

APPENDIX D

**Comments on Proposal Notice &
Public Submissions**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

Divisional Boundary Review of Moreton Bay Regional Council

The Moreton Bay Regional Council advised its electoral divisions no longer meet the voter enrolment requirements set down in the *Local Government Act 2009*. As a result, the Minister for Local Government has referred the matter to the Change Commission for independent assessment.

The Change Commission has proposed changes to the Council's internal boundaries (divisions) following a period of public suggestions.

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL

Comments on the Change Commission's proposal will be accepted until 5pm on 8 August 2019. Late submissions cannot be considered.

To view the proposal and make a submission, please see the Electoral Commission of Queensland's website: <https://ecq.qld.gov.au/lgr/moretonbay> or phone 1300 881 665.

When making a comment, please remember each division must have relatively the same number of voters (quota) to ensure each person's vote has the same value. The quota for the Moreton Bay Regional Council is 24,902 with a lower limit of 22,412 (-10%) and an upper limit of 27,392 (+10%).

Comments can be lodged through:

- Online Form

<https://ecq.qld.gov.au/lgr/moretonbay>

- Email

LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au

- Personal Delivery

Electoral Commission of Queensland
Level 20, 1 Eagle Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000

- Post

Local Government Change Commission
GPO Box 1393, BRISBANE QLD 4001

Submissions will be made available for public inspection. To discuss any privacy concerns, please phone 1300 881 665.

Pat Vidgen PSM

Electoral Commissioner

Divisional Boundary Review of Moreton Bay Regional Council

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Sent: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 10:15 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4958) Moreton Bay Regional Local Government Area - Joshua Allan

Online submission for **Moreton Bay Regional Local Government Area** from **Joshua Allan**

Submission Details

Name: Joshua Allan

Submission Text : I am very pleased that ECQ listened to my suggestions for deception bay and it will go from 3 councillors to just 1. I think the new boundary maps for Moreton Bay are much better as a whole, especially division 5.

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From: Adam Hain
Sent: Thursday, 25 July 2019 3:24 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Submission Div3 Moretonbay Regional Council boundary changes
Attachments: InkedDiv3 proposed V existing_LI.JPG

To whom it may concern,

Please find attached the map from the ECQ website showing the Div3 existing boundary overlayed against the proposed new boundaries.

As you will be aware it was a part of Councils submission to remove the area of the Caboolture Showgrounds, Historical society and the Queensland Equestrian centre from Division 3, under a claim of communities of interest. This area is highlighted in green on the attached map.

Whilst this was a decision that I didn't agree with, I did accept the Councils decision. I did however communicate to this office in the last round of submissions, that the adjacent area circled in pink is an integral part of that community and that it made no sense to split the green and pink areas apart. Council owns land as part of the State Equestrian Centre on both sides of Old Gypie rd leaving some of it in the pink area and some in the green. A zone that as a deemed "community of interest", will be very hard represented by two different Councillors over one singular land use.

The other important note to make, is that another 1000-1500 homes will be built in this pink area over the next term, potentially putting us back to another boundary change in in 2024. This area is North of the Diagonal highway and east of the trainline giving it very clear delineation in the community.

This new proposal will be very confusing to our residents.

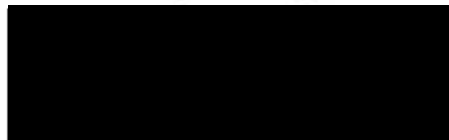
The other area circled in yellow is my own personal neighbourhood and a community that I have worked with for 3 ½ years, It is also a community with no future growth.

May I please appeal to your better judgement and have the yellow area put back in Div3 and the pink area removed alongside the already removed green area. This will avoid confusion, it will align better with postal boundaries and will ensure that very little population change to this division will happen in future.

