrabilba being drawn ever closer to communities to the east, including Cedar Creek, Wolffdene and Beenleigh. The present entrance to Yarrabilba on Waterford-Tamborine Road links Yarrabilba to Buccan. On these bases, one can see logic in Labor's suggestion. Beaudesert & Logan Labor's suggestion also proposes transferring the south-west corner of the Logan Electorate – the existing Flagstone Estate primarily - into the Beaudesert Electorate. Based on the present boundaries, removing Yarrabilba and including this portion of Logan Electorate into Beaudesert would actually result in a net gain of electors to Beaudesert – an Electorate that is already severely overquota. Labor's suggestion does not indicated how this 'overquota' should be addressed, unlike its proposal for Albert. This aspect of Labor's suggestion (adding Flagstone to Beaudesert Electorate) fails entirely to consider the "community of interest" consideration of the Electoral Act. Flagstone – the south-western corner of Logan Electorate - may have some common interests with the locality of Jimboomba, but both Flagstone and Jimboomba are different to the rest of the Beaudesert Electorate.

- Text:

While some time ago there were very strong links between Jimboomba and areas to the south, since the change in local government boundaries in 2008, when Jimboomba became part of Logan City Council, and many years of strong residential growth in and around Jimboomba, these links are diminished. Just a few weeks ago, another high density development has been approved in Jimboomba on Cusack Lane in addition to existing developments at Jimboomba Woods, Flagstone, and the planned high density developments at Greater Flagstone. The common interests of Flagstone and Jimboomba lie with the Logan Electorate (in particular the localities of South Maclean, North Maclean, Greenbank, Chambers Flat and Park Ridge). In the case of parts of the new Flagstone state development area on the western side of the QLD-NSW railway line, the community of interest lies to the north with the area around Greenbank and Springfield to which Teviot Road and the Springfield Connection Road provide strong road links. This area does not have any real connection with Beaudesert. I would suggest that Jimboomba and Flagstone should be included in the Logan Electorate, or split between Logan and another Electorate that includes Greenbank and Springfield. This would enable the issue of Beaudesert being “overquota” to be addressed. Removal of Yarrabilba and Jimboomba from present Beaudesert Electorate boundaries would go a long way to bring Beaudesert within “quota”. It would also enable due recognition to be given to the strong community of interest across the entire Scenic Rim Regional Council area – all rural localities, with strong farming and agricultural industries and rural residential living. The boundaries of Scenic Rim Regional Council are a very strong marker on which to base an Electorate’s boundaries, and historically that is the approach the Commission has taken in rural areas. The eastern boundary of Beaudesert Shire and Scenic Rim Region have been a boundary for the State Electorate in that region for over 40 years. Including Flagstone and Jimboomba would ignore the strong communities of interest binding together the communities to the south around Beaudesert and Boonah, while not reflecting a community of interest between Flagstone and Jimboomba and other parts of the (newly drawn) Beaudesert Electorate. I ask the Commission to consider my comments in its deliberation about boundaries for the Beaudesert Electorate and surrounding Electorates. Yours faithfully,

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Time of Submission: 29 Aug 2016 4:57pm

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From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Loretta Lidster
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 5:00:34 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Loretta Lidster**

Contact Details

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Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

29/8/16 I live with my husband in the suburb of Highfields which is a town located just north of Toowoomba-it only takes us 20 minutes to town proper to 30 if traffic is heavy. Apart from local needs we do all of our shopping in Toowoomba. Highfields is located near the Great Dividing Range just north of Mt. Kynoch and has a lovely feel to it. A quiet though busy suburb which is just mushrooming. We live on a new estate but just since we moved here yet another stage has been built, along with the new state high school(which is doing additions at the moment) together with the Mary Mackillop Catholic high which is expanding yet again. We are regional but more urban than before and to even think of moving the current boundary is beyond me. You would have to consider yourself employed in the worst most possible job if you had to travel 3 hours for a round trip to the office. I believe that close access to whichever member at the time is paramount and not for them to be located hours away. I understand that the submission to alter the boundary refers to something which cannot be restored, a rural community..which Highfields is not and will never be again. I would ask that the Commission disregard the above submission that argues this case with respect to removing Highfields from the Toowoomba North electorate - we belong where we are. I trust my view is of use to the Electoral Commission, Yours faithfully (Mrs.) Loretta Lidster

