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In October 1998, the Queensland Redistribution Commission, in accordance with the requirements of the *Electoral Act 1992* ("the Act"), commenced a redistribution of Queensland's 89 Legislative Assembly electoral districts.

The need for the redistribution (the first under the Act) arose, pursuant to section 39 of the Act, in late 1997 when 32 and 36 electoral districts were "out of quota" for September and October 1997 respectively.

Section 35(3) of the Act states that, subject to subsections (4) and (5) of section 35, when the need for an electoral redistribution arises, the Commission must, as soon as practicable, redistribute the State into 89 electoral districts in the way set out in division 3 of the Act.

Subsection (4) of section 35, however, states that if "*the need for an electoral redistribution arises more than 16 months after the day on which the writ for the previous general election was returned, the Commissioner must defer undertaking the electoral redistribution until after the return of the writ for the next general election*".

Because section 35(4) applied, the redistribution could not begin until after the return of the writ for the State general election held on 13 June 1998.

Commencement of the Redistribution

The Commission began the redistribution by publishing notices in the Queensland Government Gazette which stated that the need for an electoral redistribution had arisen, advised of the composition of the Commission and invited members of the public to lodge written suggestions on the redistribution. Following the closure of suggestions, the Commission published notices inviting written comments on the suggestions to be lodged with the Commission. Once the time for lodging comments on the suggestions closed on Friday 18 December 1998, the Commission prepared its redistribution proposals.

On Friday 9 April 1999, the Commission published a notice in the Queensland Government Gazette advising of its proposed redistribution. The notice was also published in *The Courier Mail* and various regional newspapers. The notice invited public objections to the Commission's proposals for the names or boundaries of the 89 electoral districts to be lodged with the Commission by hand delivery, post or facsimile by 5 00 pm on Monday 10 May 1999.

The notices advising of the Commission's proposed redistribution stated that the Commission had made available for public perusal at the office of the Commission maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral district in the State and that in each proposed electoral district a copy (or copies) of a map showing the boundaries of that proposed electoral district had been exhibited at a place or places to which the public has access. A list of the locations where the maps were on display was included in the notices. At all those places where maps of the proposed electoral districts were displayed, the Commission also made available for public perusal copies of the descriptions of the boundaries of the proposed electoral districts and the Commission's reasons for the proposed redistribution.

The Quota and other Legislative Criteria for the Redistribution

The Commission's proposals for the redistribution were formulated having regard to the quota and the other criteria set out in Part 3 of the Act.

Section 45(1) of the Act requires the Commission to ensure, in preparing the proposed redistribution, that the following requirements are satisfied as at the end of the 21 days prescribed for lodging comments on the suggestions i.e. as at 21 December 1998:

"(a) *if the electoral district has an area of less than 100 000 km² - 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 100 000 km² 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%."*

The Act defines the *"average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts"* ("the quota") as *"the number worked out by dividing the total number of enrolled electors for all electoral districts by 89"*. The *"additional large district number"* is defined in section 45(2) of the Act as *"2% of the number of km² in the area of the electoral district"*.

The quota of electors is therefore determined by dividing the total number of electors on the electoral roll in Queensland by 89. The number of electors on the roll for Queensland on 21 December 1998 was 2,204,434. This number, divided by 89 and rounded upwards as required by section 4(1) of the Act, produced a quota of 24,769.

The application of the 10% (+ or -) margin of tolerance permitted by the Act to the quota allows an electoral district a minimum number of 22,292 electors and a maximum number of 27,246 electors. The Commission must not vary these numbers and they overide the other criteria set out in section 46 of the Act. For an electoral district with an area of 100,000 km² or more, a figure equal to 2% of the total area of the electorate is added to the actual number of electors enrolled in that electoral district to permit the total number of "electors" to fall within the range of 22,292 to 27,246. Consequently, a proposed electoral district of (say) 250,000 square kilometres in area would have 5,000 (i.e. 2% of 250,000km²) "notional"

electors to add to its actual number of electors to comply with the quota of 24,769 and the allowable tolerances of 22,292 to 27,246.

Subject to the quota and permitted deviation, the Commission is required, under section 46(1) of the Act, to give consideration to the following matters when drawing the boundaries of the proposed electoral districts:

"(a) the extent to which there is a community of economic, social, regional or other interests within each proposed electoral district;

(b) the ways of communication and travel within each proposed electoral district;

(c) the physical features of each proposed electoral district;

(d) the boundaries of existing electoral districts."

The Commission is also required, under section 46(1)(e) of the Act, to consider demographic trends in Queensland with a view to ensuring, as far as practicable that, on the basis of the trends, the need for another electoral redistribution will not arise under section 39 of the Act before it does under section 38.

Section 39 "triggers" a redistribution if one-third or more electoral districts are out of quota for two months in a row, the quota for the purposes of section 39 being calculated by reference to the number of enrolled electors for each electoral district and the average number of enrolled electors for each electoral district as published by the Electoral Commission Queensland each month in the Queensland Government Gazette in accordance with the requirements of section 63 of the Act.

Section 38 contains another "trigger" for a redistribution. It states that the need for an electoral redistribution arises -

"(a) 1 year after the day appointed for the return of writs for the third general election held after -

*(i) the electoral distribution under the **Electoral Districts Act 1991** became final; or*

(ii) an electoral redistribution, or the latest electoral redistribution, under this Act becomes final; or

(b) 7.5 years after -

*(i) the electoral distribution under the **Electoral Districts Act 1991** became final; or*

(ii) an electoral redistribution, or the latest electoral redistribution, under this Act becomes final;

whichever is the later.

Finally, under section 46(2) of the Act, the Commission, when carrying out the redistribution, *"may also consider the boundaries of local government areas to the extent that it is satisfied that there is a community of economic, social, regional or other interests within each local government area".*

The Commission is authorised by section 46(3) of the Act to give such weight to each of the abovementioned matters as it considers appropriate.

Objections to the Proposed Redistribution and Comments on the Objections

The Commission received 885 written objections to its redistribution proposals within the time specified in its public notices inviting objections. Copies of these objections were bound into two volumes and, on and from Friday 14 May 1999, they were made available for public inspection, without fee, at public libraries throughout Queensland, as well as at several Magistrates' Courts and at the Commission's Office at Floor 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane.

On Friday 14 May 1999 the Commission, in accordance with section 49 (2) of the Act, published a notice in the Gazette advising of the availability for inspection of the copies of the objections and inviting written comments on the objections to be lodged with the Commission before 5.00pm Monday 24 May 1999, being a period of 10 days following publication of the notice in the Gazette. The notice inviting comments on the objections was also published in *The Courier Mail* and numerous Queensland regional newspapers.

The Commission received 23 comments on the suggestions by 5.00pm on 24 May 1999. This booklet contains copies of those comments. The booklets are being made available for public inspection, without fee, at public libraries throughout Queensland, selected Magistrates' Courts, and at the Commission's Office at Floor 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane.

Remainder of the Redistribution Process

From the date of closure of public objections to the redistribution proposals (10 May 1999), the Commission is allowed a period of up to 60 days to prepare its final determination of the State's electoral district names and boundaries (see section 51 of the Act). The 60 day period will end on Friday 9 July 1999. Under section 54 of the Act, the final determination and associated documents will be given to the Honourable the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for The Arts and he must table the documents in Parliament within 5 sitting days of their receipt.

A notice containing details of the Commission's final determination of the State's electoral boundaries must be published in the Government Gazette. At the end of 21 days after the publication of this notice (but subject to the determination of any appeal lodged) the State is redistributed into the electoral districts, and those districts have the names, set out in the

notice. Queensland remains redistributed in this way until the next electoral redistribution becomes final.

Table 1 below details the statutory timetable associated with the conduct of the State electoral redistribution.

TABLE 1

THE REDISTRIBUTION PROCESS

The *Electoral Act 1992* prescribes the following timetable for the conduct of the redistribution:

	Activity	Timetable
1.	The Commission invites written suggestions from the public – s42(1)	*Friday 16 October 1998*
	Public Suggestions	*30 days – s42(3)*
2.	Closing date for written suggestions	*Tuesday 17 November 1998*
	Suggestions available for public comment	*21 days – s43(1) and s43(2)*
3.	Closing date for written comments	*Friday 18 December 1998*
4.	The Commission determines State quota –s45(1), considers suggestions and comments and develops a set of electoral district boundary proposals –s44	*No time specified to formulate proposals*
5.	The Commission prepares its report, publishes and exhibits maps showing proposed boundaries and names and invites public attention to the maps –s47	*Friday 9 April 1999*
	Public objections to the proposals	*30 days - s48(1)*
6.	Closing date for written objections	*Monday 10 May 1999*
	Objections available for public comment	*10 days - s49(1) and s49(2)*
7.	Closing date for written comments in response to objections	*Monday 24 May 1999*
8.	The Commission considers objections and comments and makes a final boundary determination – ss50-51	*60 days since close of objections –s51(1)*
	Final date for the Commission's determination	*Friday 9 July 1999*

Inquiries

Persons or organisations who have any inquiries concerning the conduct of the State redistribution should direct them to the Commission.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE OBJECTIONS

Comment No. (QRC/COM)..	Name/Organisation	Address	Date Received
1	June Nichols	12 Arrol St CAMP HILL QLD 4152	18.5.99
2	John L Whitty	39 Killarney Ave MANLY WEST QLD 4179	18.5.99
3	Helensvale Residents Association	Philip R Gray (President) 64 Clarence Dr HELENSVALE QLD 4212	19.5.99
4	Shirley Postma	MS 763 NIKENBAH QLD 4655	21.5.99
5	Inglewood Shire Council	PO Box 21 INGLEWOOD QLD 4387	21.5.99
6	Colin M Piper	12 Bellew St WYNNUM NORTH QLD 4178	21.5.99
7	Terence Cullen	20 Connection Rd MOOLOOLAH QLD 4553	24.5.99
8	Burdekin Shire Council	PO Box 974 AYR QLD 4807	21.5.99
9	Bulloo Shire Council	PO Box 46 THARGOMINDAH QLD 4492	18.5.99
10	E Holden	C/- Orana Complex MacDiarmid St KINGAROY QLD 4610	24.5.99
11	C & G Hood	MS 537 KINGAROY QLD 4610	24.5.99
12	Maroochy Shire Council	PO Box 76 NAMBOUR QLD 4560	24.5.99

Comment No. (QRC/COM)..	Name/Organisation	Address	Date Received
13	Eudlo & Ilkley District Community Association Inc.	PO Box 37 EUDLO QLD 4554	24.5.99
14	Geoff Gallagher	628a Formosa Rd GUMDALE QLD 4154	24.5.99
15	Sunshine Coast Hinterland Shire Steering Committee	PO Box 145 MONTVILLE QLD 4560	24.5.99
16	Petition by residents of Maleny, Conondale, Witta, Reesville, Belthorpe & Booroobin	C/- John Chiarotto 12 Moffitt Court MALENY QLD 4552	24.5.99
17	Jim Dwyer	"Burnleigh" MS 612 KINGAROY QLD 4610	24.5.99
18	Mayor Les Tyrell	City of Thuringowa PO Box 86 THURINGOWA CENTRAL QLD 4817	24.5.99
19	Queensland Nationals	PO Box 5940 WEST END QLD 4101	24.5.99
20	The Liberal Party of Australia – Queensland Division	PO Box 216 LUTWYCHE QLD 4030	24.5.99
21	Australian Labor Party	PO Box 5032 WEST END QLD 4101	24.5.99
22	Withcott Progress Association Inc.	MS 408 Elders Building WITHCOTT QLD 4352	24.5.99
23	John Chiarotto	12 Moffitt Ct MALENY QLD 4552	24.5.99

The Secretary,
QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION,
Brisbane. FACSIMILE 3229 7391

QRC/COM 1

Dear Sir,

I refer you to my recent letters dated 10th and 11th May 1999 faxed to you and headed -

> Comment upon your PROPOSED DETERMINATION of 1999 ELECTORAL WARDS WITHIN THE CITY OF BRISBANE; and
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> Comment upon your PROPOSED DETERMINATION OF 1999 ELECTORAL WARDS WITHIN THE CITY OF BRISBANE and State Boundaries of electorates.

