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SUGGESTIONS FOR ELECTORAL DISTRICT
BOUNDARIES

Requirement for a Redistribution

In late 1997 the need for a redistribution of Queensland’s 89 Legislative Assembly electoral districts arose pursuant to section 39 of the Electoral Act 1992 ("the Act").

Section 39 “triggers” a redistribution if one-third or more electoral districts are out of quota for two months in a row. 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”. If an electoral district has an area of less than 100 000 km², then under the Act that district will be out of quota if the number of enrolled electors in that district differs from the quota by more than 10%. If an electoral district has an area of 100 000 km² or more (the electoral districts of Cook, Gregory, Charters Towers, Warrego and Mount Isa are in this category), then the district is out of quota if the sum of the number of enrolled electors for the district and the additional large district number (defined as “2% of the number of km² in the area of the electoral district") differs from the quota by more than 10%.

The quota of electors is therefore determined by dividing the total number of electors on the electoral roll in Queensland by 89. If the State quota is calculated (say) as 25 000 electors then an electoral district of less than 100 000 km² will be within the 10% (+ or -) margin of tolerance allowed by the Act if it has between 22 500 and 27 500 electors. For an electoral district with an area of 100 000 km² or more, the additional large district number (being 2% of the total area of km² of the particular electoral district) 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 22 500 to 27 500 electors and thus be within the 10% (+ or -) margin of tolerance.

The quota for the purposes of section 39 of the Act is calculated by reference to the number of enrolled electors and the average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts 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. In September and October 1997, 32 and 36 electoral districts respectively were out of quota and accordingly the need for the current redistribution by the Queensland Redistribution Commission (“the Commission”) arose. However, as the need for the electoral redistribution arose “more than 16 months after the day on which the writ for the previous general election was returned”, section 35(4) of the Act required the commencement of the redistribution to be deferred until after the return of the writ for the State general election held on 13 June 1998.
Commencement of the Redistribution and Invitations for Public Suggestions and Comments on those Suggestions

The Commission was required, under section 35(6) of the Act, to publish a notice in the Queensland Government Gazette advising that the need for an electoral redistribution had arisen and setting out the membership of the Commission. Under section 42(1) of the Act, the Commission was also obliged to publish a notice in the Gazette inviting written suggestions relating to the redistribution.

These notices were published in the Gazette on 16 October 1998. The notice inviting suggestions (which was also published in The Courier-Mail, The Sunday Mail and in major regional newspapers circulating throughout Queensland) required the suggestions to be lodged with the Commission on or before 5.00pm Tuesday, 17 November 1998, being a period of 30 days following publication of the notice in the Gazette.

The Commission received 36 written suggestions by 5.00pm on 17 November 1998. Copies of these suggestions were bound in a single volume and, on and from Thursday 26 November 1998, they were made available for public inspection, without fee, at public libraries throughout Queensland, as well as at selected Magistrates’ Courts and at the Commission’s Office at Floor 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane.

The Commission received 23 suggestions after the closing time of 5.00pm on 17 November 1998.

On Thursday 26 November 1998 the Commission, in accordance with section 43(2) of the Act, published a notice in the Gazette advising of the availability for inspection of the copies of the suggestions and inviting written comments in response to the suggestions to be lodged with the Commission on or before 5.00pm Friday 18 December 1998, being a period of 21 days following publication of the notice in the Gazette. The notice inviting comments on the suggestions was also published in The Courier-Mail and The Sunday Mail and in major regional newspapers circulating throughout Queensland.

The Commission received 34 comments on the suggestions by 5.00pm on 18 December 1998. This booklet contains copies of those comments. The booklets are available for public inspection, without fee, at public libraries throughout Queensland, as well as at selected Magistrates’ Courts and at the Commission’s Office at Floor 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane.

The Commission has, to date, received 9 comments on the suggestions after the closing time of 5.00pm on 18 December 1998.
The Remainder of the State Redistribution Process

The Commission is currently considering all suggestions and comments properly made under sections 42 and 43 of the Act and preparing a proposed redistribution of the State into 89 electoral districts in accordance with the criteria set out in Part 3 of the Act.

Pursuant to section 45(1) of the Act, the Commission has determined the quota, for the purposes of the proposed redistribution, at the end of the period for the lodging of comments in response to the suggestions. The quota is 24,769 electors.