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From: [Boundaries](#)
To: [grcsubmissions](#)
Subject: Toowoomba North - Damien Lotz
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 5:00:46 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Damien Lotz**

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Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text:

I'm writing to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba North. As a resident and small business operator in the Highfields area, the Toowoomba north electorate has a long standing relationship with the Highfields district. Over time, the Highfields area has become a significant population base for the electorate and removing it from the Toowoomba North electorate will create an enormous amount of confusion. In addition, I am a disability person, and I want to have to access to the local employment opportunities, disability services that are readily accessible in Toowoomba on a daily basis. Therefore I ask, that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as is and not undergo any boundary change as part of the 2016 redistribution. Damien Lotz
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From: [Alfred Gerlach](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: North Toowoomba boundaries
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 7:20:16 PM
Attachments: [Scan2 7.pdf](#)

Letter attached.



8 Lucinda Av.
Highfields, 4352
29th Aug. 2016.

The Secretary,
Queensland Redistribution Review.

Dear Secretary,

We write to express our disapproval of the proposed shift of the northern boundary of the North Toowoomba electorate as our interests both business and social are almost entirely bound up within Toowoomba city rather than the rural area. We are not alone in this.

It seems incredibly stupid to shift political representation to some vague centre to the North of Highfields. We are elderly and are increasingly dependent on public transport, such services as Feros Care and family to travel any distance for essential activity.

As you will be aware, there is no public transport readily available to centres north of Highfields. We are dependent too on specialist medical services and hospitals in Toowoomba. We are not alone in these situations.

For these reasons, we believe that the local electorate boundaries should be left where they are.

Yours faithfully,

Alfred John Gerlach



Shirley Jean Gerlach



From: [ECQ User](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: [ECQ] (ECQ-13732) Proposed changes to electoral boundaries
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 5:02:01 PM

ECQ-13732:

Summary: Proposed changes to electoral boundaries

Key: ECQ-13732

Project: Assist
Issue Type: Task
Security Level: reporter

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you today to oppose the proposed redistribution boundaries that have been submitted by the Australian Labor party for the state electorate of Albert.

I am a long time resident of the Upper Coomera area of the Gold Coast . This area has long been a part of the Albert electorate and along with the Oxenford area forms a substantial part of the local community. Additionally, the area has become the main population area within the Albert electorate; and its removal would lead to a large degree of needless disruption and would split the local community. The proposed submission from the Labor party maintains that the Albert electorate is primarily Logan and Beenleigh based but yet this is not the case. The majority of the residents in the region live in the south of the electorate and have no relationship with the Beenleigh region, much less the areas towards Eden's landing and Yarrabilba/ Logan Village.

A more logical change would be to include the areas towards Mount Tamborine within the Albert electorate as these area's share a geographical and communal affinity with the Upper Coomera/ Oxenford area. These northern areas in the Labor submission are distinct from the rest of the electorate and the makeup of the electorate should reflect that.

I am very distressed about this proposal. We are not part of the Logan district, so please consider this when making any decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind Regards

Anne Cobcroft

Willow Vale

Albert Division



The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Electoral Commission Queensland
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BRISBANE QLD 4001

State Redistribution 2016/2017 comments**Contact details:****Name:**DAVID CHAN**E-mail:**[REDACTED]**Phone No:**[REDACTED]**Residential
Address:**18 SCARLETT DRIVE UPPER COOMERA**Comments:**

ALP submission

I'm writing to you to refute the Australian Labor Party redistribution proposals for the Albert electorate and support a far more logical approach.

The Albert electorate has been a focal point of major growth that has resulted in multiple major redistributions. Throughout its history, the electorate has had a long association with the Gold Coast & Beaudesert Shire now Scenic Rim regions.

