Review of Divisional Boundaries

2019 PROPOSED DETERMINATIONSCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL

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INTRODUCTION

The Local Government Act 2009 (Qld) (the Act) provides for a Local Government Change Commission (Change Commission). The Change Commission is responsible for periodically reviewing the internal boundaries of divided councils so that each division has relatively the same number of enrolled voters. This upholds the key democratic principle of 'one vote, one value', by ensuring each person's vote carries the same weight.

On 26 March 2019, the Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, The Honourable Stirling Hinchliffe MP referred a divisional boundary review of the Scenic Rim Regional Council (see Appendix A).

The Change Commission for this review consists of:

- Mr Pat Vidgen, Electoral Commissioner;
- Mr Wade Lewis, Casual Commissioner; and
- Mr Peter McGraw, Casual Commissioner.

The casual commissioners were appointed by the Governor in Council on 1 November 2018.

Endorsement of proposal

This report outlines the Change Commission's proposed boundaries for the electoral divisions of the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

Pat Vidgen PSM

Electoral Commissioner

Wade Lewis

Casual Commissioner

Peter McGraw **Casual Commissioner**

THE REVIEW PROCESS

The Change Commission must ensure each division of the Council has a reasonable proportion of enrolled voters, herein referred to as 'quota'. Where possible, community interests, public submissions and easy-to-identify boundaries are also considered.

Assessments are conducted in any way the Change Commission deems appropriate, unless the Minister has provided specific directions.

The process for the divisional boundary review of the Scenic Rim is as follows:

- 1. Invite suggestions
- 2. Publish the Change Commission's proposal
- 3. Invite comments on the proposal
- 4. Publish the Change Commission's final determination report
- 5. Final determination report provided to the Minister for Local Government, for implementation by the Governor in Council
- 6. New boundaries come into effect at the 2020 Local Government Quadrennial Election

Determining the quota

A quota is determined by dividing the total number of enrolled voters by the number of councillors (other than the mayor), plus or minus 10%. The Change Commission also considers projected enrolment, so the divisions remain in quota for as long as possible.

Current enrolment data has been sourced from Queensland's electoral roll and projected enrolment data from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office of Queensland Treasury. Projections are based on the timing of future local government quadrennial elections.

Enrolment information is organised around 'Statistical Areas Level 1 (SA1)'. SA1s are geographical units used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) for the release of census data. According to the ABS most SA1s have a population of between 200 to 800 persons with an average population of approximately 400 people.

Current and projected enrolment data are available for download on the Electoral Commission of Queensland's (ECQ) website

Proposed Determination

CURRENT BOUNDARIES & ENROLMENT

The Scenic Rim Regional Council has 29,322 voters and is divided into six single-member electoral divisions plus a mayor. Table 1 shows the Council's current enrolment quota as at 31 January 2019 and the projected quota for 31 March 2024.

Table 2 shows the current and projected enrolment for the Council's existing divisional boundaries. As at 31 January 2019, Division 2 was out of quota and in 2024, Divisions 2, 3 and 5 are projected to be out of quota.

Table 1 – Current and Projected Council Quota			
	31 January 2019	31 March 2024	
Number of divisions	6	6	
Enrolment	29,322	32,683	
Quota per division	4,887	5,447	
Quota (+10%) per division	5,376	5,992	
Quota (-10%) per division	4,398	4,902	

Table 2 – Current and Projected Enrolment for the Existing Electoral Divisions				
Division	Enrolment as at 31/01/2019	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2024	(%) Deviation from Quota
Division 1	4,807	-1.64	4,976	-8.65
Division 2	5,513	12.81	6,330	16.21
Division 3	5,059	3.52	6,054	11.14
Division 4	4,699	-3.85	5,297	-2.76
Division 5	4,456	-8.82	4,857	-10.83
Division 6	4,788	-2.03	5,169	-5.11

PUBLIC SUGGESTIONS

The Change Commission sought public suggestions to assist in developing its proposal. Advertisements were placed in The Courier-Mail, a local newspaper and on the ECQ's social media platforms.

Suggestions were invited from 27 April 2019 to 5pm 13 May 2019. Seven submissions were received and are available to view on the ECQ's website or at Appendix B.

On 26 March 2019, the Scenic Rim Regional Council recommended boundary changes to Divisions 2, 3, 4 and 5 in its review of divisional enrolment. Council suggested:

- Transferring SA1 3130519 (Gleneagle area) from Division 2 to Division 4. Currently this SA1 is split between the divisions along the Mount Lindesay Highway.
- A change between Divisions 3 and 5 so:
 - o SA1 3130529 (Palen Creek area) is fully contained in Division 5; and
 - o SA1 3130525 (Rathdowney area) is in Division 5.

The Change Commission supported the Council's proposed transfer of the Palen Creek and Rathdowney areas to Division 5, however is also proposing to move additional suburbs from Division 3 to increase enrolment in Division 5.

One submission requested the Tamrookum Creek Road area move to either Division 3 or 4. The reason provided was that their current Division 5 councillor can only access the road through Rathdowney or other areas currently outside Division 5. The Change Commission's proposal transfers the Rathdowney area and surrounding suburbs into Division 5, and therefore addresses the submitters accessibility concerns.

Two suggestions from members of the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc. (TMPA) requested SA1 3124215 (part of Tamborine Mountain) move to Division 1 as it would satisfy the major community of interest and other considerations of the review. The Change Commission agreed with the TMPA reasoning and accepted this proposal. The TMPA also proposed incorporating SA1 3124229 (also part of the Tamborine Mountain suburb) into Division 1. However, as identified in their submissions, this was not feasible from an enrolment perspective and could not be actioned. The Change Commission determined to alter the boundaries of Division 3 to take in this portion of Tamborine Mountain, due to its connectivity by road to the Canungra area.

Two other Tamborine Mountain submissions were unable to be actioned. One submission asked for the Tamborine Mountain suburb (postcode 4272 area) to be wholly included in Division 1. As discussed above, this is not feasible from an enrolment perspective. The second submission requested the Tamborine Mountain area be included in the Gold Coast City Council. This request falls outside the scope of this internal boundary review and was therefore unable to be considered.

One submission asked for Gleneagle to be wholly included in Division 4 and Kooralbyn in Division 5. The Change Commission was unable to accommodate either of these requests because of the high number of voters in the Gleneagle area. Such a change would have resulted in significant disruption to enrolment in other areas. The boundaries of Division 4 have been changed so that the Kooralbyn suburb is united entirely within the division.

THE PROPOSED BOUNDARIES

The proposed boundaries for the Scenic Rim Regional Council are detailed below. They bring enrolment in each division into quota and the Change Commission has made a concerted effort to unite suburbs and address community feedback from the suggestions.

Table 3 shows the current and projected enrolment for the proposed electoral divisions. Maps of the proposed divisions are in Appendix C and interactive maps are on the ECQ website.