However, seeing your recent advertisement headed INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ... to (STATE) ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES, I realised that I had made brief reference to State electoral boundaries within the letters which mostly commented upon local authority boundaries.

The comments on State electoral boundaries were -

- in letter of 10th May, p.2, para 2 -
  "The State representative joins her (i.e. the B.C.C. Councillor) in lack of concern and interest in this area. Two of his staff have been openly abusive to me, one in connection with a legal issue which concerned the rights of my dead sister, (the other in connection to lack of access to public transport). There is no point in commenting upon State boundaries. We are not being represented."
- in letter of 11th May, p.1, penultimate para -
  "as to the State boundary of CHATSWORTH, why extend it down to Wise Street? It would be much better to cut the boundary back to Kennington Road, or even to Arrol Street (divide it down the middle, as you did Clara Street in its private estate status), and move us into GREENSLOPES, to see if we could better our lot in a more marginal seat, with an attentive M.P."

I was advised to write this letter by one of your officers so that my comments would be considered under State Electoral Boundaries.

It is however very puzzling that those concerned do not consider the land areas encompassed by State and Local Authority boundaries "all of a piece" as to interests, services, amenities available etc., rather than treating the State electorate and the B.C.C. ward as having nothing to do with each other.

It is plainly detrimental to residents and electors to think that the job is done once "heads" are counted, and the maps look tidy merely as far as the head count is concerned. And by doing so, you plainly disregard the legislative criteria. The most obvious example of harm caused to residents was your previous choice of Old Cleveland Road - an impassable barrier - as the B.C.C. ward electoral boundary. Access to transport, and adequate transport, clearly underpin health services and their access, and all associated social infrastructure.

5th May 1999

I know what the fate of my letters is going to be, but I am putting what should have been major considerations on record.

Yours faithfully, (June Nichols), 12 Arrol St, Coorparoo 4151

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17 May, 1999.

Commissioners,
Queensland Redistribution Commission,
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QRC / COM 2

Dear Sirs,

Re: ORC/OBJ/COM.

Having viewed the 884 objections in their two volumes today, I have some comments.

1. I wish to comment on Paul Lucas M.L.A.'s objection no. 862. It is so logical that I wonder why I did not notice it when I submitted OBJ.001! Mr. Lucas cannot fathom why the islands of Mud (how romantic can you get??), Green and St. Helena were placed into the proposed new electorate of Cleveland. They are as much a part of Cleveland as Wellington Point is of Lytton - in other words, not a scrap of community interest! So please let logic hold sway and incorporate Mud, St. Helena and Green Islands in Lytton. This will affect very few electors, as Mr. Lucas points out in his objection no. 862.

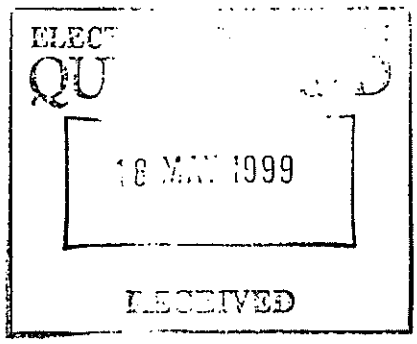
2. Re the A.L.P.'s wide-ranging objection no. 869, covering many electorates. Mike Kaiser and his cronies have gone overboard here by trying to incorporate a large lump of the proposed Chatsworth into proposed Lytton. They propose this in the latter part of section 2.11.1 of their missive. This would flout the community of interest quite noticeably by extending the southern boundary into parts of Gumdale and Ransome. The natural dividing line is more like as suggested in my obj. 001 - along Manly Road until it intersects with Wondall Road. As for their proposal that the western boundary of the proposed Lytton revert to its old Kianawah Road dividing line - I think that Bulimba Creek (actually the Doboy Creek tributary) is a far more natural boundary.

3. Re Mr. Phil Reeves M.L.A.'s objection no. 797 for his electorate of Mansfield. I agree with Mr. Reeves that there is no logical reason to name this re-jigged electorate "Burbank", because the larger part of the suburb of Mansfield is still in the new proposal in the top left of the proposed boundary! The smaller part of the suburb of Mansfield is proposed to be in the re-jigged "Chatsworth". As Mr. Reeves says in his objection, the suburb of Burbank, the proposed name for the new electorate, is in the centre of the proposed electorate, but has many electors less than the partial suburb of Mansfield still remaining in it. The last convincing reason to retain the electorate's present name is that it was originally named after Sir Alan Mansfield, a former Chief Justice and Governor of our State. I agree with this. Basically, part of the suburb of Mansfield is still in the new proposal, so there is no real reason to re-name it.

Yours sincerely,

John L. Whitty.

(John L. Whitty)



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17 May 1999

His Honour Judge J P Shanahan
Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Dear Judge Shanahan

RE: PROPOSED NAME FOR THE HELENSVALE ELECTORATE

The Helensvale Residents Association congratulates the Electoral Commission in choosing to name the new electorate at the northern end of the Gold Coast "Helensvale".

Helensvale is the centre of the new growth area and will be the site for the new town centre and is currently designated a sub-regional centre under the Gold Coast Strategic Plan.

Helensvale and its surrounding areas have a strong community of interest experiencing the isolation from services and family support that growth brings. This association, the Helensvale Community Centre Association and many other local organizations work together to put in place support structures for the residents of our area.

We are aware of moves on behalf of the Nerang end of the new electorate to lobby to name the new electorate "Nerang" thus retaining the name of an existing electorate. To this we object. The new boundaries are clearly centered on Helensvale and the electorate should be named Helensvale.

We therefore support the suggestion of the Commission to name the electorate "Helensvale".

Yours sincerely

Philip R Gray
President, Helensvale Residents Association
President Helensvale Community Centre Association Inc.

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HIS HONOUR JUDGE J.P. SHANAHAN
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'QRC/OBJ/COM'

DEAR SIR.

MY HUSBAND & MYSELF OF THE ABOVE ADDRESS WOULD LIKE TO MAKE OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.

FIRSTLY WE ARE VERY HAPPY WITH OUR REPRENGATIVE ELECTED BY US IN OUR PRESENT DISTRICT BOUNDARY.

SECONDLY IF WE HAD DESIRED TO LIVE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF MARYBOROUGH WE WOULD HAVE DONE SO. WE CHOSE TO LIVE IN THE CITY OF HERVEY BAY SOME EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO.

THIRDLY, IT CREATES SO MUCH HASSLES IN NOTIFYING EVERY ONE OF OUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

YOURS FAITHFULLY.

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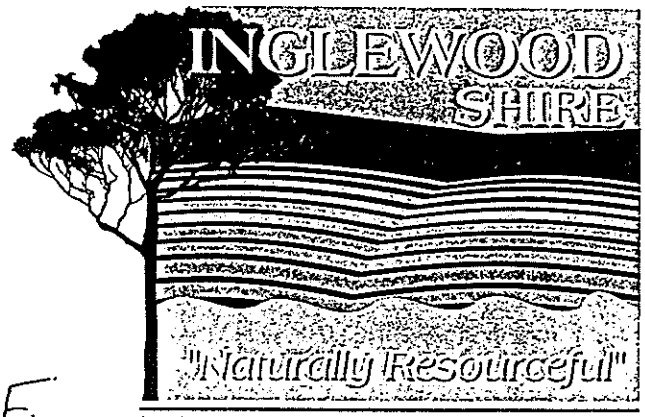

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Qld Redistribution Commission
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Dear Sir

Re: Redistribution of Qld's Electoral Districts

It was with interest that in the objections, support was offered to Council's original letter of 28th April, 1999 for the inclusion of Karara in our electorate and the change of name from Condamine as it does not reflect our area.

Council supports the change of name to Cunningham as it provides the cohesion necessary to bring the new electorate boundaries together as the Cunningham Highway traverses the shires of Warwick, Inglewood, Waggamba and Goondiwindi, therefore providing a neutral name that has affiliation with the electorate. The explorer Cunningham traversed much of this area and therefore it has strong ties to his name.

I urge to you support the inclusion of Karara and the name change to Cunningham.

Yours faithfully

W A Saxvik
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The Secretary
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QRC/COM 6

Dear Sir/Madam

Having recently become privy to the volume, Reasons, Descriptions and Maps, relating to the proposed redistribution of Queensland electoral districts and, as an elector enrolled in the electoral district of Lytton and a long-time resident of Wynnum, within that electorate, I have a particular interest in Lytton and in matters which might affect the district and would, therefore like to express some views on the redistribution which the Commission might find to be relevant to its considerations.

Firstly, I note from map M61 that the proposed electorate will not include (as is also the situation currently) the three small islands - Green, St Helena and Mud - which, as far as I am aware, are uninhabited and would, therefore, have no effect on the numbers of electors in either electorate involved, but do have a close affinity with the Lytton district from the point of view of recreational and tourism activities, particularly St Helena. St Helena also has a radio station transmitter situated thereon which is serviced from Manly Boat Harbour and/or Whyte Island.

Having regard to these factors, I submit that on Community of Interest grounds alone these islands should be included within the proposed boundaries of the Electorate of Lytton.

Again, on community of interest grounds, I would submit that the proposed boundary at the junction of Manly Road and Catamaran Street should not proceed along Catamaran Street but should extend westerly along Manly Road to its junction with Wondall Road and thence north-easterly to the southern boundary of Lot 800 on RP223048, etc, as proposed.

My reason here is purely on community of interest grounds for I am well aware that such a change would further increase the number of electors in the Lytton district to the detriment of Chatsworth, however, it would mean that community services and organisations, such as the Baptist Church, Moreton Bay College, the Wynnum Manly Marching Girls Association, a major physical therapies clinic, etc all serving, in the main, citizens resident in the Lytton electorate, would remain within the electorate.

Yours faithfully

C M Piper

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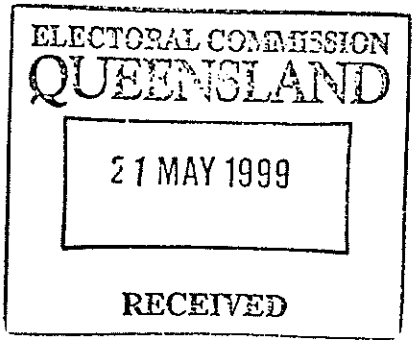
20/5/1999



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23 May 1999

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Electoral Commission of Queensland
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QRC/COM7

Dear Commissioner

My objection of 8 May 1999 (copy attached) refers.