As soon as practicable, the Commission will finalise its proposed redistribution. It will draw attention to its proposed electoral boundaries by publishing a notice in the Gazette, a newspaper circulating throughout the State, and such regional newspapers as it considers appropriate. Maps showing the names and boundaries of the proposed electoral districts will be widely available for inspection by members of the public.

Written objections to the Commission’s proposed boundaries may be lodged with the Commission within 30 days of the publication of the Commission’s notice in the Gazette inviting objections. Further comments in relation to any objections received may also be lodged within 10 days of the publication by the Commission of a notice in the Gazette inviting comments on the objections.

The Commission may conduct public hearings at any time in accordance with section 55 of the Act.

Following consideration of any objections and comments, the Commission will make its final determination of the names and boundaries of the 89 electoral districts and publish notification of the redistribution in the Gazette.

The Commission will provide a copy of its final determination and associated documents to the Honourable the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice. The Honourable the Attorney-General must table the documents in the Legislative Assembly within five sitting days of receipt.
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2nd December 1998

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Locked Bag 3300
BRISBANE QLD 9001

Dear Sir/Madam

I agree partly with the submission put forward by Bruce Bellette (QRC/S11) with regards to changes to Mundingburra intruding into the north-western section of the seat of Burdekin. I also agree with the Liberal Party submission (QRC/S34) referring to Section K North Queensland and the changes to Mundingburra Electorate to include Annandale, Wulguru, Douglas, Idilia, Oonoonba and Stuart.

However I feel the northern boundary of the Burdekin Electorate should follow a natural course such as Stuart Creek. This travels west-south-west and is an ideal boundary line. I would also like to request that the suburbs of Oak Valley and Woodstock be added to the seat of Burdekin as these are more rural areas and are islands in the Burdekin that belong to Thuringowa.

Many of the constituents of Oak Valley and Woodstock are confused why they are not in Burdekin in the first place, as they have to travel through Burdekin to get to Thuringowa. They must also use Burdekin booths to vote. Using Stuart Creek as a boundary, the creek splits just west of the Mount Stuart lookout turnoff. This would make the demarcation point of the Mundingburra boundary to the west as natural objects such as Mount Stuart and Ross River Dam border both proposed Mundingburra boundaries and Thuringowa boundaries.

I would also like to bring to your attention the Rocky Springs housing development estimated to be approx 7000 homes. In recent talks with the Mayor of Townsville, this development will soon go ahead which will boost the population quite dramatically over the oncoming years. Therefore I believe it is essential that the boundary of Burdekin be
retracted to Stuart Creek as the northern boundary. This would suit the Burdekin region as a fully rural electorate as notably commented on by the Liberal Party submission.

I also have no office in the Annandale-Wulguru region and many people have to travel 100 kilometres or more to make an appointment. Having the electorate retracted south means I would be able to move house and set up a part office in the northern region of the electorate much to the comfort of the constituents of the Alligator Creek and surrounding areas.

I do not agree with submission QRC/S11 by Bruce Bellette with an extension into Whitsunday as the Burdekin Electorate extends into a good boundary line of the Elliott River.

I am sorry that I missed the submission date but I hope you take my comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully

QRC/C

JEFF KNUTH MLA
MEMBER FOR BURDEKIN

QRC/C
3 December, 1998

Electoral Commission
Floor 6, Forestry House
Locked Bag 3300
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Re: Response to written proposals for boundary changes

Electorate of Gladstone

Currently the electorate of Gladstone geographically reflects two local Government electorates - the City of Gladstone and the Shire of Calliope. As has been said on many occasions this discreet area i.e. the non-dissection of local authority areas has great merit in representative Government. It is important in my view that as long as is possible, the clear boundaries be retained. According to the Electoral Commission documentation the seat of Gladstone currently (12th October 1998) is only 1.5% over quota.

There have been three submissions in the current review relating to this electorate recommending change. The first is recommended by the Liberal Party who have little presence in the electorate. I can only assume that the proposals emanated from Brisbane with little input by the local community. They are suggesting that voters be taken from the electorates of Baramba, Burnett, Gladstone and Fitzroy to ensure that Callide retains an acceptable number of voters. This recommendation is flawed in that already Fitzroy is below quota and proposes to relocate voters from a number of adjoining electorates thus causing considerable confusion. It will additionally affect the electorate of Gladstone unnecessarily given the electorates satisfactory position in regard to the voting requirements.
Importantly I wish to comment on two inter-related submissions. The first from Mr John O’Sullivan, who was the campaign chairman for Mr Leo Zussino, the Labor Party candidate in this electorate at the last election and from the Australian Labor Party Gladstone Branch. Both are recommending that areas of the Gladstone electorate be removed and added to the Callide electorate.