Table 3 – Current and Projected Enrolment for the Proposed Electoral Divisions				
Division	Enrolment as at 31/01/2019	(%) Deviation Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2024		(%) Deviation from Quota
Division 1	5,130	4.97	5,305	-2.61
Division 2	4,785	-2.09	5,687	4.4
Division 3	4,753	-2.74	5,638	3.5
Division 4	4,996	2.23	5,607	2.93
Division 5	4,831	-1.15	5,236	-3.88
Division 6	4,827	-1.23	5,210	-4.35

Division 1

Changes to unite as much of the Tamborine Mountain suburb in Division 1 have been made, addressing the community interest issues raised in some of the public suggestions.

The Change Commission proposes the following changes. The Division:

a. Gains two portions of the Tamborine Mountain suburb from Division 2.

The proposed Division has 5,130 voters which is 4.97% above quota and is predicted to have 5,305 voters by 2024 which would be -2.61% below quota.

Division 2

Several changes have been made to reduce the number of voters in Division 2 while creating boundaries that follow suburbs and unite communities of interest.

The Change Commission proposes the following changes. The Division:

- **a.** Gains the balance of the Tabragalba, Biddaddaba and Wonglepong suburbs from Division 3:
- **b.** Transfers its portions of the Benobble and Canungra localities to unite them in Division 3:
- c. Transfers two portions of the Tamborine Mountain suburb to Division 1; and
- **d.** Transfers a portion of the Tamborine Mountain suburb, south of Siganto Street to Division 3.

The proposed Division has 4,785 voters which is -2.09% below quota and is predicted to have 5,687 voters by 2024 which would be 4.4% above quota.

Division 3

A number of changes have been made to bring the projected enrolment for Division 3 into quota, taking into consideration the public suggestions. The changes also improve the boundaries and enrolment of the neighbouring Divisions 2 and 5.

The Change Commission proposes the following changes. The Division:

- **a.** Gains the remainder of the Benobble and Canungra suburbs and a portion of Tamborine Mountain from Division 2:
- b. Transfers the Tabragalba, Biddaddaba and Wonglepong suburbs to Division 2;
- **c.** Transfers its portions of the Josephville, Laravale and Tamrookum suburbs and the majority of the Cryna suburb to Division 4; and
- **d.** Transfers its portions of the Mount Lindesay, Rathdowney and Innisplain suburbs and the entirety of the Palen Creek, Running Creek and Oaky Creek suburbs to Division 5.

The proposed Division has 4,753 voters which is -2.74% below quota and is predicted to have 5,638 voters by 2024 which would be 3.5% above quota.

Division 4

Changes have been made to improve enrolment in neighbouring Divisions 2, 3 and 5.

The Change Commission proposes the following changes. The Division:

- a. Gains most of Cryna and the balance of the Josephville suburbs from Division 3;
- b. Gains the entire Tamrookum and Laravale suburbs from Divisions 3 and 5; and
- **c.** Gains the balance of Kooralbyn from Division 5.

The proposed Division has 4,996 voters which is 2.23% above quota and is predicted to have 5,607 voters by 2024 which would be 2.93% above quota.

Division 5

Changes have been made to improve enrolment while factoring in public suggestions.

The Change Commission proposes the following changes. The Division:

- **a.** Gains the remainder of the Mount Lindesay, Rathdowney and Innisplain suburbs and the entire Palen Creek, Running Creek and Oaky Creek suburbs from Division 3;
- b. Transfers its portions of the Kooralbyn and Tamrookum suburbs to Division 4; and
- **c.** Transfers its portions of Allandale, Hoya, Coulson, Fassifern and Tarome suburbs to Division 6.

The proposed Division has 4,831 voters which is -1.15% below quota and is predicted to have 5,236 voters by 2024 which would be -3.88% below quota.

Division 6

Changes have been made to unite suburbs and improve enrolment in Division 6.

The Change Commission proposes the following changes. The Division:

a. Gains the Allandale, Hoya, Coulson, Fassifern and Tarome suburbs from Division 5.

The proposed Division has 4,827 voters which is -1.23% below quota and is predicted to have 5,210 voters by 2024 which would be -4.35% below quota.

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL INVITED

Comments on this proposal are invited until 5pm, 8 July 2019 and can be lodged through:

Online Form	Email
https://ecq.qld.gov.au/lgr/scenicrim	LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au

Personal Delivery Electoral Commission of Queensland Level 20, 1 Eagle Street Post Local Government Change Commission GPO Box 1393

It is recommended that those submitting comments:

- consider the enrolment requirements outlined in the Act and in this report;
- clearly state which division/s your comment relates to;
- provide supporting information for why you support or oppose a proposed boundary change or public submission; and

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• if you oppose a change, provide alternative boundary suggestions and reasoning.

FINALISING THE REVIEW

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After reviewing the public comments on the proposal, the Change Commission will make a final determination on the Council's divisional boundaries.

The results of a Change Commission review must be provided to the Minister for Local Government. A notice of results is published in a local newspaper, the Queensland Government Gazette and on the ECQ website.

A decision of the Change Commission is not subject to appeal.

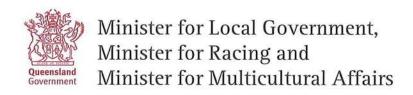
IMPLEMENTATION

A local government change can only be implemented by the Governor in Council under a regulation.

The regulation may provide for anything that is necessary or convenient to facilitate the change.

APPENDIX A

Minister's Referral



Our ref: MC19/1134

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Mr Pat Vidgen PSM Electoral Commissioner Electoral Commission Queensland GPO Box 1393 BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Pat

I am writing to you in relation to a Local Government electoral review that was undertaken by the Scenic Rim Regional Council in preparation for the 2020 Local Government quadrennial elections.

I have received correspondence from Mr Jon Gibbons, Chief Executive Officer of the Council dated 26 February 2019 advising of the results of the review, including that the proportion of electors is out of quota range in one of the Council's six divisions (Division 2, with 12.9 per cent electors more than the divisional average), as required by the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act).

I am informed that the Gleneagle area on the Mt Lindsay Highway in Division 2 has experienced population growth with new residential estates already developed and further development applications under consideration. In accordance with the South East Queensland Regional Plan, the Council's planning scheme will be amended to change the land use in the division, converting some areas of rural residential land to urban residential land to provide for these changes. The Canungra area, near the southern border of Divisions 2 and 3 has experienced recent residential development impacting on population growth in Division 3.

In addition, the area east and north of Beaudesert has experienced recent residential estate development near the south-western boundary of Division 2, which is impacting on the population increase for both divisions. There is further residential development planned south of Beaudesert in the next two to three years which may impact on future population growth in Division 4.

Mr Gibbons also advised that the Council wishes to maintain its six divisions for Councillor representation and will commence a process to review the divisional changes needed to produce a balanced number of electors in each division. The Council will provide each of us with details of the recommended changes once this review has been finalised.

Section 18 of the Act provides that only I may apply to the Local Government Change Commission (Change Commission) for an assessment of a proposed Local Government change. Further, under section 19 of the Act, the Change Commission must consider whether the Local Government change is consistent with the Act and must consider my views on any proposed changes.

I consider it appropriate to refer the matter to you for independent assessment and determination by the Change Commission. I recommend that in undertaking the assessment, the Change Commission consider the potential population increases associated with the recent and proposed residential developments described above.