I have read the submissions:
- QRC/OBJ.133 Mooloolah Valley Community Association Inc;
- QRC/OBJ.422 - Peter Wellington, Member for Nicklin;
- QRC/OBJ.801 - Cr Vivienne Coleman, Caloundra City Council;
- QRC/OBJ.810 - Bruce Laming, Member for Mooloolah,

and note that my own which, although posted at the Brisbane GPO before 8am on 8 May 1999, was delivered to the Commission the following day (and therefore was not published).

My objection was faxed to the two Members at the time. Last week after I became aware of their submissions, Cr Coleman and Association received a copy each - Coleman by fax.

From scanning the published submissions, I believe the naming that electorate "Glasshouse" as proposed is erroneous and misleading. It infers that the community of interest is in fact that of the geographic area widely known by the name, Glasshouse Mountains, an argument I neglected to develop in my submission.

Electors in that area would have reasonably believed that their area was the community for which the electorate was formed. This, of course, is not so being dominated as it would be by Caboolture and the urban growth area of Caboolture/Elimbah now and in the future - the likely population gain over 5-10yrs far greater than the number of voters from the bits of Mooloolah.

Such information as was promulgated through the press to those affected by this proposal failed to inform them to the dominant presence of Caboolture with which, as I explained in my submission, they share little community of interest. I contend this detail been appreciated and understood, considerable interest in it than was the case would have been evident. This would have been most particularly expressed by those areas historically part of the former Landsborough Shire- the towns and precincts of Beerwah, Landsborough and Peachester.

A more legitimate name for this electorate Caboolture North or North Caboolture, since Caboolture cannot be used - the town split, as proposed, into four parts.

I stressed this to the Secretary of the Mooloolah Valley Community Association Inc when I handed her my submission - a point which I think she understands. (It should be noted that this Association is a non-representative group having, at best, about 1% of residents as members.)

All submissions clearly argued that the town of Mooloolah not be divided and that there was no community of interest shared with Eudlo. All concurred that Mooloolah should not be in Nicklin and the shire boundary was the line of separation. Cr Coleman showed insight in linking Mooloolah and Glenview. However, only my submission covered not just these points but recognised the existence and relevance of a dominant community - Caloundra in our case.

Representation by the Member for Mooloolah has been demonstrably inclusive and effective. This circumstance must be construed as highly doubtful were this area part of an electorate for which the population gravity centre is Caboolture as well as being at the opposite end and about 50km by road from it. On the other hand, Mooloolah is about a third of that distance from Caloundra and less than half from Mooloolaba/Kawana - roads reflecting this connection.

The boundaries are an unfortunate consequence of choosing the intersection of the Bruce Highway, Glasshouse Mountains Road (Old Bruce Highway) and Caloundra Road to produce a conveniently neat corner at which to propose the four electorates of Nicklin, Kawana, Nicklin and Glasshouse meet. Similarly unfortunate for Mooloolah/Glenview is the selective and uninformed use of sections of railway, North Mooloolah River and South Mooloolah River.

(Interestingly, there seemed to be no such cartographic difficulty to neat corners demonstrated in the proposed Pumicestone electorate western end boundary configuration, for example.)

It follows also, therefore, that with Mooloolah and Glenview correctly incorporated into the proposed electorate of Kawana, justification for the name change from Mooloolah is difficult, there being both town and entire river system included.

Accordingly and in addition to my submission of 8 May, I further propose:

- the name of the proposed electorate, "Glasshouse", be "Caboolture North" or similar, and
- the name "Mooloolah" be unchanged.

Yours faithfully

QRC/Com 7

Terence Cullen

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encl original submission

ccs - Members for Mooloolah & Nicklin
Cr Coleman, Caloundra City Council
Mooloolah Valley Community Association Inc

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8 May 1999

The Commissioner
Electoral Commission of Queensland
GPO Box 1393
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Dear Commissioner

re: Electoral Redistribution, 1999

I wish to object to the electoral boundaries as they are proposed in respect of the Town of Mooloolah and the Mooloolah Valley.

My objection is based on the failure of the proposal to meet the Legislative Criteria as outlined from Section 46(1) (a), (b), (c) and (d) in the Act and as listed in the proposal along with Section 46(2) in respect of its reference to local authority areas.

As well as being a constituent affected by the proposal, I bring also to this objection my skills and experience as a professional Town Planner.

The proposal is unfortunate and does no credit to the competencies the Commission is supposed to have at its disposal in meeting its obligation and appears to me more to be a cartographical and statistical convenience in spite of sufficient and readily available evidence.

The community as a single entity is not acknowledged or respected. The fundamental nature of this location is evident from topographic maps. Even the most basic research would have revealed the existence of a cohesive and singular community of interest, apparent from ABS material, topographical maps and local inspection.

This location is wholly contained in the local government area of Caloundra City with its northern edge being the boundary of Maroochy Shire. It is a west-east axis close-ended valley in which rises the Mooloolah River (with North and South arms), opening at the east to the Kawana/Caloundra urban development lease and closed at the west by the Blackall Maleny (Range) escarpment. The Valley is comprised of the Town of Mooloolah and the geographic location of Glenview area. It is serviced by its own railway station on the trunk railway and a designated Main Road terminating at that point from direction of Caloundra

The proposal is to take the Town of Mooloolah from the former Mooloolah electorate and divide it between two electorates, Nicklin and (the new electorate of) Glasshouse - there is no rationale basis for dividing the Town of Mooloolah.

The proposal also puts it at the edge - even "corner" - of these two electorates the dominant centres of which will be Nambour (Nicklin) whose local government area is Maroochy Shire and Caboolture (Glasshouse) whose local government area is Caboolture shire - neither of which the Town of Mooloolah and the Mooloolah Valley share any community of interest. To

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both of these the inclusion of Mooloolah being also at the furthermost distance from these population centres will be incidental and accordingly not well served.

It is more appropriate for Mooloolah to be associated with Kawana/Caloundra with which all are part of the Caloundra City local government area and with which it has been satisfactorily and successfully represented to this time.

At the immediate and local level, no community of interest whatsoever exists with Eudlo (currently and appropriately in the electorate of Nicklin and always in the Maroochy Shire). Although Mooloolah has been claimed, for example by a local newsletter, to be part of the "Glasshouse Mountains Country" - based on Beerwah and including Landsborough, Beerwah, Glasshouse Mountains, Beerburrum and Peachester - this is a contention made in support of centralist geographic pretensions of places such as Beerwah.

Very much in the minds of people in this place is the experience in the recent Federal election where the effect of a redistribution not conducted along community-of-interest lines - with confusion and (worse still) misleading advice about the constituency to which they belonged.

In addition, I would expect that - on the basis of this being an affected by net growth - these electorates can be expected further to be redrawn in as soon as 5 and as late as 10 years with the added risk that a similar treatment will be visited upon us - fragmented and assigned not according as a valid community of interest.

Rural areas which, by nature are typically small population clusters, tend to be more stable identifiable communities than more urbanised areas. Fragmentation and assignment in such a manner as this is inappropriate and has the appearance of being treated as pawns and shows little respect and understanding for the character and self-image of this community.

I propose that:

- the Town of Mooloolah and the Mooloolah Valley NOT be partitioned,
- the Town of Mooloolah and the Mooloolah Valley be contained within the proposed electorate of Kawana, and
- its limits are
    1. the local government boundary to the north,
    2. the natural river watershed of the North and South Mooloolah Rivers to the west,
    3. the mid- or that point on Tunnel Ridge Road where residents would claim either Mooloolah or Landsborough as their centre, and
    4. northern edge of the Ewan Maddock Dam water body as the southern boundary.

Yours faithfully QRC/COM 7

tc

Terence Cullen

ccs Members for Mooloolah & Nicklin

Burdekin Shire Council

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Your Ref: N/A

Our Ref: 1/8/11A GJW:CK

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18th May 1999

QRC/COM 8

Mr. D.J. O'Shea,
Electoral Commissioner,
Queensland Redistribution Commission,
G.P.O. Box 1393,
BRISBANE . Q.4001

Dear Commissioner,

Re: Report on Queensland Redistribution Commission Electoral District Review – Burdekin State Electorate

Attached is my report which was presented to the meeting of Council on 22nd April 1999.

Whilst Council is generally pleased with the outcome of the review of State boundaries, Council believes that the Community of Interest Guidelines were not strictly adhered to in the determination of the boundaries for the Burdekin Electorate.

The Commission has supported Council's representations for the inclusion of the whole of the Burdekin Shire, Burdekin River Irrigation Area, including the area for the potential development of the Elliot Main Channel on the southern boundary of the Burdekin Electorate; the North and South Burdekin Water Board areas and the Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust Area.

The retention of these areas within the Burdekin Electorate clearly meet the guidelines from a demographic, socio-economic, communications and travel perspective. It is considered that the inclusion of the Collinsville area in the southern area of the Burdekin Electorate and part of the Townsville City Urban Overspill do not meet the guidelines for "Community of Interest" considerations.

Council believes that you should re-examine the "one vote, one value" principles and the quota system on the northern boundary (Townsville City Urban Overspill) and the inclusion of Collinsville and environs within the Burdekin Electorate.

Thank you in anticipation of taking into account Council's representations on this issue.

Yours faithfully,

for G.J. Webb,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

Enc.

ELECTORAL COMMISSION QUEENSLAND
21 MAY 1999

1/8/11a.

BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL

REPORT ON QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION ELECTORAL DISTRICT REVIEW – BURDEKIN STATE ELECTORATE

The Mayor and Councillors,
BURDEKIN SHIRE COUNCIL.

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 In my October Monthly Report to Council, I advised that the Queensland Redistribution Commission had publicly announced steps to be taken in accordance with Section 41 of *The Electoral Act 1992* to review the boundaries of Queensland State Electorates.

1.2 At the time, I advised that submissions were required to be lodged with the Commission before the closing date of 5-00 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th November 1998. In accordance with Section 46 of the Act, the Commission announced that arguments could be advanced for electoral review which supported community of interest, economic and social interests, communication and travel and demographic trends. In my report I advised Council that if the quota system necessitated a change, it may be argued it would be favourable for the boundaries to the north of the Shire to be changed by the inclusion of the growth areas of Townsville in the Electorates of Townsville or Thuringowa, with the Burdekin Electorate extended on its southern boundaries to capture the required number of electors to ensure retention of the entire Burdekin Shire and parts of Bowen Shire within the Electorate of Burdekin.

1.3 Council agreed to lodge a submission with the Commission before the closing date of 5-00 p.m. on Tuesday, 17th November 1998 supporting the retention of the Burdekin Shire within the electoral district of Burdekin.

1.4 Some concerns were expressed, at the time, that the boundaries of the Burdekin Electorate may be changed by the division of the Electorate, with the areas to the north of the Burdekin River being included in one State Electorate and the areas on the southern side of the Burdekin River in another State Electorate.