I would seek to add background to this suggestion. At the conclusion of the 1998 election Mr Zussino on a number of occasions remarked that the area of this electorate where he needed to be most pro-active in order to gain support, was the rural sector i.e. Mt Larcom, Calliope, the Boyne Valley and to a lesser extent Boyne Island/Tannum Sands. These areas are more conservative by nature and have therefore been more difficult for Mr Zussino to impact.

It appears that the Australian Labor Party and Mr John O’Sullivan as campaign chairman have taken the opportunity of this redistribution to address their political difficulties by attempting to recommend a gerrymander i.e. that those areas of difficulty within the electorate be removed and added to an already rural electorate (Callide).

There is no community of interest between the residents of Boyne Valley, Calliope or Mt Larcom with the Callide electorate. Their focus for commercial and private enterprise is the coastal town of Gladstone and to a very lesser degree Rockhampton for those in the northern area of the Shire. To remove them from the Gladstone electorate and re-allocate them to Callide would disadvantage perhaps disenfranchise them in a number of ways:

- They would be removed from relatively easy access to their elected representative.
- The amount of travel required by the electorate representative to adequately service a Calliope Valley electorate from a Callide based office would be impractical.
- Their historic connection has always been focused to Gladstone and it’s surrounds and many would be unfamiliar with the people and economics of Bi.oea and it’s environs.
- The proposal put forward by the two ALP representatives is merely a politically expedient one and not motivated by the best interests of the community.
As has been indicated by your own statistics, the current electoral number do not necessitate any change with a 1.5% "over quota" and therefore to make an alteration to what is a very clear electoral area for party political purposes would be to disadvantage the general community for sectarian purposes.

I look forward to the finalisation of your report.

Kind regards

Liz Cunningham

Member for Gladstone
Dear Trudy,

Many thanks for your early response to my submission for a redistribution, for the State seat of Gladstone. While I am happy that your plan goes part way towards correcting the huge anomaly that exists between the seats of Gladstone and Callide, the proposed new redistribution is at best only band-aid treatment, and if enacted the anomaly will be even further exacerbated within twelve months of enactment.

Prior to 1992, the townships west of the Bruce Highway were all in the Callide electorate, and this really accommodated the 10 percent weightage either way. My recent discussion with the executive of Gladstone City Council indicates that the current growth rate of Gladstone is 7 percent. However more importantly I am advised that by the year 2005, the number of voters would be in excess of 126000. This rate over a period of time is far more than 7 percent, and when it is remembered that we only have a redistribution every 7 years, we would be faced with a far greater demand than currently exists.

If you follow my submission through to its conclusion it would appear that within a very short space of time the City of Gladstone will become an electorate in its own right. I would submit that my original submission would be a far better and fairer proposition than the proposal by your committee.

Bearing in mid that the electorate of Callide will not seriously change in voting numbers and Gladstone almost certainly will. I humbly suggest that a reconsideration of my original submission be given credibility and attention. This would then make the voting numbers read as follows:-

Gladstone 22915
Callide 21136

Trusting that every consideration be given to this submission and once again thanking you for your courtesy and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

John M O’Sullivan
Mrs Isabelle Schmidlin
470 Valdora Road
YANDINA 4561

The Electoral Commission of Queensland
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Locked Bag 3300
BRISBANE 4001

Dear Sir

Re: Electoral Commission Boundaries.

I have recently taken the time to study the proposed boundary changes at my local Library.

I class myself as an (average) citizen and as such I believe the National Party Submission prevents the average citizen from making any comment on their proposed boundary changes.

The average citizen, in my opinion, would have no idea what the National Party had proposed in their submission. I Don’t. Most other submissions provided maps, so that people such as myself could have input.

I strongly believe that the National Party submission is designed to prevent input from anyone outside the National Party ranks.

I therefore request that the National Party be asked to submit a submission which can be read and understood by all Queeslanders or have their submission withdrawn on the grounds that it discriminates against the everyday Queenslander.

I have no ties with any political party, but believe all Australians should be able to have their say in how our country is governed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my suggestions.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Mrs Isabelle Schmidlin.

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30.11.98.
8 December 1998

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Locked Bag 3300
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Secretary,

I refer with concern to the potential redistribution of electoral boundaries, noted in the Townsville Bulletin, October 17, that if implemented, will adversely affect the Palm Island Community.