I have asked for Mr Daniel Westall, Manager, Governance Local Government Division in the Department of Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to assist you with any further queries. You may wish to contact Mr Westall on the local Government or by email at

Yours sincerely

STIRLING HINCHLIFFE MP

Minister for Local Government

Minister for Racing and

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

APPENDIX B

Public Suggestions

List of Public Suggestions Divisional Boundary Review of Scenic Rim Regional Council

Suggestion	Name / Organisation
1	Scenic Rim Regional Council
2	Sharon Rae
3	Julliette Jones
4	Wendy & Brian Harris, Scenic Rim Adventure Park
5	Amanda Hay, Treasurer, Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc.
6	Margaret Campbell, Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc.
7	President TMCCI

Enquiries: Trevor Green

Phone:

File Ref:

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26 March 2019

The Hon Stirling Hinchliffe Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs PO Box 15009 CITY EAST QLD 4002

Sent by email only LGRMA@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Minister

REVIEW OF DIVISONS OF SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL

I refer to my previous correspondence of 26 February 2019 (Review of Divisions of Scenic Rim Regional Council) in which I advised,

- 1. Division 2 (5,500 electors) does not have a reasonable proportion of electors, in that it has 630 electors (+12.9%) above the mean number of 4870 electors;
- 2. Division 5 (4,448 electors) is close to not having a reasonable proportion of electors, in that it has 422 electors (-8.7%) below the mean;
- 3. Council wishes to maintain its six divisions for Councillor representation; and
- 4. Council will commence a process to review the divisional changes needed to produce a balanced number of electors in each division and will provide the Minister and Electoral Commissioner its recommended changes.

I now advise that Council has since conducted this review and can now recommend changes which would produce a balanced number of electors in each division of the Scenic Rim Region.

In accordance with Council's resolution of the Ordinary Meeting of 25 March 2019, I advise that Council recommends:

- a. The movement of the boundary between divisions 2 & 4, so that SA1 3130519 is fully within Division 4 (transfer of 246 electors). See Attachment 1. Currently SA1 3130519 is partially in both divisions, with the separation being along the Mount Lindsay Highway.
- b. The movement of the boundary between divisions 3 & 5, so that:
 - SA1 3130529 is fully within Division 5 (transfer of 61 electors) See Attachment 2. Currently SA1 3130529 is partially in both divisions, with the separation being along the Mount Lindsay Highway; and
 - II. SA1 3130525 is within Division 5 (transfer of 134 electors). See Attachment 2.

Division	Adjacent Divisions	Electors Reasonable proportion 4,383 - 5,357	Current % Variance from Mean 4870	Options Movement	Outcome % Variance from Mean 4870	Revised Electors Reasonable proportion 4,383 - 5,357
1	2 & 3	4,791	- 1.6%		-1.6%	4,791
2	1, 3 & 4	5,500	+ 12.9%	5.0% (246 elec	+7.9%	5,254
3	1, 2 & 4	5,031	+ 3.3%	5.0% 1240 elec	-0.7%	4,836
4	2, 3, 5 & 6	4,659	- 4.3%	4.0% (195 elec	+7.1%	4,905
5	4, 3 & 6	4,448	- 8.7%	4.0 % 1135 6160	-4.7%	4,643
6	4 & 5	4,788	- 1.7%		-1.7%	4,788

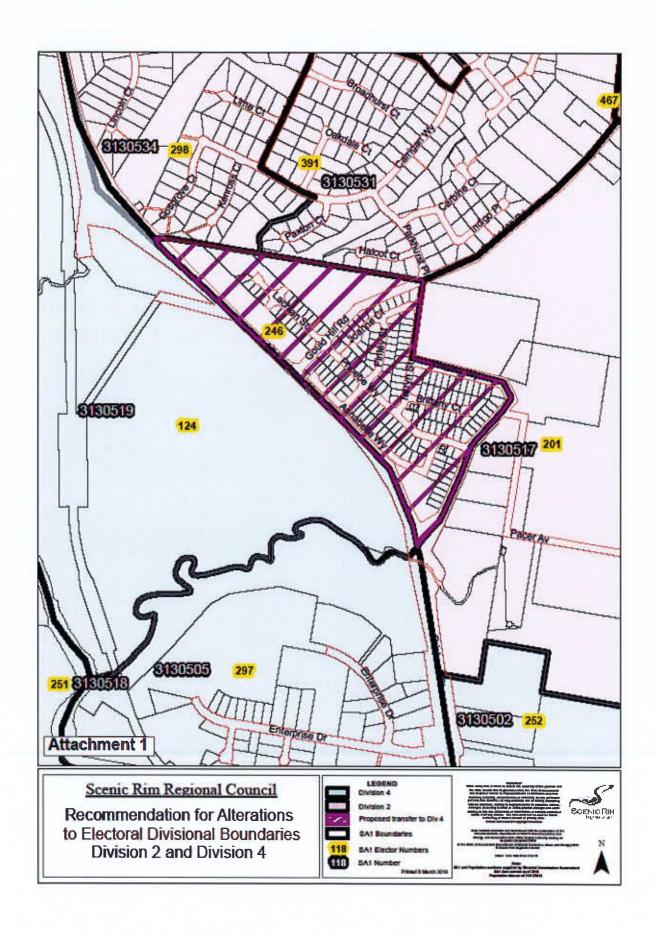
Should you require further clarification or wish to discuss, please contact me or Council's Senior Governance Officer Trevor Green, on 07

Yours faithfully

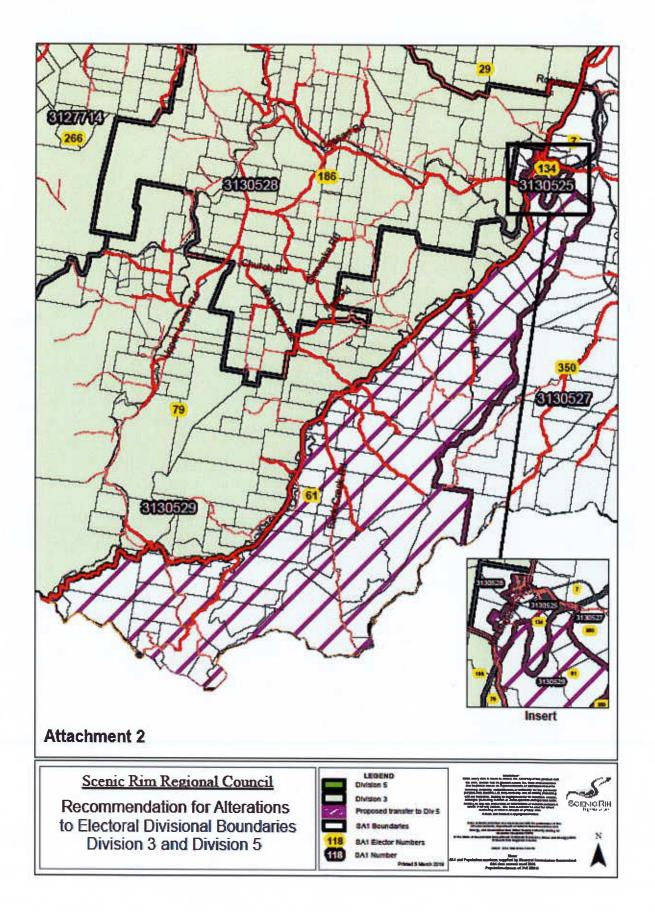
Jon Gibbons
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CC Mr Pat Vidgen PSM
Electoral Commissioner of Queensland
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From: noreply@ecq.qld.gov.au

Sent: Saturday, 4 May 2019 3:38 PM

To: LG CC Submissions

Subject: (78684) Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area - Sharon Rae

Online submission for Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area from Sharon Rae

Submission Details

Name: Sharon Rae

Submission Text: As Division 5 is low on voting numbers add Kooralbyn to Division 5 and remove Kooralbyn from

Division 4. As Division 2 has an excess of voters remove Glenagle from Division 2 and add to Division 4.