2.0 Facts and circumstances relied on by Burdekin Shire Council in support of retention of Burdekin Shire within Burdekin Electorate

2.1 The Council's submission to the Electoral Commissioner, Queensland Redistribution Commission was sent on 13th November 1998 (1/8/11A).

2.2 Careful attention was given in preparing the submission to ensuring the Council's submission met the requirements of Section 46 of *The Electoral Act 1992*.

2.3 Council's submission and the facts and circumstances relied on in support of the retention, or as near as possible the retention, of the existing boundaries for the Burdekin Electorate included –

- Economic considerations, including the importance from a community of interest perspective that the entire Burdekin Electorate embrace the whole of the Burdekin Shire, the Burdekin River Irrigation Area (BRIA), including the area for potential development of the Elliot Main Channel on the southern boundary of the Burdekin Electorate;

- The North and South Burdekin Water Board areas and the Burdekin Shire Rivers Improvement Trust Area;

- The characteristics of the Burdekin Shire/Burdekin Electorate from a demographic, socio-economic, communications and travel perspective.

3.0 **Release of Proposed Queensland Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts**

3.1 In accordance with Section 48 (1) of *The Electoral Act 1992*, the Queensland Redistribution Commission released details of proposals for boundaries and names of eighty nine (89) Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts pursuant to Section 44 of *The Electoral Act 1992.* The maps attached to the notices represented proposals only and are not the Commission's final determination.

3.2 The Commission's recommendations were released and publicised in the edition of the Townsville Bulletin printed on Saturday, 10th April 1999 and The Advocate on Wednesday, 14th April 1999.

3.3 The Commission will consider any written objections on the proposed boundaries and names which are lodged with the Commission at its office by hand delivery, post or facsimile up until 5-00 p.m. on Monday, 10th May 1999, being the expiry of a period of thirty (30) days after the proposed boundaries were published in the Government Gazette.

3.4 The Commission's report including reasons, descriptions and maps of the proposed Queensland Electoral Districts are on display at the Burdekin Library, Graham Street, Ayr and Home Hill Library, Ninth Avenue, Home Hill.

4.0 **Electoral Boundary Changes and Map of Proposed Burdekin Electorate**

4.1 The reasons for the Queensland Redistribution Commission's decision on changes to the Burdekin Electorate are set out in Appendix A to this report.

4.2 A map of the proposed electoral boundaries for the State Electorate of Burdekin is set out in Appendix B.

5.0 **Council to Consider its Position on any Further Submissions to the Queensland Redistribution Commission**

5.1 I will table for Council's information, a map showing the boundary of the Queensland Electoral District of Burdekin prior to review of the boundaries by the Queensland Redistribution Commission.

5.2 The Commission's report/descriptions refers to the inclusion of Collinsville within the proposed Electorate of Burdekin. Although it is not clear from the description, an examination of the map and comparing the same with the existing Electorate map of Burdekin will show that the townships of Ravenswood and Mingela are no longer included within the boundaries of the Burdekin Electorate.

5.3 The Council's submission supporting the retention of the Burdekin Shire within the boundaries of the Burdekin Electorate and the facts and circumstances relied on by Council in its submission to the Commission, appear to have been favourably considered.

5.4 It is now for Council to decide whether it wishes to make any further representations to the Commission in relation to the proposed Queensland Electoral Boundaries for the Electorate of Burdekin.

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G.J. Webb,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.
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The Commission is of the view that the new electorate should cross the Ross River and include the suburb of Annandale and James Cook University. The Commission considers that it is much more appropriate for James Cook University to be included in a Townsville electorate, rather than the electorate of Burdekin. The Commission also proposes that the existing electorate contract to the west to Charters Towers Road, thereby shedding Hermit Park and Railway Estate to the proposed electorate of Townsville Central.

The Commission does not propose to change the name of this electorate.

Burdekin

As at 21 December 1998, Burdekin was 4.6% above quota and expected, by June 2005, to be .7% above quota.

The Commission considers that the local government area of Burdekin should remain wholly within this proposed electorate, but that the existing district should move eastward to absorb most of the Shire of Bowen (but not Bowen township) and the town of Collinsville from the existing district of Whitsunday. The proposed electorate will no longer be bordered in the north by the Ross River, as the Commission proposes that it lose Annandale and James Cook University to the proposed electorate of Mundingburra. However, the Commission also proposes that it absorb much of the rural part of the existing district of Thuringowa.

In the west, the Commission proposes that the new district boundary follow the shire boundary between Dalrymple and Burdekin Shires. This will result in part of the Shire of Dalrymple being transferred to the proposed district of Charters Towers.

As the proposed electorate still contains the whole of the Burdekin local government area, no name change is contemplated by the Commission.

Whitsunday

Whitsunday was 2.2% above quota on 21 December 1998 and expected to increase to 8% above quota by June 2005.

The Commission considers that the existing district should contract to the south and lose the small township of Merinda to the proposed electorate of Burdekin. In the south, the existing district should contract further towards the coast and lose Collinsville to the proposed electorate of Burdekin and a rural area south of Collinsville to the proposed district of Charters Towers. Bowen township, however, will remain within this electorate.

As this proposed electorate will still contain the whole of the local government area of Whitsunday, no name change is proposed.

Mirani

The district of Mirani is increasing in enrolments, being 12.5% above quota on 21 December and expected to be 16.3% above quota in June 2005.

The Commission proposes that most of the boundaries of the existing electorate remain unchanged. The only changes proposed are the loss of Beaconsfield in the north to the proposed electorate of Mackay Central, and an expansion into the existing district of Mackay so as to include Mackay Airport. The Commission recognises that the inclusion of Mackay airport in the proposed electorate of Mirani is less than ideal, but it was unavoidable due to quota requirements.

As only minor changes have been made to the existing Mirani electorate, the Commission does not propose to change its name.

Mackay Central

As at 21 December 1998, Mackay was only just within permitted tolerances, being 9.3% below quota. It was expected to decline further so as to be 18.8% below quota in June 2005.

The Commission proposes to augment the existing district of Mackay by adding to it the developing area of Beaconsfield in the north. The existing district will, however, lose an area in the south to the proposed electorate of Mirani.

Because of the reasons previously given, the Commission proposes to rename this electorate Mackay Central.

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APPENDIX "B"

PROPOSED QUEENSLAND ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES
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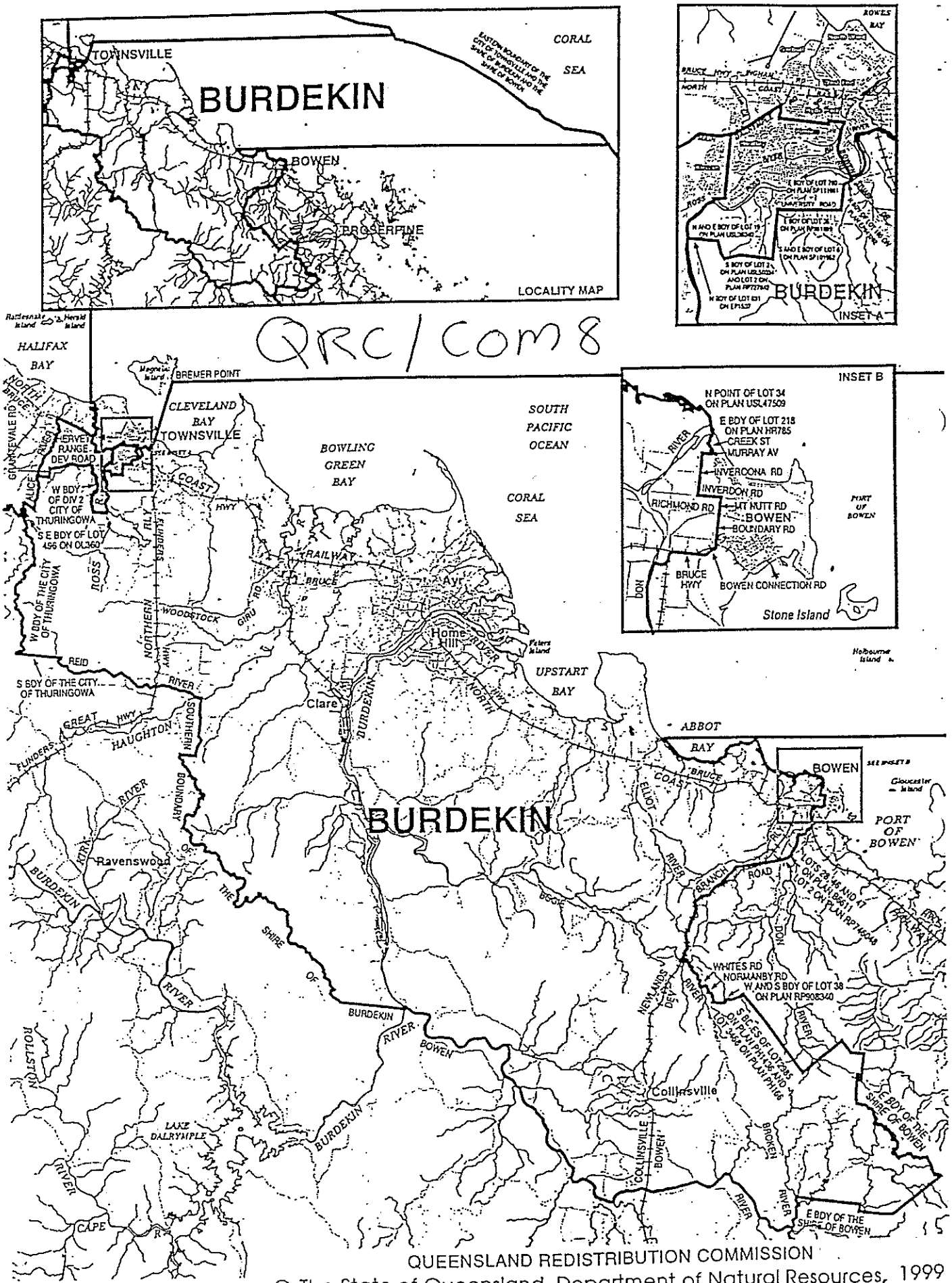

QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

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18 May 1999

Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Proposed Queensland Electoral District

Reference is made to the above proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries relating to changes to both the Warrego and Gregory electorates, and in particular the relocation of Charleville and Quilpie into the Gregory electorate.

The Bulloo Shire Council has been an active representative on both the S.W.R.E.D. (South West Regional Economic Development Board) and Elsewhere Housing Board encompassing the shires of Murweh (Charleville), Paroo (Cunnamulla), Quilpie and Bulloo (Thargomindah) since its inception in the early part of the 1980s.

These Boards were established to stimulate economic growth within the south west region of the state and the geographical location of the Boards were chosen due to the similarity of these shires in both economic and demographic statistics.

Government funding and resourcing of both Federal and State Government programs are initiated via electoral boundaries, with the current electoral redistribution identifying both Murweh and Quilpie shires aligning with the central west region. Bulloo Shire having to seek representation even further east than currently situated.

This diversion in the region has much wider implications than purely economic and political comparisons.

All program initiatives be it for community, social, justice or lifestyle changes has readily been accepted that the south west region of Queensland shall consist of the four shires currently Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie and Bulloo situated in the lower south west corner of the state, on the basis of their economic, demographic and social principals.