After discussions with the Palm Island Community Council I would like to stress and support the right of people who live on Palm Island to be able to vote for candidates within their actual community. I am aware that the Palm Island community is reliant on the existing support structures that are based in Townsville. This relationship is demonstrated by the regular air and ferry services based between Townsville and Palm Island that are clearly a response to community need. Additionally, all the administrative and government sector support services such as the Palm Island hospital, Police Station, schools and TAFE Centre are resourced and supported from head offices in Townsville.

A boundary change could see Palm Island removed from Townsville and possibly placed under Hinchenbrook. I do not believe this to be acceptable as it is a denial of Palm Island people’s right to vote for candidates who have an influence directly on their own community.

I am aware that over the last 29 years, there have been three electoral changes to the boundary. These have occurred without appropriate consultation with the Palm Island community. I cannot emphasise strongly enough that for Palm Island not to continue to be part of the electoral district of Townsville would be socially unjust and breach the principle of social and political equity and representation.

I trust that due consideration will be given to the right of fair representation for the people of Palm Island. Appropriate consultation should be undertaken before any decisions regarding the redistribution of electoral boundaries affecting the Palm Island community occur. I urge you to ensure that a repetition of past mistakes does not take place.
Yours sincerely,

Jacob George
A/Chairman
Indigenous Advisory Council

QRC/C5
10 December, 1998

The Commissioner
The Electoral Commission of Queensland
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Locked Bag 3300
BRISBANE QLD 9001

Dear Sir

Re: Electoral Commission Boundaries
Nicklin Electorate

I refer to the above and wish to record my deepest concerns and as well my dismay with the submissions by the major parties in regard to the proposed electoral boundaries.

I am a long term resident in of over 20 years in Nicklin and I take a very keen interest in our local community affairs.

However upon perusal of the proposed electorate boundaries at our local library I was very disturbed at the submissions made.

I could understand and follow the submissions made by the Australian Labor Party and the Liberal Party but the National Party appeared to be a quick pick of lottery numbers.

The National Party submission was incomplete and certainly not understandable for the citizens of this electorate.

I now ask you to reject the National Party submission outright or that they be asked to resubmit their proposal in a manner in which all citizens can understand and make sensible input into these proposed changes.

I believe that we as electors have the right to be treated with full and detailed information and not be insulted by a mass of numbers.
It is obvious that this submission is designed to confuse and prevent input from the community.

It would seem that the National Party submission is a secret coded document only for National Party members.

I now seek your written assurances that you will reject the National Party's current submission for the Nicklin electorate.

I await your written acknowledgment.

Yours faithfully

Mr Alan J Mitchell
Dear Sir: Old's Electorates

Under this system, greater efforts need to be made for clear-cut equalities than now exist. The regions that on the east and in the remote areas of the country arrangements now exist as an overreaction to the system of previous decades. This redistribution needs to make big steps to overcome the hang-ups.

Under this EARC led system, there has been the surprising result that we have probably got more zones as before with the great difference that no person zone has more than two electorates from the area away from the most settled eastern areas. The better thing now is to build in some unoffical zones and have a more community linked quality. The main metropolitan areas need more fairness than in half a century and anywhere north of Cairns and inland from Cairns, Townsville Rockhampton and Townsville require better geographical principles.

One nett result of significance from the 25% Phantom excess for electorates holding over 100,000 km² is that poverty is large-scale with much less represented non-metropolitan areas—and the five distant seats have had no beneficial developments peculiar to the Cairns-Bowen-Cape York in a vast state like Queensland there is no good lesson to sustain places like Albert having average electoral polls in a growth area of a mantow having a minimum population.
has been over-populated for decades and should have more than 22,500 electors under this system. Albert: 1.1.

2. Warwick electorate is grotesquely large. Even if it was
inclusively of Roma, it would have hundreds of thousands of
square kilometres—with a bigger urban centre included than it
now has, almost a small Place by the state's urban standard.
Every other place now in Warwick town serves some franchise benefits
beneath the questionable benefits of this phantom. It
is possible better to have Boondooma linked to the benefit zone
worthy lots of new towns. Cunningham joined to the
Far North West for a "Border" electorate. Downersess and
Murilla Shire need to be included in a rearrangement of the whole North
Downs and Eastern Downs. Murilla going to the distant zone.