This is further highlighted with the last two redistributions, when the electorate encompassed a far higher percentage of the Gold Coast region compared to other local government jurisdiction.

It is also seen as the main gateway to the Gold Coast Hinterland's tourism hotspots and has a long affiliation with these attractions. These hinterland attractions are primarily accessed by arterial roads that are the main thoroughfares for the majority of residents within the electorate. Another important point that must be considered is the electorate is a source of workforce and small business who provide services on the mountain. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region.

The M1 Motorway as demonstrated in the previous redistribution is a major divide and population growth has continued to exacerbate the issue. Residents do their utmost to avoid travel during peak hours and use services located on their side of the M1 Motorway. This has created unique communities in both east and west. A no better example can be found with, both western and eastern sides of the M1 Motorway having their own shopping centres, medical services, public and private schools. The Motorway has created a situation where the two areas have grown independent of each other.

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This divide will continue to deteriorate as M1 Motorway interchanges fail and create dangerous situations for motorists using them. This is well documented with many requests for urgent assistance to fund suitable upgrades including Exit 57 Oxenford.

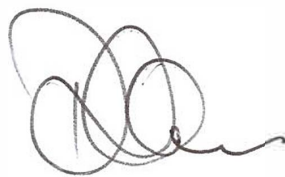
The southern quarter of the electorate is home to 65% of the total population, removing this area would seem to be opportunistic and lacked a clear understanding of the area.

Many residents have a great affinity with the Albert name, especially those within the Oxenford, Wongawallan, Upper Coomera and Ormeau areas. It brings memories of when the Albert Shire was the local council jurisdiction for the area and the Albert electorate name has been apart of their identity.

It would only be seen as logical to limit the disruption on current residents and boundaries by ensuring they stay within the Albert electorate. This has been further highlighted by other submissions supporting the notion of the electorate's southern region remaining intact and the creation of a new electorate further north to deal with rapid population growth.

In reference to the Electoral Commission of Queensland population distribution map, 3 of the 10 Gold Coast electorates are over quotas with the others being within tolerances. The creation of a new Gold Coast electorate within the Nerang region will create enormous disruption to the majority of electorate boundaries and is in contradiction to the *philosophy of section 46 of the electoral redistribution act*.

I have previously stated, other submission take a more logical approach by the creation of a new electoral district in the northern half of the Albert and Coomera and southern parts of the Waterford electorates. The area within will be the focus of major future growth as more families call the Northern Gold Coast home. Furthermore, as southern parts of the Albert electorate have experienced the majority of its population growth, the region's growth will stabilize and will negate the further need for future major redistributions.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of several loops and a trailing flourish.

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Comments:

To whom it may concern

I am writing to you today in support of the redistribution of the Albert and Coomera electorate proposed by the Liberal National party and the creation of a new seat around the Ormeau/Beenleigh region

As a resident of the northern Coomera electorate, our local community has longstanding historic connection, and an existing community and business connection with the Beenleigh and Ormeau areas, and conversely have comparatively little to do with the southern parts of either electorate situated around Coomera and Upper Coomera. The creation of a new electorate based on the Beenleigh Ormeau region would better reflect the makeup of the local communities, in both the altered Albert and Coomera electorates as well as the new seat.

While the Australian Labor party submission will achieve a similar effect by a radical redistribution of the Albert electorate the final result of their submission is inferior to the Liberal National one as it would involve including significant population areas around Logan village and Yarrabilba; areas that have limited communal and business connections to the Beenleigh and Ormeau areas. Additionally it would involve the significant disruption of those communities at the southern end of the existing Albert and Coomera electorates.

I therefore request that the redistribution follow the outline of the Liberal National Party submission and cause minimal disruption to the existing populations in the south of the Albert and Coomera electorates and create a new electorate that more accurately reflects the local community in the Beenleigh/Ormeau region.



BRIAN K. SANDS

31 A WIGAN AVE,
HIGH FIELDS. QLD. 4352.

23-08-2016

THE SECRETARY,

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I AM WRITING TO YOU TO EXPRESS MY
DISAPPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION
BOUNDARIES FOR THE STATE ELECTORATE OF
TOOWOOMBA NORTH.