This redistribution effectively splits this region in two and aligns Quilpie and Murweh Shires with a region, which has little or no similarities to the south west.

As such, our shire is bitterly disappointed at the current identification of electoral boundaries for Gregory and Warrego, and like to strongly voice their objections to the proposed changes to these electorates.

Yours faithfully

Peter Stewart
Chief Executive Officer

Mrs E Holden
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24th May 1999

Electoral Commission of Queensland
Level 6/60
Mary Street
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Dear Sir

I would like to lodge an objection to the proposed changes in the Queensland State electoral boundaries, and especially in the seat of Barambah.

It is apparent that Barambah has **not** met the criteria whereby a seat should be changed and therefore should be left alone. People resent being changed around for no just cause and if you have good reason for these proposed changes, I would appreciate hearing them.

Yours faithfully

E. Holden

MRS. E. HOLDEN

Mr and Mrs C Hood
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The Electoral Commission of Queensland
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Dear Sir

We wish to lodge an objection to the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries, and especially to the Barambah electorate.

It is apparent the Barambah electorate does not meet the criteria necessary to justify a change of boundary and therefore should be left alone.

The people are heartily tired of being changed about without just cause and if the Electoral Government believes they have just cause to change the Barambah boundary, we would like to hear it.

Yours sincerely

C. Hood

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Maroochy Shire Council

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24 May 1999

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His Honour JP Judge Shanahan
Chairperson
State Redistribution Commission
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FACSIMILE NO: 07 3229 7391

Dear Sir

REALIGNMENT OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

I submit Maroochy Shire Council comments to the State Redistribution Commission of Queensland on the proposed changes to the State electoral boundaries within Maroochy Shire.

Yours faithfully

GARY EHSMAN
MANAGER ADMINISTRATION

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Maroochy Shire Council

SUBMISSION

from: Maroochy Shire Council

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STATE REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

REALIGNMENT OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

This submission by Maroochy Shire Council raises concerns in loss of community interest the proposed realignment of the State boundaries of Nanango and Noosa, particularly with the loss of the communities of Kenilworth and Eumundi from Maroochydore to the electorate of Nanango.

The main areas of concern are the proposed new electorate boundaries of:

Coolum / Yaroomba / Marcoola
Yandina / Doonan / Eumundi
Kenilworth / Belli / Mapleton

1. COOLUM AREA

The existing boundaries between the electorates of Noosa and Maroochydore currently coincide with the divisional boundary as they apply in local government areas. The proposed electoral boundary changes as advertised have moved the new boundary between these electorates North so that it splits the local areas of Yaroomba, Mt Coolum and Point Arkwright from the Coolum district.

These communities have had a long history of community of interest with Coolum and today form a clear part of the broader Coolum community. These areas do not relate in any strong way with Maroochydore and the major centres that make up the Maroochydore electorate.

The Coolum district has always had a strong relationship with the Noosa area and Council would strongly recommend that the new electoral boundaries should be reinstated along their current boundaries in this particular area.

2. KENILWORTH AREA

In this area the principles of adhering to the Shire boundaries and containing rather than dividing the community of interest have not been adhered to. The whole area is clearly oriented in regard to commerce, transport, social and other interests towards the Nambour area. The road network connecting this area with Nanango directly are virtually non existent. A boundary between Nanango and Nicklin should acknowledge the shire boundaries between Caloundra City and Maroochy Shire as far as possible and certainly the areas of Kenilworth, Mapleton and the surrounding areas of Belli must be included in the electorate of Nicklin.

Furthermore, in general terms, the proposal of maintaining the community of interest in one electorate should be acknowledged. For example, the Nambour Mapleton Road, under these circumstances, cannot form a boundary between electorates as both sides of the road have a clear interest in common and would both have the same orientation towards Nambour .

Rivers and State Forests should well form part of the boundaries instead.

MAROOCHY SHIRE COUNCIL SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED REALIGNMENT OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

YANDINA/SURROUNDING AREAS

The community of interest of Yandina, Kenilworth, Mapleton and Belli should not be divorced from other areas to the east. As they relate more to the coastal area rather than Nanango in terms of shopping and day to day living the community of interest of areas of Doonan and Eumundi are to the North not to the South and that moving the boundary of Noosa Shire to take in Eumundi, Doonan areas would compensate for the boundaries of Nicklin moving west.

The community of interest comes under legislative criteria Section 46(1) of the Act.

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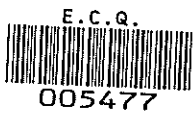

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The Commissioners
Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Dear Sir, **RE: PROPOSED QUEENSLAND ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES**
Your Reference: QRC/OBJ/COM

On behalf of this association I respond under Section 49(2) of the Act to the objections

The number of electors west of the North Coast Railway in the Eudlo District which the local community considers should be included in the Nicklin Electorate is 379 (ABS 1996). The support for this view is indicated in the objections lodged by the local community, viz. 190 Objections by Petition and at least 25 by individuals or organisations. On this basis, more than 50% of the community have actively supported this view

However, one objection is contrary to this view, viz. No 869 lodged by the ALP organisation. This objection states that if the electors of this small area were included in the Glasshouse Electorate it would:

- reduce elector confusion
- better satisfy community of interest criteria.

We submit that this objection is based on totally incorrect and unsubstantiated information in that:

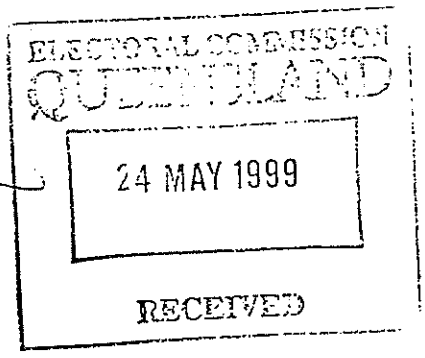
* there is no evidence of community consultation by the ALP Organisation
* the evidence of community of interest is correctly documented in other objections which we hereby endorse.
* Voting for electors at all elections is conducted at the Eudlo Hall or Eudlo State School
* these electors all reside in postcode area Eudlo 4554.

In conclusion, we refer you in particular to the objections which support the view that this part of the Eudlo District be included in the Nicklin Electorate:

* No 745 by this Association
* No 133 by the Mooloolah Valley Community Association Inc.
* No 750 by the Eudlo Hall and Recreation Grounds Committee Inc.
* No 851 by Eudlo & Ilkley Landcare Group Inc.
* No 422 by Nicklin MLA Wellington
* No 810 by Mooloolah MLA Laming
* No 848 by Liberal Party Organisation
* No 814 by National Party Organisation
* No801 by Councillor Coleman representing the area of the Caloundra City Shire adjacent to the Eudlo District.

Yours faithfully

A. R. HAMMOND
CHAIRMAN



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QRC/Com 14

Dear Sir

Comment on ALP Submission

I write in support of the A.L.P. submission seeking to place Gumdale into the new electorate of Lytton.

As a long time resident of Gumdale, I have more affinity with the bayside suburbs than I do with the eastern suburbs of Brisbane. This is easily supported by the fact that my local newspaper, the Wynnum Herald, is the only paper I receive. This paper is based solely in the bay side.

Most de-centralised government services serving Gumdale are also centred with in the bayside area.

My family also knows that shopping and entertainment facilities are more accessible in the bay suburbs and hence that is the region we naturally migrate too.

Our local Primary school, Gumdale State School, draws a significant number of its students from the surrounding area towards the bay. One of my children attends Moreton Bay College at Wynnum West. This would indicate that it is not only my family that find affinity with the bayside, but also a large number of my neighbours. My children attend Iona Swimming club and Vikings Cricket Club, both of which are within the bay area of the new electorate of Lytton.

It is for these reasons that I make submission to you to retain my suburb in the new electorate of Lytton. Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Yours faithfully

Geoff Gallagher

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PROPOSED QUEENSLAND ELECTORAL DISTRICTS - SUNSHINE COAST HINTERLAND

ref : Pages 17-18 and Maps 45, 75 and 77 of your April 99 'Reasons Descriptions and Maps'

I am writing in response to the ' Public Objections to the Proposed Redistribution of Queensland's Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts'.

Your original 'Proposals' for this region acknowledge the division which exists between the community of interest of electors on the coast and the community of interest of hinterland electors.

The CEO of Caboolture Shire's submission (QRC/OBJ 841 top page 94) points out that:

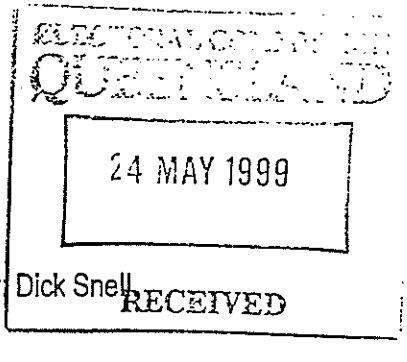
> 'it is difficult to sustain an argument that there is a community of interest between the residents of the urban corridor of Caboolture experiencing rapid growth and urban development issues, and those of Maleny and the railway towns of Caloundra City.'

We agree with this statement. Furthermore, of the many objections to the original proposals none disputed this, rather they were objections about the splitting of townships.

However, we note that QRC/OBJ 422, QRC/OBJ 810 and QRC/OBJ 801 agree with each other that the boundary between Glasshouse and Nicklin should follow the boundary between Maroochy Shire and Caloundra City Councils. This Committee has reservations about the validity and motivation for the position put in those submissions.

This Committee has been in existence for nearly four years. We have produced two documents, a very well supported petition and have held many public meetings and discussions based on the Community of Interest of the Sunshine Coast Hinterland which covers the western divisions of both Caloundra City and Maroochy Shire Councils. We are very well aware that both Councils are against the community on this issue and caution about taking those suggestions in the above referenced submissions at face value.

We strongly contend that the community of interest in this region runs north-south as you have acknowledged not east-west as other self interested bodies might suggest.



The Committee proposes that on the basis of your original comments and the majority of submissions on the proposal that the electorate of Glasshouse be established along the lines of our proposal for a Sunshine Coast Hinterland Shire.

It would incorporate Beerburrum in the south and, using the Bruce Highway as its eastern boundary, Yandina in the north. The western boundary would follow the local government western boundaries of Maroochy and Caloundra City shires. We have previously established that this area would have a population of around 25,000 (1996 figures) electors omitting the township of Nambour.

For further detail on this region and community of interest I refer you to the Sunshine Coast Hinterland Shire Steering Committees submission ' The Formation of a New Shire in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland, December 9, 1997'. A copy is held by the Electoral Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of the points raised. I look forward with interest to your final proposals.

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Comments on an Objection

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Objection by
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Reesville, Belthorpe & Booroobin
commenting in support

7 pages
109 signatures

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QRC/OBJ/COM. Re - Proposed Queensland Electoral Districts

Whilst the majority of objections identify the inherent problems associated with many of the Commission's proposals, some offering solutions warrant full support, especially those relating to the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

Further-

Objection 811-

Considers not only the disadvantages facing the people of the South Burnett, particularly the 7000 voters in the Shires of Wondai. Murgon, Cherbourg and Kilkivan .but also those of the other communities affected by the abolition of Barambah and the adoption of the proposed Nanango and revamped Callide.