3. All the five distant electorates every square kilometre need to be kept
in the Phantom areas. Duaringa Shire, Callide and Tablelands
electorates and Broad sound Shires inland Shire Divisions collect
are deserving of this. Gayndah and Cacham Shires may be exemp-
ted. Monte, Atherton, Maraaba, Herberton and Sarroome are most
glaring examples of places deserving better arrangements.

4. My proposals would result in at least eight 2½ phantom seats. I
setting things right, I propose that four seats on both sides of the Brisbane
River (including and opposite the Brisbane CBD) have rolls of
less than 22,500 also. The seats need to be untroubled by
degenerating rolls to have settled areas untroubled by the excesses of
electoral rationalization and fragmentation politically bunging
up to excess for the last quarter of a century. Except for Malherbes
Alone, all coastal electorates need over 25,000 voters. 1.5

Under this system, the Commission has an unusual job
which it overcomes the ‘fomenting’ ludicrous licence of the
existing situation.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]
16 December 1998

The Redistribution Commissioners
Locked Bag 3300
Brisbane Q 9001

Dear Sirs

1998 Queensland Redistribution of Electoral Districts

In response to your advertised invitation to comment on Public Suggestions, I refer specifically to the Electoral District of Burleigh.

Submissions QRC/S1 and QRC/S2
JM Gamin MLA (Burleigh) and RJ Quinn MLA (Merrimac)

- These two submissions deal with the boundary between Burleigh and Merrimac electorates, and are designed to tidy up existing anomalies. If these submissions are accepted by the Redistribution Commission, there would be negligible effect on enrolment numbers.

Submissions QRC/S32 and QRC/S34
Queensland Nationals and Queensland Liberal Party

- These two submissions deal with the boundary between Burleigh and Currumbin electorates at Palm Beach.

- It is recommended that the portion of Palm Beach south of Palm Beach Avenue to Currumbin Creek be excised from Currumbin electorate and included in Burleigh electorate.

- In accordance with requirements of the Act, boundary changes have been kept to a minimum in these submissions, but allow for above average expected growth in Currumbin and below average expected growth in Burleigh. These projections are reflected in proposed enrolment numbers in line with a boundary at Currumbin Creek between the two electorates.

- This sensible recommendation will receive community support in Palm Beach, as residents will be pleased to have the full suburb consolidated into one electorate (Burleigh) between Tallebudgera and Currumbin Creeks. This whole area comprises the totality of the suburb of Palm Beach.
The submission contravenes the requirements of the Act in that it recommends major and substantial boundary changes to the electorates of Burleigh and Currumbin. I submit that such changes are not necessary and are artificially contrived.

The submission is a prime example of gerrymander, or the manipulation of boundaries so as to give undue benefit to a political party.

Tallebudgera and Tallebudgera Valley have shown a traditionally conservative voting pattern over many elections. The area has been removed from the marginal seat of Currumbin (marginal ALP) and transferred to the conservative seat of Burleigh (fairly safe NPA). This will undoubtedly benefit the (marginal) Labor seat of Currumbin by ridding it of a largely conservative element.

The reasons given for this change are that it will "better provide for communities of interest and modes of transport between hinterland electors and those on the coast", and "Tallebudgera and Tallebudgera Valley have a stronger community of interest with West Burleigh".

This reasoning is specious and can be refuted. There is little community of interest between Tallebudgera and the tiny hamlet of West Burleigh or Burleigh electorate in lifestyle, shopping, entertainment or education:

(i) the two valleys - Currumbin and Tallebudgera - have never been separated in successive electoral redistributions, and residents will be hugely resentful if that is attempted now. They have a communal semi-rural lifestyle interest.

(ii) the two valleys - Currumbin and Tallebudgera - access the Pacific Highway via both West Burleigh and Currumbin. They both access a variety of major shopping centres by a variety of routes i.e. The Pines, Elanora (Currumbin Electorate) or Burleigh Town Market Place or Tweed Heads (NSW) or Pacific Fair, Broadbeach, or Robina Town Centre (the two last are in Merrimac electorate). There is no specific community of interest in selection of a major shopping centre.

(iii) There is little community of interest with Burleigh electorate in terms of sporting or entertainment. There are no major sporting or entertainment centres in Burleigh electorate. However, there are attractive sporting and entertainment facilities in Currumbin electorate.