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Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2019 9:26 AM

To: LG CC Submissions

Subject: (78695) Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area - Julliette Jones

Online submission for Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area from Julliette Jones

Submission Details

Name: Julliette Jones

Submission Text: The post code area of 4272 Tamborine Mountain is split into 2 divisions within the Scenic Rim Council Area. A small proportion of the council electorate south of Siganto Street is in division 2 whereas the bulk of the population resides in Division 1. Could you please review the boundary to include all electors for post code 4272 in Division 1. Geographically and in a cultural sense, the residents of Tamborine Mountain consider them selves one community . The goings on in the rest of the 'off mountain 'Division 2 has no relevance to us and we would be best served in council matters by just one elected councillor for our location.

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Sent: Friday, 10 May 2019 11:52 PM

To: LG CC Submissions

Subject: (78700) Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area - wendy harris

Attachments: Scenic-Rim-Division-Boundry-Change.pdf

Online submission for Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area from wendy harris

Submission Details

Name: wendy harris

Submission Text: Tamrookum Creek road exit west off the Mt Lindsay Highway is a no through road in Division 5 Tamrookum Creek road needs to be moved into Division 4 or Division 3 both Divisions have Mt Lindsay as their

boundary

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Scenic Rim Reginal Council Division Boundaries

Request for change of boundaries Tamrookum Creek road Division 5 moved into Division 4 or Division 3 Scenic Rim Reginal Council

Reasons for consideration

Tamrookum Creek road falls under Division 5 Rick Stanfield who is our representative councillor.

For Rick to come out to our road he must drive through Rathdowney Division 3 Virginia West boundary or through Michael Enright's Division 4 area

We have lived in this road for just on seven years and even after a couple of personal invitation we have never seen Councillor Stanfield visit this road.

He lives over an hour's drive away.

We only have 14 residents along this road so why would he worry about trying to secure our votes during an election.

Division 4 Michael Enright boundary is the right-hand side of Kooralbyn road then Naps Creek road also a no through road falls back into Division 5

We need Tamrookum Creek road to be moved into Division 3 or Division 4 as both these boundaries follow the Mount Lindsay Highway and Tamrookum Creek road is a western turnoff off the highway. Tamrookum Creek road is around 8.15 Kilometres' in length and is a no through road.

Tamrookum Creek road needs to come under a councillor who is local and has easy access to our road. It makes no sense to have a division Councillor drive through two other Divisions just to visit residents in a no through roads

Kind regards

Wendy and Brian Harris

Scenicrimadventurepark.com.au

Tamrookum Creek

QLD 4285

"Protecting the quality of living on Tamborine Mountain"

On behalf of the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc, I make the following submission in respect of the Local Government Change Commission's invitation for written suggestions re electoral boundary realignment:

Currently, the 'average' number of enrolled voters in each division within the Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC) boundary is 4,887. Maximum variance allowed is plus or minus 10% i.e. maximum is 5,376 and minimum is 4,398 enrolled voters per division.

Division 5 enrolment is currently -8.82% below the 'average' enrolment number. The projected enrolments in 2024 show an increase of 401 enrolments which will bring the total to 4,857 – i.e. very close to the quota (providing the *average* enrolment number does not alter significantly in 2024). No suggestions are put forward in respect of Division 5.

The SRRC's CEO has stated that it wishes to retain a total of six (6) Divisions, however the current enrolments for Division 2 **exceed** the maximum +10% variance permitted. The current **Division 2** enrolment is 5,513 or 12.81% greater than the 'average' number of 4,887. The projected total number of enrolled voters for 2024 is 6,330 which would take the variance even higher to 29.5% greater than the current 'average'. Obviously, this situation needs remedying both now and for the future, as this Division appears to be about to experience significant population growth.

Division 1 currently has 4,807 enrolments and is projected to have 4,976 in 2024 (an increase of only 169). It is unclear if the implications of the SRRC's Draft Planning Scheme have been taken into account when the projected enrolment figures for 2024 were calculated. Division 1 currently has a deviation of -1.64% indicating a current capacity to absorb some of the excess enrolment numbers from Division 2. The forecast enrolments of 4,976 clearly indicate that Division 1 will require boundary realignment in the future if a realignment is not performed now, given the low projected increase in enrolments to 2024 (of 169).

To that end, it is proposed that one (1) SA1 be removed from Division 2 and realigned to Division 1. That SA1 is 3124215 which currently has an enrolment of 320 and a projected enrolment of 326 in 2024. Transferring SA1's 320 current enrolment to Division 1 will:

- a) **Reduce** Division 2's over quota situation to a within quota of +6% (approximately) of the current average enrolment; and
- b) **Increase** Division 1's quota to 5,127 or +5% (approximately) of the current average enrolment.

It is apparent from the projected increase in 2024 enrolment numbers of only 169 that Division 1's enrolment numbers are not naturally going to keep abreast of the increases of Division 2.

As per your Fact Sheet 5, the incorporation of SA1 3124215 into Division 1 would satisfy the major considerations of:

Communities of interest – as the SA1 adjoins Division 1, is located on the top of the Tamborine Mountain plateau, and already shares common interests with the remainder of the Mountain i.e. economic, social and cultural, it is an obvious contender for boundary realignment;

Means of Communicating and serviceability – currently the elected Councillors for Divisions 1 and 2 assist each other in servicing the needs of both Divisions. This advantageous situation would not alter should SA1 be incorporated into Division 1.

Creating sensible and definable boundaries – SA1 3124215 is currently bordered by Gold Coast City Council on its Eastern and Southern boundaries and by Division 1 to the North and another Division 2 SA1 to the West. This would facilitate a simple realignment of SA1 3124215 from Division 2 to Division 1, as prominent man-made and natural features already define the SA1's boundaries.

Specific enrolment requirements for Divisional Boundary Reviews – I have addressed (above) the current and projected voter enrolment data, together with the flow-on effect of transferring SA1 3124215 from Division 2 to Division 1.

Ideally, SA1 3124229 (current enrolled voters: 473) should also be incorporated into Division 1, however the current and projected number of enrolled voters would put the quota for Division 1 well over the allowable +10%. That SA1 is the last remaining SA1 on the Mountain plateau which is **not** in Division 1 (under this proposal). This creates a physical anomaly which should be rectified. However, given SRRC's 'us' and 'them' mentality when dealing with issues affecting Tamborine Mountain as part of the Scenic Rim as a whole, it would be advantageous for that SA1 to remain as part of Division 2 if for no other reason than to ensure a more robust representation of the Mountain community in Council by two rather than one Councillor.