Kind regards
Adam

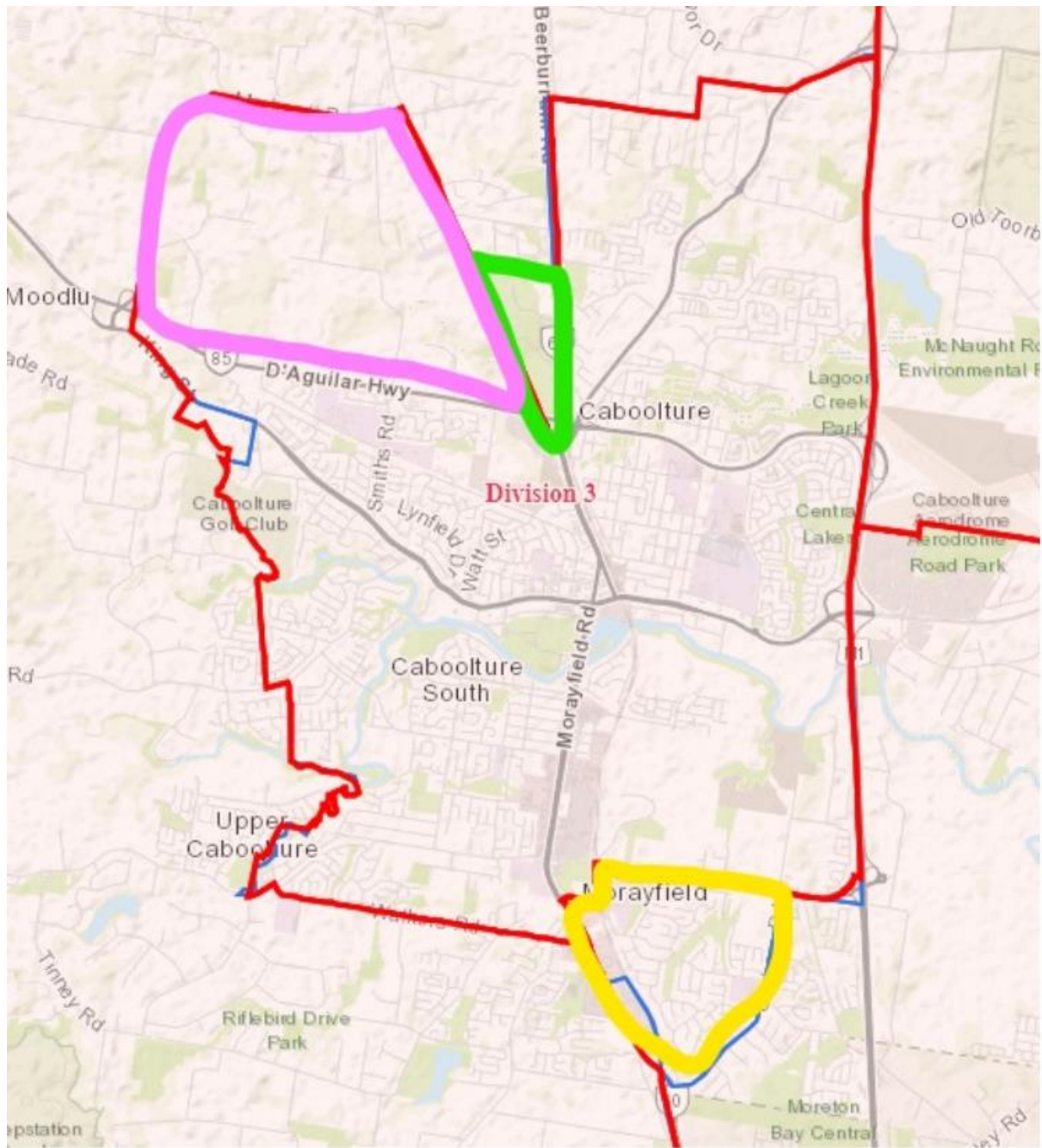


Cr Adam Hain
Representing Division 3



Moreton Bay
Regional Council

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<https://www.facebook.com/adamhaindiv3/>



Sent: Wednesday, 31 July 2019 11:28 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (5036) Moreton Bay Regional Local Government Area - Mick Gillam

Online submission for **Moreton Bay Regional Local Government Area** from **Mick Gillam**

Submission Details

Name: Mick Gillam

Submission Text : I must congratulate the Commission for what I believe to be an excellent redistribution of the Moreton Bay Region. Looking at the Region as a whole, most Divisions now comprise of whole suburbs where possible rather than the split suburbs we used to have. Looking at Division 8 in particular, it now comprises the whole suburbs of Strathpine, Bray Park, Lawnton and Petrie and the little bit of Kurwongbah which is close to Petrie. This provides areas of common interest and there is easy access between the parts of the division. The boundaries are definitely sensible and easily recognisable to residents as there are few split suburbs. The new University site is in Petrie suburb and it is included in the Division. Unfortunately the northern section of the University site is in Kallangur and this is in Division 7. It is a pity this couldn't be included as well. Thanks for a job well done.

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From: Wendy Colmer
Sent: Friday, 2 August 2019 7:00 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Moreton Bay Electorate changes

Dear Commission

Really not happy at the changes putting Oxley CRT into Division 10 from Division 9 Kind regards Wendy

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Friday, 2 August 2019 8:49 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (5054) Moreton Bay Regional Local Government Area - Paul Cole

Online submission for **Moreton Bay Regional Local Government Area** from **Paul Cole**

Submission Details

Name: Paul Cole

Submission Text : The small carve out of properties to the west of Park Road in Deception Bay placing them in Division 2 rather than 5 will, I believe, result in those constituents not receiving effective local representation. They should certainly be included in Division 5 to ensure that some of the lowest socio-economic constituents receive full and proper representation and do not risk further disenfranchisement such that they already experience with the current 3 way split between Divisions 2, 4 and 5. Deception Bay is set to be one of the most pivotal suburbs for social growth in the coming decade for the Moreton Bay Region and deserves clear leadership and engagement with a single dedicated representative.