Objection 789 -

Overlooks the fact that the majority of residents are closer to and have more in common with the areas of Murgon, Wondai and Kingaroy than they do with Gympie.

Objection 142-

Is "Shire Only" orientated , omits to point out that, if adopted, would add approx 4000 voters to the proposed Nanango and gives no account to the interests of the people of the South Burnett or Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

Objections 66 & 205-

Both demonstrate the contrast of interest between some of the communities proposed to be included in the new Callide.

Particularly disappointing is the expressed views of the Political Partys [Nat. Lib. & Lab.] who,having enjoyed access to the EDAMS program ,had the facilities available to present a comprehensive proposal to maintain the integrity of the South Burnett Region. - One could be tempted to think that,when formulating their objections, calculated electoral advantage may have outweighed consideration for the best interests of the people of Qld.

Given the next scheduled State election is not due for another two years I especially wish to draw the Commissions attention to the last paragraphs of Objections 424 and 811, both of which suggest the need for Legislative Change prior to finalization of the Redistribution . It would seem there is ample time for such an approach to be adopted.

Sincerely,

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Dear Sir

OBJECTION OF STATE GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION

At the Council's Ordinary Monthly meeting of 21 April 1999 this Council voted unanimously to object to the proposed redistribution of State Government electoral boundaries which will include the northern areas of Thuringowa within the Hinchinbrook State electorate.

Council objects to the change on the following grounds:

- There will be no community of interest with the sugar cane growing area of Hinchinbrook Shire Council. Residents of the northern beaches area are aligned principally with the City of Thuringowa and Townsville and have little association with Hinchinbrook.

- Thuringowa residents will be largely unrepresented as the office of the Member for Hinchinbrook is located in Ingham.

- Thuringowa is recognised as a major growth area in Queensland and it is considered the proposed redistribution of its boundaries will be a retrograde step.

Your urgent reconsideration of this proposal is requested.

Yours faithfully

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The National Party of Australia - Queensland has taken the opportunity to consider the written Objections lodged with the Redistribution Commission on the proposed electoral boundaries released on Friday 9 April, 1999 and now under Section 49(2) of the Act offers its comments on Objections lodged with the Commission.

The National Party's original Submission argued that the Redistribution Commission, when preparing proposed boundaries for public consideration, should pursue **minimal change** to existing electoral boundaries whilst adhering to Section 45(1) of the Electoral Act - Proposed electoral redistribution must be within numerical limits.

It is noted that 884 Objections were lodged with the Redistribution Commission. This large number is understandable as there are many dislocations brought about by the need of the Redistribution Commission to comply with the Act.

The majority of the Submissions related to local community dislocations. However, in presenting alternatives to the Redistribution Commission many of these omitted to analyse the consequences of such change on a State-wide basis. We urge the Redistribution Commission against changes that have State-wide implications.

We stated in our Objection to the Proposed Redistribution of Queensland's Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts that we generally supported the Redistribution Commission's recommendations. We hold to that opinion and restate it.

Having analysed the Objections raised in Volumes 1 & 2, we urge the Redistribution Commission to maintain the principle of minimal change. The National Party Objection noted that this principle was recognised and implemented by the Redistribution Commission. If this had not been the case even higher levels of community dissatisfaction with the proposed boundaries would have been evidenced.

Whilst the National Party can empathise with many of the arguments put to the Redistribution Commission, the Party suggests that the Redistribution Commission should consider the consequences of each on a State-wide basis, and in particular:

- whether, in implementing such proposals, substantial change and large shifts in elector numbers would result;
- whether, in implementing such proposals, there is a negative impact in terms of matters outlined under Section 46(1) to other areas of the State; and
- the impact of such amendments on the quota requirements set out in Section 45 of the Electoral Act.

Of the 884 Objections it would seem that only three Objections lodged with the Redistribution Commission sought to address such issues on a State-wide basis. Of these, the National Party Objection offers detailed proposed amendments that recognise and meet the legislative requirements that need be addressed by the Redistribution Commission, under Sections 45 and 46 of the Electoral Act. Such an approach is also evidenced in the Objection lodged by the Queensland Liberals. Both of these Objections, whilst identifying legitimate community concerns, provide detailed solutions in terms of CCD transfers for the Redistribution Commission's consideration.

The ALP's Objections, as was the case with its initial Submission to the Redistribution Commission, have once again stopped short of presenting to the public and the Redistribution Commission the details against which its proposals can be tested for compliance. QRC/com 19

The National Party puts before the Redistribution Commission comments on specific Objections to the Proposed Redistribution of Queensland's Legislative Assembly Electoral Districts:

PROPOSED LARGE AREA SEATS

The National Party Objection acknowledged that there was some local community concern within the State's five large area seats about the proposed electoral boundaries. This is apparent from the substantial body of Objections that the Redistribution Commission has received.

The Redistribution Commission has been urged to consider a range of transfer options which would precipitate substantial change throughout western, north-west and north Queensland. Conversely, the Redistribution Commission has also been offered practical proposals that, while seeking to address community of interest concerns, minimise the impact of change. The National Party urges the Redistribution Commission to consider those proposals that reflect the principle of minimal change.

PROPOSED NORTHERN ELECTORATES

The Objection lodged by the National Party provides a clear set of amendments that, when fully implemented, would provide solutions to community concerns expressed throughout the entire North Queensland region. This is in contrast to the proposed ALP amendments that failed to recognise concerns in this region.

PROPOSED MACKAY/MIRANI

The National Party reaffirms that there should be no change to the proposed boundaries of Mackay and Mirani. The concerns of residents of the Andergrove / Beconsfield have been addressed - a transfer that was supported by the ALP Submission. The ALP now argues for the Mackay/Mirani boundary to again be revisited which, it appears, would result in the transfer of a significant growth area from Mackay. The Redistribution Commission is reminded that the ALP, in its original Submission, noted *"as with most urban regional seats in Queensland, the seat of Mackay has failed to grow in enrolment compared to its neighbouring seats"*. To remove a growth area from the electorate would be a regressive step.

PROPOSED SUNSHINE COAST ELECTORATES - [INCLUDING NANANGO]

The National Party recognises that the Redistribution Commission has received a large number of Objections from local community organisations and individuals to the proposed boundaries of the Sunshine Coast region. It is the contention of the National Party that the Redistribution Commission should seek to address community dislocation evidenced between the proposed electorates of Nanango, Nicklin and Glasshouse.

SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND ELECTORATES

The National Party reaffirms its Objection with respect to this area, particularly the amendment to the identified anomalies. On analysis of the Objections to the Redistribution Commission it would appear that a number of respondents propose amendments that would result in substantial change to the proposed electoral boundaries. In resolving minor anomalies, the National Party would urge the Redistribution Commission to maintain the principle of minimal change.

We note that there were a number of Objections to the proposed name of Condamine. We agree with the Objections, as the name Condamine historically refers to an electoral district based on Dalby and the Western Downs. There is a further complication as there exists a township of Condamine, which is located in the proposed electorate of Warrego.

THE AREA BETWEEN BRISBANE AND THE GOLD COAST

BRISBANE SOUTH OF THE BRISBANE RIVER

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THE IPSWICH AREA

In addition to those Objections received from the major political parties, the Redistribution Commission received a large number of Objections from individuals and community groups for these areas. Again, the National Party reiterates that the Redistribution Commission should address only anomalies. We are concerned, that whilst the ALP seeks to promote each proposal as a minor amendment, the cumulative impact of such amendments is considerable.

CONCLUSION

The National Party reaffirms the Objection it lodged with the Redistribution Commission on May 10th, 1999. The Objections outlined by the Party seek to balance the often divergent goals of Section 45 and Section 46 of the Electoral Act, whilst pursuing the principle of **minimal change**.

In this closing stage of the Redistribution process we take the opportunity to acknowledge the professionalism of the Redistribution Commission and staff of the Electoral Commission of Queensland in undertaking their complex task.

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Dear Mrs Aurisch

Please find enclosed comments on objections to the proposed electoral redistribution on behalf of the Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division).

Should you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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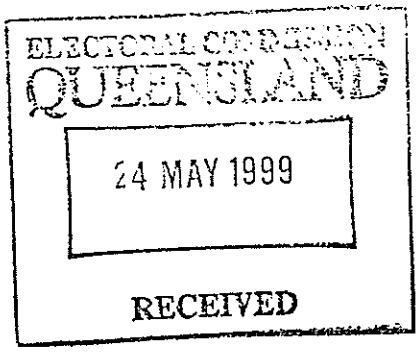

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COMMENTS ON OBJECTIONS

TO

PROPOSED ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION

THE LIBERAL PARTY OF AUSTRALIA (QLD DIVISION)

24 May 1999

In commenting upon objections to the proposed redistribution the Liberal Party does not propose to cover all objections lodged with the Queensland Redistribution Commission.

Remarks will be limited to areas of significant disagreement, to the discussion of any new issues or where matters raised by the Liberal Party earlier in the redistribution process are commented upon.

Where appropriate, matters will be dealt with according to geographic location or by objection.

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A. AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY (QRC/OBJ 869)

(a) Name Changes

The Liberal Party believes the name of an electorate must reflect the general area in which it is located. Accordingly, the division of a suburb between two or more seats renders that suburb name inappropriate to be applied to one of those seats. To so apply a suburb name can only cause unnecessary confusion amongst electors.

With the proposed division of the suburbs of Mansfield (between Burbank and Chatsworth) and Kallangur (between Narangba and Murrumba) these names are now inappropriate and alternatives are required. Burbank satisfies the criteria in the first instance (though Wishart could apply equally) while Narangba is appropriate in the second. Unless radical changes were made to the proposed electorate of Algester, Archerfield remains an entirely inappropriate name.

(b) Sunshine Coast

A series of changes has been proposed which would ultimately result in a significant imbalance between the three seats involved - Noosa, Maroochydore and Nicklin. The addition of Coolum (from Noosa) to Maroochydore could not be compensated for by the transfer to Nicklin of any part of Woombye not already included in that electorate.

Two significant changes concerning Eumundi and Woombye and a major change involving Coolum would leave Noosa's enrolments significantly depressed while Maroochydore's enrolments would be well above quota. There would be little net impact on enrolments in Nicklin.

In the face of these obstacles there is little justification in accepting the changes suggested. It is unclear what shortcoming is being corrected and it would appear that the resulting inequality in enrolment figures would preclude the changes suggested from being made.

(c) Chatsworth QRC/Com 20

The ALP has proposed changes in relation to Chatsworth which, because of their magnitude, will require significant alteration to the boundaries of the proposed electorates of Bulimba and Lytton. It is proposed that 6,100 electors be moved in and out of Chatsworth, 4,500 in and out of Bulimba and 4,000 in and out of Lytton.

The difficulty with these proposals is that, despite the conviction that the area to be included in Chatsworth "has a far more significant community of interest with the other portions of Camp Hill, Carina and Carindale, which are within the electorate of Chatsworth, than with the electorate of Bulimba", the solution to the perceived problem results in a greater anomaly than that which it seeks to correct.