(iv) Very few Tallebudgera or Valley children attend schools in Burleigh electorate (one family only to Burleigh Heads Primary, some from Ingleside go to Miami High). There are convenient primary and secondary schools for most students in Currumbin electorate.
(v) There are good primary schools at Ingleside and Tallebudgera (in Currumbin electorate), or students may attend Elanora Primary School (KP McGrath Drive in Currumbin electorate). They attend High Schools in Currumbin electorate by utilising connections via Tallebudgera Connection Road and Guineas Creek Road to Nineteenth Avenue (for Elanora State High School in Currumbin Electorate), or to Sarawak Avenue and Thrower Drive (for Palm Beach-Currumbin State High School which is also in Currumbin electorate).

(vi) Department of Main Roads will eventually provide a road to link the Pacific Highway from the Andrews Interchange to Old Coach Road and Tallebudgera Connection Road, which will service residents of both Currumbin and Tallebudgera Valleys without reference to the West Burleigh access to Pacific Highway.

- At the same time north Palm Beach (north of Palm Beach Avenue to Tallebudgera Creek) has been excised from Burleigh and put into Currumbin. This will cause enormous residential concern and disturbance.

- It is pointed out that north Palm Beach (north of Palm Beach Avenue) was sited in the electorate of South Coast prior to 1986, the electorate of Currumbin prior to 1992, and has been in the electorate of Burleigh since 1992. A transfer back to Currumbin would mean its fourth electorate change. This would be confusing and is most unnecessary.

- In discussing these matters with community groups in Palm Beach, I am advised that residents wish to remain in the electorate of Burleigh, and their suburb be consolidated with Currumbin Creek as the southern boundary (refer to submissions QRC/S32 and 34 as discussed above).

In conclusion:

I am concerned that highly unnecessary changes to boundaries between Burleigh and Currumbin have been suggested in QRC/S31, that these are major and substantial changes which contravene requirements of the Act, and that these changes are in fact a gerrymander of electoral boundaries where Tallebudgera and Tallebudgera Valley are concerned. The argument for community of interest cannot be sustained.

Apart from anomalies discussed in QRC/S1 and 2, and extension of Burleigh electorate southern boundary to Currumbin Creek as suggested in QRC/S32 and 34, it is recommended that consideration be given to no further changes to the existing boundaries of Burleigh and Currumbin electorates.

Yours faithfully

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Mr N. Kingston
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Childers
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8 December 1998

The Secretary
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QLD 9001

Dear Sir,

RE : State Redistribution

This submission is made on behalf on the Childers Branch of the National Party of Australia and has influence on the State seats of Hervey Bay, Burnett and Callide.

We believe the natural boundaries of the Burrum and Isis Rivers should be used to allow the townships of Woodgate and Buxtonville and their surrounds to be taken from Hervey Bay and added to Burnett. These coastal areas are divided from the centre of Hervey Bay by rivers and quite some distance by road and their community interest lies in Childers and Bundaberg which aligns them to Burnett not Hervey Bay.

We support the existing boundaries of Perry and Kolan Shires remaining in Burnett.

The growth in the outer suburbs of Bundaberg could be manipulated to make up Bundaberg quota while still retaining community of interest.

We are concerned about the geographic growth of Callide and the ability of a member to adequately represent. We suggest the excising of the 1770 Agnes Water and Miriam Vale areas from Burnett to be included as a growth area for Callide.

The two maps included show approximate alterations supporting the above submission.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Kingston
Secretary,
Childers Branch NPA
16 December 1998

Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Brisbane Q 4001

Dear Sir/Madam

RE: COMMENTS ON REDISTRIBUTION SUGGESTIONS “QRC/C” WYNNUM/MANLY AREA

I have perused the public suggestions document issued by the Redistribution Commission and wish to make a number of comments with respect to the suggestions for the electorate of Lytton. These comments are made in the light of the redistribution criteria contained in the Act and also the requirement for the Commission under Section 44 (3) to take into account all suggestions and comments properly made.

The Wynnum/Manly/Lota area is contained within the electorate of Lytton. Every person/group who has made a submission to the Commission in relation to the redistribution would appear to accept that the electorate of Lytton should be maintained in its current state. The only divergence is with respect to what areas from either the surrounding electorates of Chatsworth or Bulimba (or both) should be added to Lytton to place it above quota to take into account of its slightly lower than average growth in the future.