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RE: Proposed new boundary for Division 2 Moreton Bay Regional Council

I wish to make a submission with respect to the proposed boundary.

I am resident of [REDACTED]. The operator of the Village is Palm Lake Resort Pty Ltd (PLR)

PLR also operate a Manufactured Home Estate (MHE) at 194 Bishop Road Beachmere. This is known as Beachmere Bay Resort. The MHE when completed will comprise some 450 homes. One third of these homes have been constructed to date. PLR is also constructing a 102-bed aged care facility at 145 -153 Bishop Road and 4 residential houses at 173 & 193 -197 Bishop Road.

I refer to the proposed northern boundary at Bishop Road Beachmere. I note from the ECQ website that the northern boundary proposed for Division 2 is also the northern boundary of 218 Bishop Road.

This will result in 230 Bishop Road being in Division 1.

230 Bishop Road, also owned by PLR, contains the following shared facilities of Beachmere Sands & Beachmere Bay:

- Some Beachmere Sands Residents' garages.
- The maintenance workshop for the Sands & the Bay.
- Two tennis courts.
- Two Croquet Courts
- The fenced Dog Runs
- A four-hole golf course.
- 3 holes of the 9-hole golf course under construction on adjacent land south of the proposed new boundary.
- Two caravan storage compounds.
- Residents' recreational gardens.
- A caravan wash bay
- A caretaker's residence. (2 electors).
- Residents' shared workshop.

If the northern proposed boundary of division 2 was moved north to follow the northern boundary of 230 Bishop Road it would only marginally affect the total number of electors in the division. It would place all of Palm Lake's property in the one division.

I believe my submission takes into consideration the below extracts from the ECQ web.

- **Communities of interest** – areas that share a common interest, i.e. economic, social or cultural.
- **Means of communication and serviceability** – access to political representatives and local services.
- **Creating sensible and definable boundaries** – prominent man-made or natural features that make strong boundaries, for example roads, rivers and national parks.
- **Specific enrolment requirements for Divisional Boundary Reviews** – each division/ward in a divided council must have relatively the same number of enrolled voters.

I have shared the above thoughts with Cr Peter Flannery Div. 2 MBRC who considers my submission has merit.

Copy of email to and from Cr Peter Flannery

Hi Paul

Thank you for your suggestions regarding the proposed boundary changes for Division 2. I believe your suggestion has merit and suggest you send a submission to the Queensland Electoral Commission.

I appreciate your comments regarding this matter.

Kind regards

Peter Flannery



Cr Peter Flannery
Representing Division 2



Moreton Bay
Regional Council

From: Paul Lupi [REDACTED]

Sent: Monday, 29 July 2019 9:50 AM

To: Peter Flannery [REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed boundary changes

Hello Peter

I note from the ECQ website that the northern boundary proposed for Division 2 is the northern boundary of 218 Bishop Road. This will result in 230 Bishop Road being in Division 1.

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- 3 holes of the 9-hole golf course under construction on adjacent land south of the proposed new boundary.

My question to you Peter is.

"Is it more appropriate that the whole of the Palm Lake Resort properties be represented by one councillor rather than two under the proposed boundary?"

If the northern proposed boundary of division 2 was moved north to follow the northern boundary of 230 Bishop Road it would only marginally affect the total number of electors in the division. It would place all of Palm Lake's property in the one division.

Would Council support such a suggestion and advise ECQ prior to August 8th? If so, I would also send a submission by due date.

Kind Regards

Paul Lupi

Sent: Thursday, 8 August 2019 1:59 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (5101) Moreton Bay Regional Local Government Area - Michael Charlton

Online submission for **Moreton Bay Regional Local Government Area** from **Michael Charlton**

Submission Details

Name: Michael Charlton

Submission Text : Instead of including the section of Albany Creek bounded by Keong rd, Sussex Street, Sandy Creek and Old Northern Road into Division 10, thereby dividing the locality between Old Northern Road and Albany Creek Road it would be more logical to leave it in Division 9 and include all of the "Woodlands Estate" which lies between Dawn Road and the end of Windemere Rd east of Keong Road in Division 10 instead of splitting it along Rafter Ave .
Thanks God Bless. Mike

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Submission, Change Commissioner.

My submission relates to your proposed boundary changes as published for the proposed Division 8. Moreton Bay Regional Council. I am a resident of Whiteside, part of Division 11.

My submission is that the area north of Torrens Road and west of Narangba Road be included in Division 11. I note that this is in line with the original proposal submitted by Moreton Bay Regional Council. I also note that the inclusion of this area into the proposed Division 8 would appear to be based on 2 submissions that you received during the public consultation period. My submission is that SA1 3138407 that has 146 enrolled votes be included in Division 11.