The additions to Chatsworth and Bulimba are relatively benign. However, to accommodate these changes the addition of 2800 electors to Lytton will result in an electorate whose character would be significantly changed. Lytton will extend into the suburbs of Belmont, Chandler, Capalaba West, Gumdale, Wakerly and Ransome - areas which have minimal relationship to the bayside suburbs from which Lytton draws its character.

The bulk of the area involved in this proposal consists of acreage acting as a link between the more developed sections of Brisbane and the Redland Shire. There is little in common with the more densely settled areas of Lytton extending a minimal distance from the shores of Moreton Bay and the banks of the Brisbane River.

Simply to reunite suburban areas in Brisbane around Camp Hill and Carina hardly justifies the creation of a new Lytton with a totally changed character.

(d) Algester

Motivated by a desire to relieve the significant growth pressures in the proposed seat of Algester, the ALP has suggested a number of changes which will have adverse impacts on surrounding electorates.

The principal reasons for rejecting this objection are :

- The resulting Lockyer could only be described as ridiculous. It would exacerbate the shortcomings that are evident in the Commission's proposed Lockyer by extending it further eastwards away from its rural base.

- Removing the suburbs of Rocklea, Archerfield and Coopers Plains from the proposed Yeerongpilly without any compensation would aggravate the population decline within that electorate.

- The inclusion of Forrest Lake in Inala would create enrolment anomalies within the new Algester boundaries.

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The boundaries suggested by the ALP create more problems than they claim to correct. The resulting problems within Lockyer and Yeerongpilly, in particular, are compelling reasons to reject this proposal.

(d) Mount Ommaney

The ALP has embarked on a further attempt to have part of Oxley placed in Mount Ommaney having failed in their endeavours earlier in the redistribution process.

Despite Labor's claim that it seeks to "maintain consistency for people in the existing Mount Ommaney electorate", this is simply not true. Labor is endeavouring to remove from the proposed Inala to Mount Ommaney not only parts of Oxley currently in the latter electorate but also the remainder of Oxley as well as the suburb of Darra presently in Inala. This is a significant change which will move many electors from Inala to Mount Ommaney without cause.

To suggest electors have a difficulty in crossing the Ipswich Motorway or that they are confused by the current or proposed boundaries is a remarkable statement made without resort to any evidence.

It should also be noted that in the submission by Councillor Jim Soorley, Lord Mayor of Brisbane, to the Local Government Electoral and Boundaries Review Commission (BCC/S5) it was suggested that the bulk of the suburb of Oxley be removed from Jamboree ward (the BCC equivalent of Mount Ommaney).

Despite Labor's assertion, its proposal does not utilise "natural boundaries" to define Mount Ommaney. Its use of man-made boundaries, such as the Centenary Highway and the Ipswich Motorway, relies on natural boundaries to no greater or lesser extent than does the Commission.

To accommodate this change Labor proposes the removal of parts of the suburb of Sherwood and their inclusion in Indooroopilly. This is an unnecessary inclusion in Indooroopilly and is contrary to Labor's stated intention to "maintain consistency for people in the existing Mount Ommaney electorate."

(e) Aspley, Everton and Stafford

Labor proposes changes between these three electorates. While the utility of what is suggested is acknowledged, it divides the suburbs of McDowall, Stafford, Chermside and Chermside West. This shortcoming can be overcome by adapting the suggestion outlined by the Liberal Party (QRC/OBJ 848) while the principal anomaly in Aspley (the inclusion of Strathpine) has also been addressed by Councillor Yvonne Chapman on behalf of the Pine Rivers Shire Council (QRC/OBJ 135).

B. L. HALL (QRC/OBJ 33) QRC/COM 20

This is one of a number of proforma letters organised by Messrs Lee, Herbst and Mackee seeking the return of all of Oxley to Mount Ommaney. It raises no substantive issues that were not canvassed by the ALP (QRC/OBJ 869)

C. PETER WELLINGTON, MLA (QRC/OBJ 422)

A series of changes is proposed to the electorates of Nicklin, Noosa, Nanango and Glasshouse.

While there is some merit in what is suggested, the changes, if adopted, would result in significant and unnecessary deviations from the quota throughout the currency of the boundaries. Under the Commission's proposals the difference between the populations of the largest (Nicklin) and the smallest (Nanango) seat is just under 20 percent in 2005. Under Mr Wellington's proposals this blows out to just under 40 percent. This is not fatal to the proposals but introduces an additional aspect of inequality.

It is acknowledged that the Sunshine Coast is an area of significant growth. Consequently, it is not always possible to contain within one electorate an entire local authority. This problem will increase as population growth occurs. Rather than seek to coral voters within one such electorate attention should be paid to expected patterns of growth to ensure boundaries reflect those movements.

D. PHIL REEVES, MLA (QRC/OBJ 797)

The issue of the naming of Burbank has been addressed in relation to the ALP. (QRC/OBJ 869).

E. CLAYFIELD BRANCH OF THE ALP (QRC/OBJ 872)

The boundary changes proposed by the Commission are not sufficient to justify a name change. Neither of the four alternatives suggested in this submission better reflects the essential character of the electorate.

Clayfield is a longstanding electorate name which was revived in 1992. With minimal boundary changes it would be pointless to change the name to that of another suburb, a shopping centre, an aviator and road, or a bridge which has as many links to Bulimba as it does to Clayfield.

This notion is ill-conceived.

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G. WITHCOTT PROGRESS ASSOCIATION (QRC/OBJ 57)

The Association has requested that the town of Withcott be returned to the electorate of Lockyer rather than be included in the proposed Toowoomba South.

The Liberal Party shares the concern expressed by the Association and suggests that the Commission alters the proposed boundaries as suggested. The 893 electors intended to be drawn from Lockyer should be returned to that electorate. This would ensure that Lockyer remains below quota with an enrolment of 23, 689.

The subsequent shortfall in enrolments in Toowoomba South could be overcome by drawing a similar number of electors from Toowoomba North, Cunningham or Darling Downs.

This issue was also raised by Dr Peter Prenzler MLA (QRC/OBJ 268) who favoured the transfer of Withcott to Toowoomba South as proposed by the Commission.

At the same time Dr Prenzler raised the issue of the retention in Lockyer of the Greenbank and Flagstone areas. Dr Prenzler has advanced a solution which, while superficially attractive, could create more problems than it seeks to correct.

In its "Proposed Queensland Electorate Districts – Reasons, Descriptions and Maps" the Commission proposed a Beaudesert which, in losing over 6,000 electors from its predominantly urban north, is intended to be based on the Beaudesert and Boonah Shires. Adding the Greeenbank and Flagstone areas would turn back the policy the Commission has endeavoured to implement through its proposals.

While there are inconsistencies within the proposed Lockyer boundaries, it is not logical to transfer the resulting problem to a neighbouring electorate.

Consideration should also be given to the impact of Dr Prenzler's proposal on future enrolments. It is likely that the changes would further reduce Lockyer's enrolments in 2005 while sending Beaudesert's enrolments well above quote.

H. MRS SUZANNE WILSON (QRC/OBJ 25)

The Liberal Party does not support Mrs Wilson's suggestion that the "neighbourhood" north of the Gold Coast – Springbrook Road be included in Robina rather than Mudgeeraba. This road clearly divides the suburb of Carrara (in which Petherbridge Avenue is located) from the suburb of Merrimac.

It would be contrary to general principles if this major road was no longer used as a boundary between Mudgeeraba and Robina. This road is presently the boundary between the electorates of Nerang and Merrimac and there is no reason for it to change on this occasion.

I. BARRON RIVER

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A number of submissions have been made seeking the return to Barron River of the northern beaches area which the Commission proposes to include in Cook. The Liberal Party shares the concern expressed in these submissions and believes a solution may be found in areas to the far west.

The Winton Shire Council (QRC/OBJ 203) has suggested that the Winton Shire be transferred from the proposed electorate of Mount Isa to Charters Towers. It is contended that, while residents of the Shire look to Longreach, in Gregory, rather than to Mount Isa, the inclusion of the shire in Charters Towers is preferable to the Commission's proposal.

To compensate for this the Shire of Etheridge could be included in Cook (rather than Charters Towers) with electors in the northern beaches area to be returned to Barron River.

The interests of the residents of Winton and those to the north of Cairns would be better accommodated while enrolments within all four electorates should remain within quota.

The Liberal Party also reiterates its view that consideration should be given to changing the boundary between Barron River and Cairns as outlined in QRC/OBJ 848. This matter can be addressed separately from this particular issue.

J. THURINGOWA

A number of changes of submissions support the Liberal Party's remarks in relation to the proposed inclusion of northern beach localities in Hinchinbrook rather than Thuringowa.

These include Mr Ken Turner MLA (QRC/OBJ 266), a petition (QRC/OBJ 424) and the National Party (QRC/OBJ 814). The National Party also offers a similar solution to ensure Hinchinbrook, upon losing electors from the northern beaches, remains within quota by gaining electors from the proposed Tablelands.

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The Honourable Judge J P Shanahan
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Dear Judge Shanahan,

Please find attached the comments from the ALP on the 882 objections received by the Redistribution Commission.

If the opportunity arises for public hearings the ALP would be available however has contained all verbal arguments in the written submissions.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require further clarification of any matters contained in this report.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Kaiser
STATE SECRETARY

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Comments on Objections received by the Redistribution Commission.

The ALP has reviewed the 882 objections submissions lodged with the Redistribution Commission and would like to take this opportunity to make a series of comments about these objections and the requests for boundary changes.

The ALP has also noted the high use of 'form letters' and petitions for electors to lodge their objections.

The ALP will comment broadly on a number of key areas and if required would be available to make further comments at public hearings in the future.

Naming of Electorates

There appears to be broad support for the ALP's request that the unnecessary changes to electorate names not be made. In the case of the addition of the name 'Central' to a number of seats, both parliamentarians and community members alike have argued against the move.

The National Party submission has also supported the ALP claim in seats like the proposed Burbank having the name returned to that of Mansfield.

Though not of a strong view the ALP also supports other community objections in areas like the proposed Condamine to have the name returned to Warwick.

Barron River

The range of suggestions relating to Barron River electorate can be grouped into essentially two changes

A very large number of submissions have requested the return of Palm Cove and Clifton Beach to the electorate of Barron River from the proposed Cook.

The ALP recognises the unique nature of the Palm Cove and Clifton Beach area on the coastline north of Cairns. The ALP recognises clear links between these suburbs and those of Port Douglas. Both are a strong mix of residential and tourist resort developments. The arguments that support the continued placing of Port Douglas in Cook is a recognition that Cook is an electorate that encompasses a number of communities: the Cape in the north and the coastal strip north of Cairns.

The ALP also notes that the National Party of Queensland placed Palm Cove and Clifton Beach in Cook in their suggestions report and have raised no further objections to the boundaries of Barron River.

The suggested changes to Barron River is a recognition of the strong population growth and that the electorate of Barron River is shrinking back towards the City of Cairns, therefore necessitating the removal of areas to its north.

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The ALP also believes that the removal of such a large number of electors would have serious 'knock on' effects in other areas.

Cook would clearly have to gain more population or area and likewise Barron River would have to shed population. Subsequent changes can be envisaged in Cairns and Mulgrave and so on.

If this were to be done the ALP sees this as a major and significant change requiring further public consultation as provided for under the Act.