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**Conclusion:**

A number of points can be made in relation to the 7 submissions that would appear to deal in any detail with the electorate of Lytton:

- **All agree** that the current electorate of Lytton should be maintained with some additions from other electorates.
- **All agree** that the area of Manly West that currently remains outside of Lytton be included (i.e. CCD’s 3200809, 3200814, 3200812, 3200811, 3200802).
- There is disagreement about the insertion of Moreton Bay Heights (3200703) and Hemmant (3200601, 3200602)
4. It would appear that both the suggestion to include Hemmant (3200601, 3200602) and the suggestion to include Moreton Bay Heights (3200703), both involve putting Lytton beyond the 10% quota and are therefore not able to be entertained. To include the Manly West area only would place Lytton approximately 6% above quota and also allow for the fact that there is still some significant growth in that area.

Yours sincerely

Darcy O'Dempsey

QRC/C10

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18 December, 1998

THE SECRETARY
QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION
LOCKED BAG 3300
BRISBANE QLD 9001

Dear Madam,

The National Party of Australia - Queensland has consulted with its Party Units and National Party Members of the Legislative Assembly throughout the entire State in considering all of the suggestions put to the Queensland Re-distribution Commission [the Commission] on 17 November, 1998, and we now take this opportunity to comment on those suggestions, pursuant to Section 43 of the Queensland Electoral Act 1992.

The Commission has received a large number of suggestions, and in weighing them it is important to bear in mind the statutory criteria which the Commission is bound to consider in formulating its own proposals. Unfortunately, some submissions have overlooked those criteria and have not recognised their overriding importance. The criteria are:

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; and

E. projected demographic trends, with a view to ensuring future conformity with the permissible variations from quota 7.5 years hence.

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This is the first occasion for a re-distribution of electoral districts following the watershed work of EARC in 1991. At that time, because of the changed approach determined by EARC, major change in electoral boundaries was inevitable; now, in the course of a re-distribution, minimal change in boundaries is a most important criterion. In so far as can be achieved consistently with the other requirements of the Act, stability in the electorates should be pursued. Many changes are necessary, but there should be no more than are necessary.

One product of the recognition of the importance of minimal change is the maintenance of the five weighted enrolment electorates established by EARC in the original distribution. The Act makes specific provision for weighted enrolment electorates in recognition of the special needs of people who live in remote and regional areas.

Many of the submissions referred to the question of the appropriate principle for the naming of electoral districts. Notable among them is the submission of the Electoral Commission of Queensland, which suggests that electorate names should be fixed by reference to prominent past citizens or pioneers of the areas in question or by other means, avoiding the use of place names. There are many others in the same vein. The National Party of Australia - Queensland supports that approach, subject only to the reservation that the implementation of such a protocol should be gradual, consistent with the concept of minimal change.

Many of the suggestions to the Commission related to specific local areas within the State, in some cases involving just a few electorates. Whilst each submission has its message it is necessary that parochial areas be viewed in the context of the whole. There were only three submissions to the Commission which dealt with the whole of the State. No area can successfully be treated in isolation and the Commission must consider the wider ramifications of local area changes. In some cases attempts to deal with local problems create greater problems of disruption of communities of interest and the like in neighbouring communities and do not pay adequate regard to the statutory criteria.

There are several submissions in relation to the Bundaberg - Burnett area. The National Party of Australia - Queensland supports the principle that, in so far as can be achieved, Local Government boundaries and electoral district boundaries should coincide. Nevertheless, that is not an overriding principle and it is not appropriate to pursue it at the expense of the statutory criteria.

The suggestions put to the Commission by the National Party of Australia - Queensland offer an internally consistent cohesive framework for a re-distribution which conforms to the statutory criteria and community expectations. The thrust of the National Party of Australia - Queensland submission is supported by the suggestions of the Queensland Liberals which focus upon the concept of minimal change and the maintenance, subject to necessary modifications, of the five weighted enrolment electorates.

The periodic adjustment of electoral boundaries to take account of developments within the State is one of the corner-stones of our system of representative democracy. It is not an occasion for seeking to promote
partisan political objectives, and a submission worthy of consideration will place principle to the forefront. It is a shame to see that the ALP has not recognised that, and that its suggestions are a thinly veiled attempt to manipulate the re-distribution process to damage their opponents and to advantage themselves, all ultimately at the expense of the Queensland community. Its submission does not demonstrate intellectual rigour and the submission's true characterisation is as a political document designed to assuage its internal factions and serve its political objectives.