Amanda Hay

Treasurer

Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc

Tamborine Mountain 4272

On behalf of the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc, I make the following submission in respect of the Local Government Change Commission's invitation for written suggestions re electoral boundary realignment and in so doing, support the view of many residents within these boundaries::

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To that end, it is proposed that one (1) SA1 be removed from Division 2 and realigned to Division 1. That SA1 is 3124215 which currently has an enrolment of 320 and a projected enrolment of 326 in 2024. Transferring SA1's 320 current enrolment to Division 1 will:

- a) **Reduce** Division 2's over quota situation to a within quota of +6% (approximately) of the current average enrolment; and
- b) **Increase** Division 1's quota to 5,127 or +5% (approximately) of the current average enrolment.

It is apparent from the projected increase in 2024 enrolment numbers of only 169 that Division 1's enrolment numbers are not naturally going to keep abreast of the increases of Division 2.

As per your Fact Sheet 5, the incorporation of SA1 3124215 into Division 1 would satisfy the major considerations of:

Communities of interest – as the SA1 adjoins Division 1, is located on the top of the Tamborine Mountain plateau, and already shares common interests with the remainder of the Mountain i.e. economic, social and cultural, it is an obvious contender for boundary realignment;

Means of Communicating and serviceability – currently the elected Councillors for Divisions 1 and 2 assist each other in servicing the needs of both Divisions. This advantageous situation would not alter should SA1 be incorporated into Division 1.

Creating sensible and definable boundaries – SA1 3124215 is currently bordered by Gold Coast City Council on its Eastern and Southern boundaries and by Division 1 to the North and another Division 2 SA1 to the West. This would facilitate a simple realignment of SA1 3124215 from Division 2 to Division 1, as prominent man-made and natural features already define the SA1's boundaries.

Specific enrolment requirements for Divisional Boundary Reviews – I have addressed (above) the current and projected voter enrolment data, together with the flow-on effect of transferring SA1 3124215 from Division 2 to Division 1.

Ideally, SA1 3124229 (current enrolled voters: 473) should also be incorporated into Division 1, however the current and projected number of enrolled voters would put the quota for Division 1 well over the allowable +10%. That SA1 is the last remaining SA1 on the Mountain plateau which is **not** in Division 1 (under this proposal). This creates a physical anomaly which should be rectified. However, given SRRC's 'us' and 'them' mentality when dealing with issues affecting Tamborine Mountain as part of the Scenic Rim as a whole, it would be advantageous for that SA1 to remain as part of Division 2 if for no other reason than to ensure a more robust representation of the Mountain community in Council by two rather than one Councillor.

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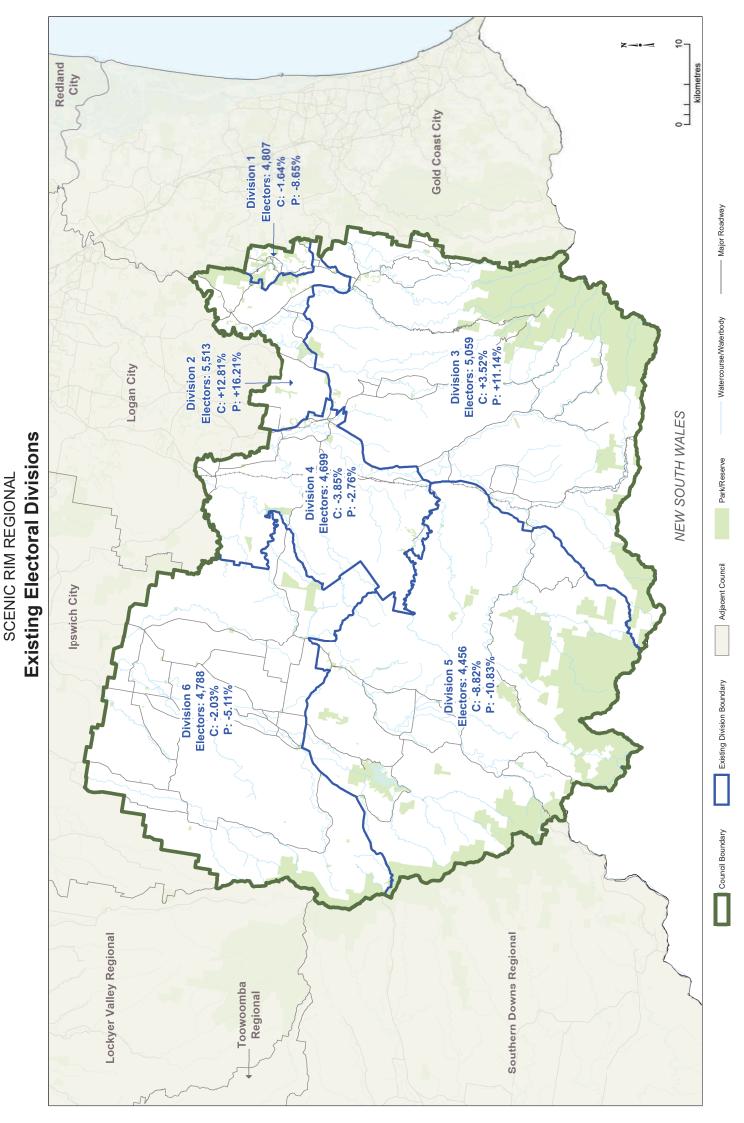
Submission Text: Regarding re-alignment of Council and division boundaries for the Scenic Rim: Tamborine Mountain covers 1% of the area of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, comprises 20% of the population and pays 24% of the rates. The issue in the Rim is that our rate in the dollar is so much higher than surrounding Councils because we have a low rate base, the cost of running our Council is high and it is difficult to achieve sufficient efficiencies to get the RID lower. The local economy of TM is mainly based on tourism, with over 1.5 million visitors per year. Even though Tamborine Mountain is one of the Scenic Rim's six regions, our Mountain's tourism emphasis is at odds with the SRRC's agritourism focus. We do not deny the relevance of agritourism as a key focus within the other five SRRC regions; it is simply one that has little application to Tamborine Mountain's tourism. Because of these differences and the geography of the Rim, the support of the Local Government for the development of tourism and infrastructure on Tamborine Mountain is minimal. The Mountain's tourism industry is almost entirely focused towards the Gold Coast (The Green behind The Gold). Better management of the local economy is very likely if Tamborine Mountain were to be included in the Gold Coast. As a destination, Tamborine Mountain is, almost by itself, one of three pillars of Gold Coast tourism: ecotourism (in addition to beach and shopping). Our community Blueprint has been running for a few months now, and feedback has been both enthusiastic and constructive. After the recent 'Changing Councils' report in the Gold Coast Bulletin, robust discussions on the Mountain followed, and surprisingly many are leaning towards change. The Blueprint results so far reflect a sizeable swing, and many believe that cheaper rates, money to fix infrastructure, stronger tourism alliances and a strong Council would definitely benefit the Mountain.

http://visittamborinemountain.com.au/blueprint/
The loss of part of the ratepayer base can be compensated by including several areas of Logan into the Scenic Rim. If Mundoolun, balance of Tamborine, Veresdale, Veresdale Scrub, Kagaru and Undullah are added to the SRRC, then the 'loss' of TM would probably be more than compensated. Apparently, these regions/postcodes (except Mundoolun) are now split over two councils. I ask the Electoral Commission and the State Government to seriously consider this option. As long as Tamborine Mountain is governed by a Council only interested in agritourism (given the demographics of Scenic Rim, probably a sensible choice), the major hinterland tourism destination will only face more problems because of lack of government and funding. Only a Local Government valuing the quality of our Mountain for both local residents and tourists will be able to make sure that the economic benefits of the tourism industry are optimised in balance with preservation of the natural environment. The overall relationship between Tamborine Mountain residents and the Scenic Rim Regional Council has historically been strained. We thank you in anticipation of a positive response to our proposal.