The removal of Palm Cove and Clifton Beach from the proposed Cook should be rejected.

The ALP recognises the arguments put by a range of people from Manunda and the arguments relating to the Redlynch area from the Liberal Party and other submissions. These areas are of similar numeric size so a swap would be possible, however the 'displacement of electors' argument used is true for both areas.

Mulgrave

The ALP has taken note of the boundaries of Tablelands and Mulgrave and the large number of community letters from electors in the Mirriwinni and Woopen Creek area.

The ALP believe the number of electors is fairly small, however would not support such a move if it meant large scale knock on effects to surrounding electorates.

Thuringowa

The ALP notes the Petition and submission organised by Ken Turner MLA. The petition with 569 names from towns closer to Ingham than Townsville suburbs still represents a minor fraction of the thousands of electors living in the 'Northern Beaches' area.

It is significant to note that the "Northern Beaches" and the older parts of Deeragun in the proposed Thuringowa are quite different in style and age of development. They represent quite separate communities.

The ALP also notes the attempt by the National Party to add a further 2000 electors by using the Black River as the boundary.

All of these changes have serious and huge knock on effects. If this were to be done the ALP sees this as a major and significant change requiring further public consultation as provided for under the Act.

Similarly none of the proposals explain at all where Hinchinbrook would recover electors from or after similar changes could Mundingburra hope to shed more electors to an already large Burdekin.

The current boundary represents a clear human made boundary that will not confuse electors. The changes to the electorate of Thuringowa are in clear recognition of fact

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that the electorate is becoming the third urban electorate of the greater Townsville region. Naturally, as is the case elsewhere in the State, boundaries will be placed between areas of high population and growth in urban areas.

The Redistribution Commission is urged to keep the boundary as proposed.

The Mackay Area

The ALP supports Objection 421 from petitioners of the South-East Mackay region – This objection deals with an area currently proposed for inclusion in the Seat of Mirani – which the petitioners wish to see included in the seat of Mackay Central. The subject is the area of East Mackay bounded by Bridge Road, the Mackay Airport, the Baker's Creek swamplands, and by the sea to the east.

The ALP has already raised its own objections (Submission number 869) to the these proposed boundaries. The ALP agrees with the arguments of the petitioners which relate to the strong historical, educational, recreational, social and business links to the electorate of Mackay – and to their isolation form the seat of Mirani.

Our own objections suggest an alteration elsewhere between the Mackay Central and Mirani boundaries to compensate for the inclusion of the East Mackay in Mackay Central. This would involve the transferring of the suburbs of Riversleigh and Oasis development from Mackay Central to Mirani – suburbs which already have an established community of interest with Mirani.

Mount Isa

The creation of a genuine North Western Queensland electorate has been achieved by the current proposed boundaries of Mount Isa.

The inclusion of the shire of Winton provides the electorate with much needed electors and area to maintain the required numbers for the redistribution.

The ALP would see its removal as a great change and notes the National Party have identified in OBJ 814 the changes are "too great".

Similarly the boundary changes placing Croydon and Etheridge Shires in Mount Isa are supported. These changes bring into line the recognised boundary between the federal electorates of Kennedy and Leichhardt. These communities have similar economic and social histories as other parts of the Mount Isa electorate such as mining.

The ALP does not support any changes to the electorate of Mount Isa and notes that if any changes were to be made they would be very significant.

Warrego

The ALP understands the many letters and objections placed by people from or representing the Charleville community.

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The ALP also notes the National Party submission OBJ 814 that changes to the western Queensland electorates seems to virtually impossible and that "changes which would be required are far too great". The ALP believes that the Redistribution Commission has kept whole communities together in Western Queensland along local government lines and as such should make no further change.

Hervey Bay and Maryborough

The ALP disagrees to all of the suggestions contained within Objection Number 438, which suggests the realigning of the Hervey Bay electorate.

Objection number 438 is based, to a large extent, on the premise that figures are incorrect. The ALP supports the populations projections made by the Electoral Commission on the Hervey Bay electorate.

The ALP points out that a month-by-month breakdown of population figures (as used in the Objection) over a four month period does not amount to a comprehensive analysis of population growth. Moreover, the recent growth figures released by the Hervey Bay City Council for the last 12 month period indicate a population growth of 3.1%. This makes Hervey bay one of the top four fastest growing cities in Australia.

In order to keep the Hervey Bay electorate within quota until the year 2005, it is necessary to take the areas to the west of the city, including Burrum, Burrum Heads, Howard, Toogoom, Torbanlea, etc – since population can not easily be transferred from the north, south or east of the city where rivers and ocean are boundaries.

Lockyer

The ALP has read in all the submissions essentially two proposals to change the boundaries of Lockyer.

The ALP doesn't have a view as to whether these changes would be seen as great changes requiring further consultation and as such support the arguments based on the community of interest arguments outlined by the objectors.

These two changes are to return that small area at the foot of the Toowoomba Range to Lockyer and to swap the area of Greenbank and Flagstone from Lockyer into Beaudesert in exchange for placing Boonah Shire into Lockyer.

Glasshouse

The ALP has read the many arguments advanced by a range of people and groups in relation to the townships of Witta and Reesville and Connondale being placed in Glasshouse.

This increase in electors would result in a massive increase in electors in an electorate that will experience very high growth anyway.

The suggested changes between Pumicestone and Glasshouse would also certainly mean breaking the good boundary of the Bruce Highway and Caboolture River.

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The ALP recognises the difficult task the Redistribution Commission faced in placing communities like Kenilworth and Connondale in Nanango, however these are internally consistent. This area represents the mountain hinterland communities rather than the coastal areas of the Sunshine Coast. This community has simply been placed along with other communities in the Southern Burnett into a regional electorate.

The ALP firmly objects to any changes to the boundaries of Glasshouse and believes that any change other than the reuniting of Eudlo in either Glasshouse or Nicklin should not be broached as this would cause large scale disruption to neighbouring electorates.

Aspley

The ALP disagrees with the section contained within the Liberal Party Objections, dealing with the transferring of the eastern portion of Strathpine to the electorate of Kurwongbah.

The ALP points out that the current split of the suburb of Strathpine to the electorates of Kurwongbah and Aspley has been in existence for 7 years, and has caused no community disruption in the suburb. The photographs included in the Liberal Party submission only further enforce the fact that Gympie Road is a major road and hard boundary that defines the community of Strathpine.

The populations figures used by the Liberal Party for Strathpine, and then for Eatons Hill/Cashmere do not reflect future growth patterns in the area. Strathpine is not a growth suburb. However figures recently released by the Pine rivers Shire Council show that Eatons Hill is in fact the only major growth area within the electorate of Kurwongbah.

The changes as outlined by the ALP in OBJ 869 appear to have broad acceptance that Mcdowall should be returned to Aspley and that all of Chermside be placed in the proposed electorate of Stafford.

Albert

There is a proposal contained in the Liberal Party objections submission (OBJ 848) that the community of Edens Landing should be placed in Albert and Eagleby should be placed in Waterford.

The main argument advanced in the Liberal Party submission is that Eagleby is a discrete community bounded by the Logan, Albert Rivers and the Pacific Highway.

Eagleby is a discrete community, entirely located within the region bounded by the Logan River to the North and the Albert River to South and is strongly connected to the Beenleigh and Albert region historically. Eagleby has no connections what so ever with the remainder of the proposed Waterford Division and should remain in Albert.

Eagleby also shares the same local government authority as the rest of Albert.

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The stronger rejection of the proposal however is that the Liberal Party proposal would see the natural communities of Bethania and Edens Landing split. These communities share school, shopping and community centre facilities. The Liberal Party proposal would also see not only Eagleby totally cut off from the rest of Waterford, but also all of Beenleigh as well. Electors would have to drive through Albert from both Eagleby and Beenleigh to reach the rest of the electorate.

Edens Landing and Bethania are both serviced by the Brisbane Beenleigh Road, with community of interest extending both to the East to Beenleigh and to the North and West to Loganlea and Kingston. These regions sit well in the electorate of Waterford.

A strong and growing community of interest exists between Edens Landing and Bethania – these communities share facilities like the Edens Landing State School and the Bethania Community Centre as well as the Bethania swimming pool.

The Pacific Highway is being upgraded to a 6 lane freeway as a clear boundary for seats like Springwood and Waterford. The ALP believes this hard boundary should be maintained and that Eagleby should remain in Albert.

The widening of the Pacific Highway in this region has allowed for a service road bridge over the Albert River meaning that residents from Eagleby can travel to other parts of Albert uninterrupted.

Mount Ommaney

The ALP agrees with Objections number 42-56, 68-73,84-85, 91-118, 152-176, 208-233, 302. 320-355, 425, 615-653 and 816-823. These objects relate to the alternation to the southern boundaries of the electorate which transfer part of the suburb of Oxley to the electorate which transfer part of the suburb of Oxley to the electorate of Inala.

The ALP agrees that Oxley should remain as a complete suburb within the electorate of Mount Ommaney. Our own objections (Submission number 869) raise clear arguments for this, highlighting the importance of allowing whole communities of interest in Oxley to remain intact.

The ALP submission establishes a range of community characteristics which are common to Oxley, and which would be disrupted if the suburb were to be split across two electorates. These include school communities, transport routes, State Government services, public facilities, local community groups and shopping centres.

To compensate for the re-inclusion of Oxley within Mount Ommaney, the ALP submission suggests a transfer from the northern boundaries of the electorate to that of Indooroopilly. This would mean that the suburb of Sherwood would be included entirely within Indooroopilly.

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Comment
on objections to boundary change removing Withcott from the Seat of Lockyer into Toowoomba South

Dear Mr O'Shea

Further to my correspondence of April 29,1999, which carried the official objection on behalf of the Withcott Progress Association Inc., to the above boundary change, I have noticed anomalies in the handling of these objections which I wish to discuss.

- Letter dated May 5, 1999 from the Electoral Commission Queensland confirming receipt of my objection and advising of the availability of public inspection of objections to be advertised, was only received by mail on Friday May 21.
- Further to the Commission's letter received May 21, dated May 5, which advises me to be aware of upcoming advertising on where the objections will be displayed, and a time-frame for lodging comments.
- My call today May 24, 1999 to Electoral Commission Queensland office resulted in my being informed that comments on objections close at 5pm today.
- My phone call to the Commission today has also made me aware that this process has already taken place.
- I am extremely disappointed to discover that these boundary changes are going to be pushed through without any genuine possibility of community consultation/comment.

Yours Sincerely

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Ms T Aurisch - Secretary
Qland Redistribution Commission

Dear Ms Aurisch,

re: **QRC/OBJ 800**

this Objection suggests changes in part of the northwestern and southern boundaries of the proposed new electorate of Glasshouse. Given that this was the first time that any of the objectors' committee have been involved in such a project we were aware that the submission may not have been submitted in the most useful manner.

We noted that a few of the Objections published referred to a CCD number, which our submission and petition did not. We were also concerned that we were not able to refer to specific RP numbers etc for our suggested boundaries, and were concerned that establishing these would add a significant burden to the Commsion's staff.

Now that our objection has been lodged, by the proper date, would we be able to add the appropriate details to the submission ?

Thank you,

John Chiarotto

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