I AM A RECENT RESIDENT TO THE
ABOVE ADDRESS, HAVING MOVED HERE ON
THE 8th JAN. THIS YEAR. I DOWNSIZED FROM
MIDDLE RIDGE TOOWOOMBA, AM RETIRED
LIVE ON MY OWN, HAVING LOST MY WIFE
NEAR THE END OF LAST YEAR.

I AM TOLD & COULD QUITE BELIEVE
THIS IS ONE OF THE FASTEST GROWING AREAS
IN QLD, IF NOT THE COUNTRY. MY CONCERN
IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR SERVICES
IF WE ARE PUT ON THE TAIL END OF
A VAST RURAL ELECTORATE. THE HIGHFIELDS
CONNECTION TO TOOWOOMBA IS VERY STRONG,
ONE ONLY HAS TO TRAVEL TO & FROM
IN PEAK TIMES TO SEE THE TRAFFIC VOLUME
BETWEEN TOOWOOMBA & HIGHFIELDS.

I ASK THAT YOU CONSIDER KEEPING
HIGHFIELDS WITHIN THE TOOWOOMBA NORTH
ELECTORATE.

YOURS FAITHFULLY/
B.K. Sands.

2 Horizon Court,
Highfields,
Qld. 4352

28th August, 2016

Queensland Redistribution Commission,
GPO Box 1393
Brisbane. 4001

Dear Sirs,

I write concerning the proposal to redraw the boundary of Toowoomba North. Highfields is really a suburb of Toowoomba. A large number of residents actually work in Toowoomba, and the services, infrastructure and Government projects in the area effect them directly. They, therefore, need their parliamentary representative to live in the immediate area, so they can have easy direct input into outcomes. A redistribution would only result in the member representing Highfields area, living a long distance away, and having more concerns with problems in another area which has nothing to do with Highfields. As a result we would be largely disenfranchised.

Further, communications are not good all over Highfields requiring going to see the Member personally. A lot of people do not have the means to travel to see a distant Member.

I cannot see any advantage at all to the people of Highfields resulting from this proposal. Indeed, I see only disadvantages.

Having considered this at length I can only come to the conclusion that this is motivated by the possibility of political gain, whilst giving no consideration to the benefits, or otherwise, to the residents of Highfields.

For the above reasons I believe the proposal lacks merit and should not proceed.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr. Leif Due



From: [ECQ User](#)
To: [Boundaries](#)
Subject: [ECQ] (COM-931) Highfields boundaries
Date: Tuesday, 23 September 2016

COM-931:

Summary: Highfields boundaries

Key: COM-931

Reporter: Mrs Lynette Poole

To whom it may concern,

I wish to lodge my concern about the suburb I live in, Highfields, being rezoned from Toowoomba Regional Council to any other council, however it works.

My daughter goes to school in Toowoomba and we are only 20 minutes from the city of Toowoomba. We frequent the museum often and I would loathe having to pay to go there if we were no longer considered to be part of the Toowoomba region.

We are Toowoomba and not Nanango or any other region.

Most sincerely,

Lynette and Greg Poole

Highfields.



C-313

amd.gold@hotmail.com

From: amd.gold
Date: Monday, 29 August 2016 4:09 PM
Subject: Re: Keep Highfields in Toowoomba North

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

My Husband and myself (both residents of Highfields) WANT to keep Highfields in Toowoomba North Electorate. We do NOT want changes, LET IT STAY AS IT IS, it has made us very angry that you would ever suggest or even think such a change! We disapprove the proposed redistribution boundaries for the State Electorate of Toowoomba North. We are the Northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. A reason why we moved here in the first place.

Therefore I ask, that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as is and not undergo any boundary changes as part of the 2016 redistribution.

NOT HAPPY CHAPPIES AT THE MOMENT. Annette and Douglas Goldsworthy -
HIGHFIELDS/KLEINTON AREA.



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