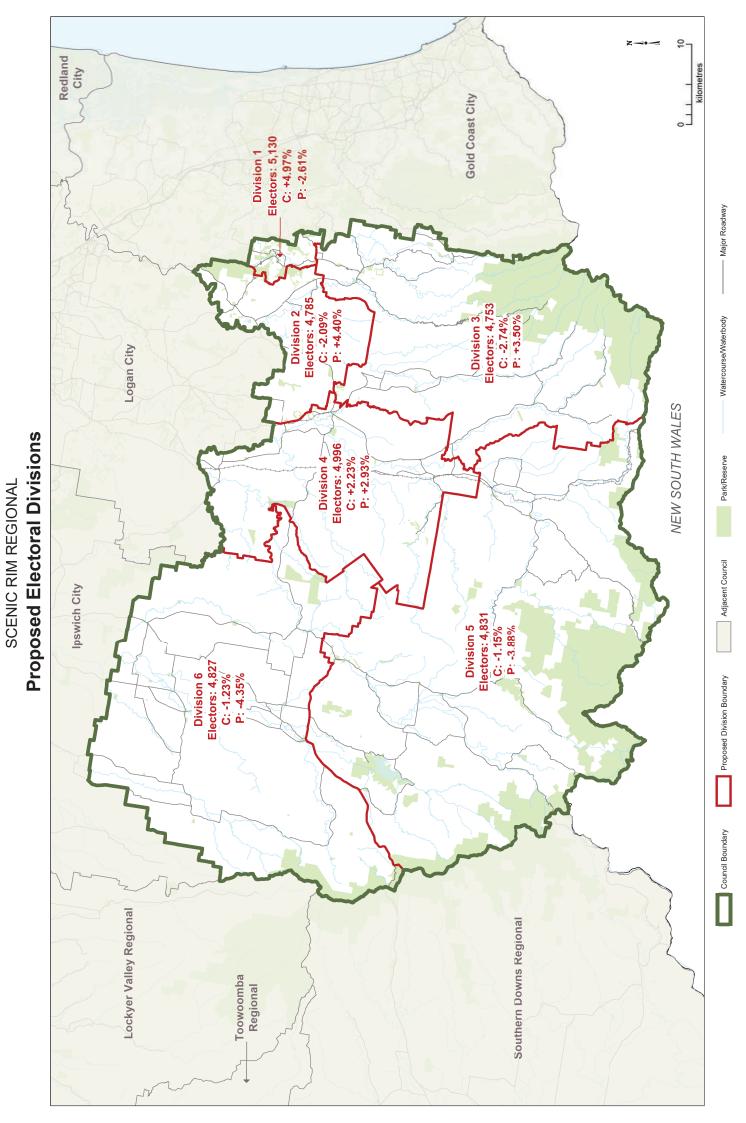
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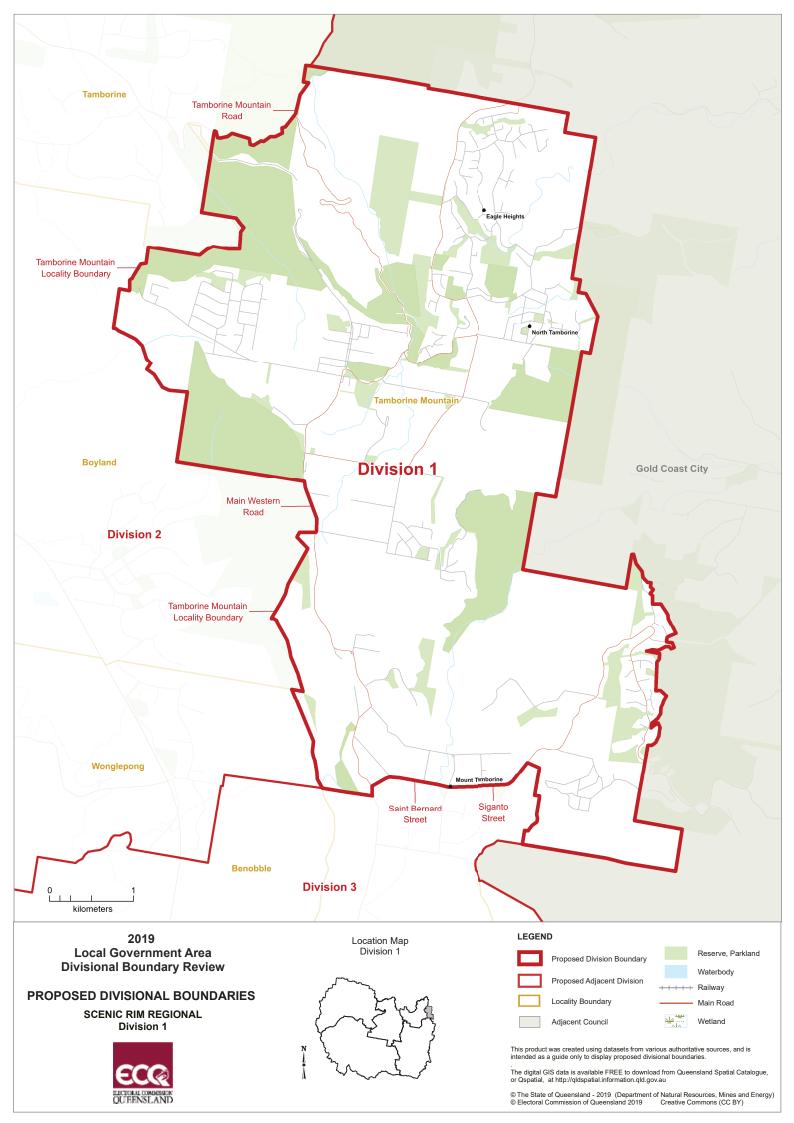
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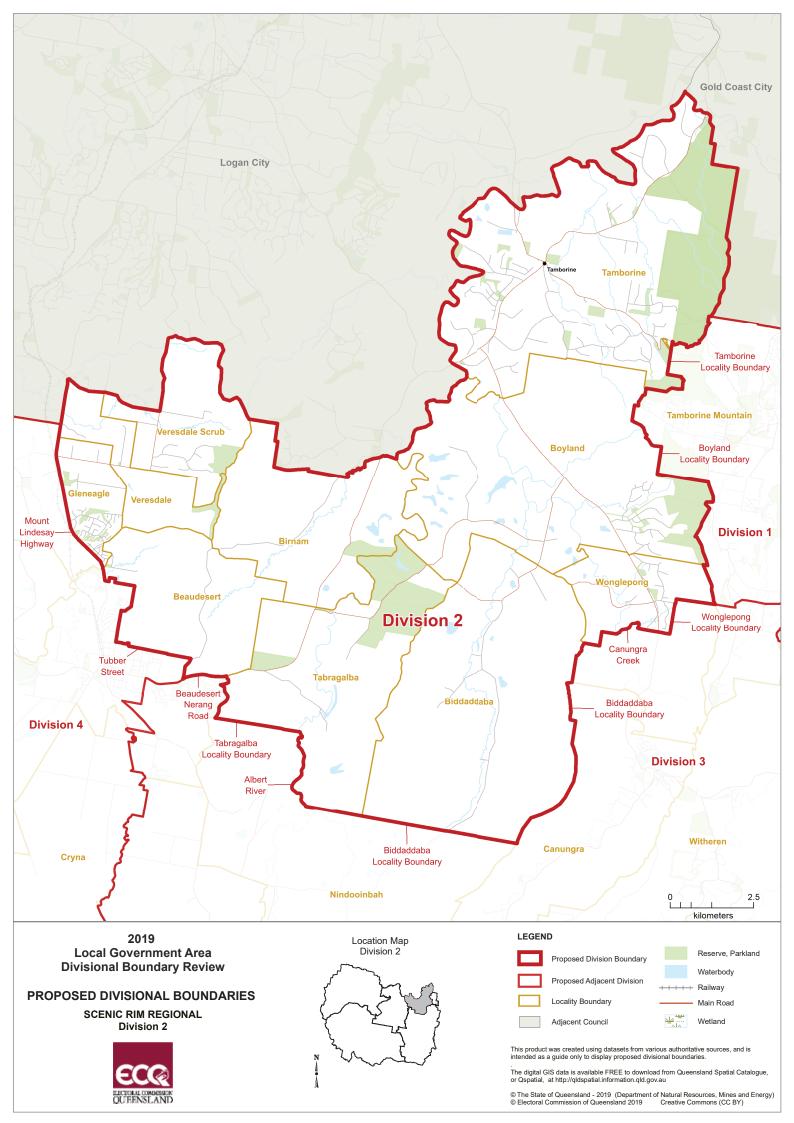