My reasons for this submission are as follows.

Communities of interest.

SA1 3138407 is located wholly within the locality of Kurwongbah which is zoned rural, rural residential, special purposes (Lakeside Park Raceway) or recreation (Pine Rivers Golf Course). There is no urban development in this SA1 and there is no possibility of this occurring in the future as the area is part of the SEQwater Sideling Creek Dam catchment. There is little connection with the Petrie area that is proposed to be included in the new Division 8. The existing Division 11 includes much rural and rural residential zonings and as such residents in SA1 3138407 have many common issues and social interests that require specialist knowledge from their elected representative.

Means of communication and serviceability.

At present and in the current proposal, issues arising from the activities at Lakeside Park (raceway) have to be dealt with approaches to councilors from 2 Divisions, the boundary being Lake Kurwongbah. This is not a satisfactory situation. By including SA1 3138407 in Division 11 would bring all issues that may arise from the operation of Lakeside Raceway under the one Division. It should be noted that the existing Division 11 boundary is Coopers Road. Additionally the inclusion of SA1 3138407 into Division 11 would, with the exception of the urban development in SA1 3138417 (243 on roll), place all of the suburb/location of Kurwongbah in Division 11.

Creating sensible and definable boundaries.

Including SA1 3138407 in Division 11 would create a logical boundary by including all of Lake Kurwongbah's watershed (catchment) within the one division. There would appear that there is no logical reason for the existing Division 11 boundary to stop at Cooper Road.

Enrollment implications.

The current enrollment for SA1 3138407 is 146. The addition of this to the current Division 11 will have little impact on present quotas and would assist Division 11 in future reviews.

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From: Claudia
Sent: Tuesday, 13 August 2019 2:44 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Moreton Bay regional Council - Propped Boundary Changes - Division 2

Hello

I would like to make a submission about the proposed boundary changes to Division 2 of the Moreton Bay Regional Council. Your Fact Sheet Number 5 mentions that you have an online form. Unfortunately I am unable to find it. Would you be kind enough to email me a link so that I may make a submission.

My concern relates to the proposal to have our small seaside community of Beachmere split into two divisions. Namely parts of our small township is to be moved from Division 2 into Bribie Island - Division 1. That is half an hours drive away whilst the township centre of Beachmere with its shops, hotel and other amenities is 2 Minutes drive away for the impacted residents. Also, the local Councilor comes to the Beachmere township centre every second Wednesday so that residents may raise concerns with him. Impacted residents will no longer be able to avail themselves of the opportunity to talk to their local Councilor in a convenient manner as the Division 1 Councilor would not bother to come to Beachmere for the few residents that live within his/her Division. Also, the issues of concern to Bribie Island residents are different to those of Beachmere. As the Division 1 Councilor would focus on the matters that impact most of the residents in his/her Division the Beachmere residents would effectively have no representative in Council.

Kind regards
Claudia Keeping



Sent: Monday, 19 August 2019 5:04 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: LOCAL GOVERNMENT REZONE BOUNDARY - MBRC Div 2

To Whom It May Concern

I have only recently been advised that official comments on the proposed boundary rezoning closed on 8 August. I was unaware of this date and missed the cut off for comment.

However, I would appreciate these comments be taken into consideration.

The proposed change of boundary towards the village of Beachmere along Bishop Road will disenfranchise some Beachmere residents by removing them from Division 2 and putting them into Division 1.

This will mean they are no longer able to join with the majority of residents in Beachmere and take advantage of the many Council activities organised in the Beachmere area; including meeting with their local Councillor in the village. They will need to travel to the Bribie area which is over 20 minutes away and over 20 kilometres away. This may seem a small time and travel. However, there is NO public transport in this direction from Beachmere so that means an additional 30 minute transfer to Caboolture and then a 45 minute travel back to Bribie to meet with their Councillor and then a return journey.

The ability to easily contact and meet with your local Councillor is one of the most fundamental issues for residents and should not be treated lightly or dismissed in the erroneous belief that all residents have access to personal transport.

The current local Councillor, Mr Peter Flannery, has been a regular and consistent visitor to Beachmere for a number of years and is visible and accessible at many local event that are organised in Beachmere.

The residents who will be moved into Division 1 will no longer have this regular and, more importantly, local access to their Councillor.

All Beachmere residents should be able to be represented by the one Councillor to ensure consistent and co-ordinated representation by their local authorities. By removing residents from the current area (Division 2) decisions made which will influence Beachmere residents will be diluted. This is a retrograde and negative impact on the residents of Beachmere and the weight and importance of decisions made which will influence them.

Regards
Karen Harris
President, Beachmere Area Network Group