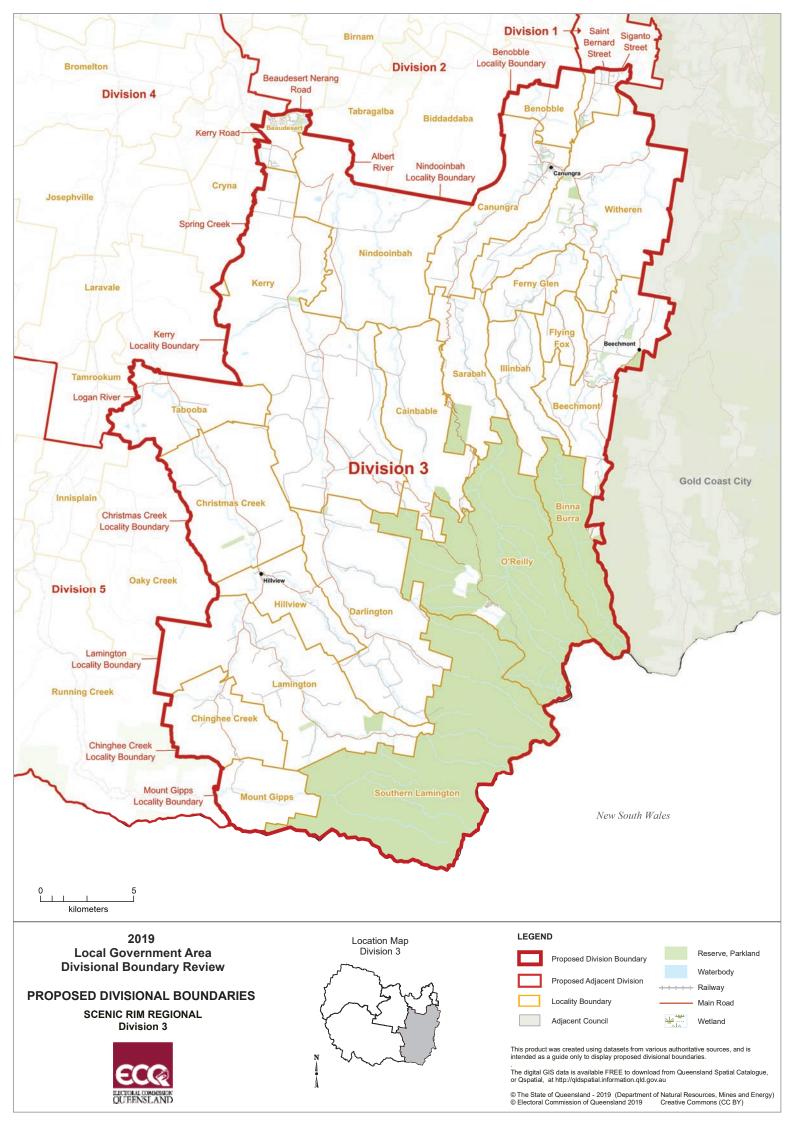
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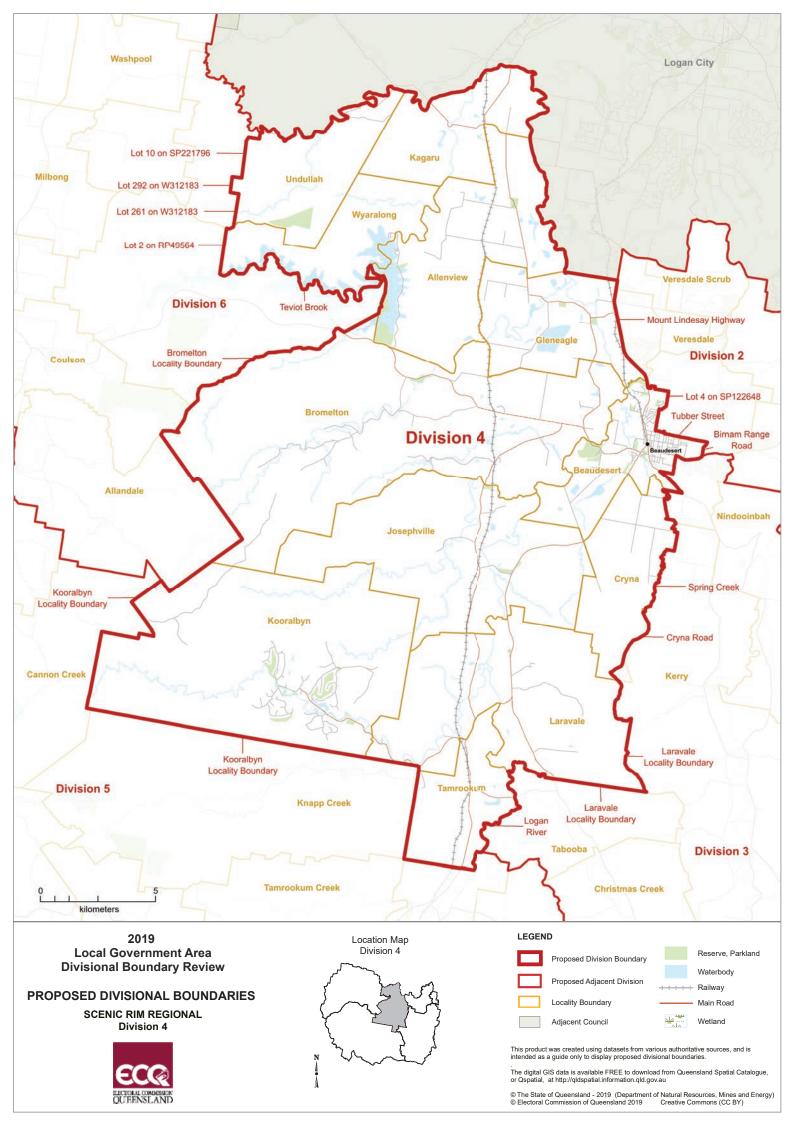


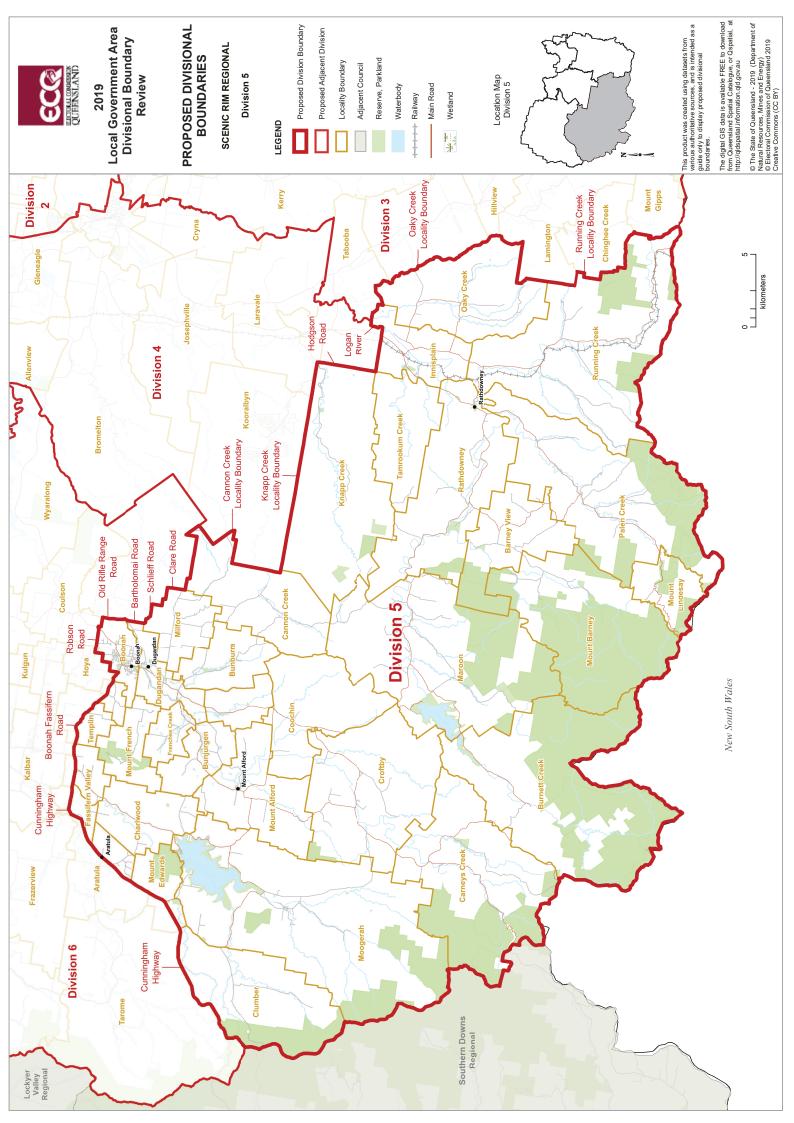
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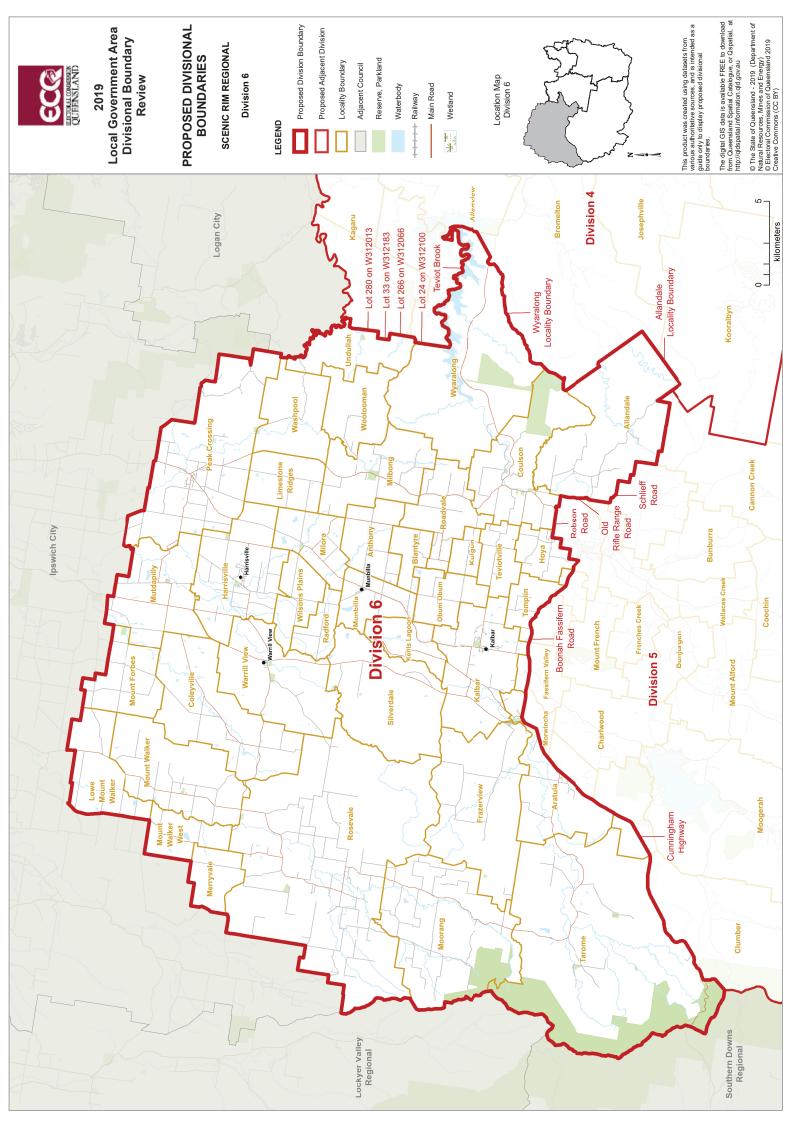












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