On the one hand the ALP asserts that its suggestions conform to the statutory criteria, yet on the other, it promotes the most substantial changes of any submission, demanding the abolition of five existing electoral districts - Aspley, Crows Nest, Hinchinbrook, Ipswich West and Maroochydoore and the emasculation of another - Charters Towers. It can hardly be a coincidence that none of those seats is presently held by the ALP. Its approach is as if this were a distribution of the State, rather than, as it is, a re-distribution - an essential element of which is minimal change.

Whilst the ALP's submission talks of compliance with the statutory requirements it stops short of setting out the evidence against which its proposals can be tested for compliance with those requirements. Its maps are vague and in some respects without boundaries, and there are no tables of CCD's to give definition to its proposals. The proposals themselves are vague. The submission talks about growth projections but does not demonstrate that its proposals accommodate growth in the way stipulated in the Act. Without such matters of substance, the submission as a whole lacks credibility.

All participants in this exercise were provided by the Commission with current and projected population figures and the National Party of Australia - Queensland and others have formulated their suggestions using those tools. It must be accepted that growth projections, whilst they are based upon the best available materials, by their nature are speculative to the extent to which they seek to predict the future. The assertion of the ALP [Paragraph 3.10.6] that, at this well advanced stage of the re-distribution process, the Commission should put those figures to one side and introduce, for the first time, two other sets of growth data, should be rejected. To change the tools now, in mid-stream, and after submissions have closed, is not appropriate. Particularly so, when the ALP submission provides no evidence of inadequacy in the growth data provided by the Commission.

The ALP submission unashamedly founds itself on a zonal analysis of the State [See Para 4.1.2]. In that respect it appears to be seeking to revive a system of zones such as was used and manipulated to great effect by the Hanlon Labor Government many years ago. Of course, that approach is utterly inconsistent with the requirements of the Electoral Act 1992, legislation enacted by a Labor Government. By way of contrast, the National Party of Australia - Queensland in its submission addresses the issues, consistently with the Act, on a State-wide basis.

Proceeding on its zonal methodology the ALP submission asserts that the re-distribution exercise should commence in a nebulously defined area described as "the west, south-west and outer South-east of the State". The difficulty in coming to grips with a starting point so defined [is the outer South-East somewhere in the vicinity of Cunnamulla, or is it in the vicinity of Curragie?] is demonstrated by the approach taken by the
ALP in the immediately following paragraphs of its submission. Having enjoined the Commission to commence its consideration in an ill-defined part of the State which could be almost anywhere in the State except the North, the ALP commences its work in the districts of Mount Isa, Gregory, Charters Towers and Warrego.

Because of the lack of precision in the ALP's submission it is not possible to discern its proposed boundaries for the seat of Charters Towers. The maps included in the submission appear to be presented in a way that clouds the location of the southern and western boundaries of the seat and as there is no table of CCD's from which the precise boundaries, area and population can be determined, the proposal cannot be tested for compliance with the growth requirements. As far as the true ALP proposal for Charters Tower's can be discerned, it appears that the ALP is pressing for the elimination of a weighted enrolment seat, trying to do so by stealth and without the openness and accountability that should be evident in an exercise such as this.

The ALP proposal for the destruction of Hinchinbrook and the amalgamation of its area into its proposed Charters Towers shatters any concept of community of interest across the electorate and disregards social cohesion and established communication routes. There is a commonality of interests in those communities in the existing electorate of Hinchinbrook which is not shared with communities in the existing electorate of Charters Towers.

The economies of the eastern side of the Great Dividing Range, in the Tully and Ingham districts, are based predominantly on the production of sugar cane and horticultural crops. The concentration of expertise and skills of the local workforce in these industries contrasts greatly with those employed in the grazing and mining activities undertaken in the current electorate of Charters Towers. Just as these resources differ, so do the associated supporting industries operating within the separate electorates.

Similarly, the tourism industries operating in the separate electorates of Charters Towers and Hinchinbrook operate and are based upon providing immensely divergent experiences. Charters Towers, as a gateway to the west offers to visitors an outback experience, in line with its present character. By contrast the tourism industry of Hinchinbrook is focussed towards a coastal experience offering activities such as white water rafting and a range of recreational activities concentrated towards the local reef and marine environments.

The ALP submission, as proposed, has neglected to mention the lack of transport and communication infrastructure between the two regions. There is no conventional vehicle road link from the Charters Towers region to Ingham and Tully, with the Great Dividing Range isolating the two areas from each other. The most direct route between the two areas would involve a three hour car trip over the distance of 230 kilometres through Townsville. Additionally, there is no direct commercial or public transportation system [bus, rail or airline] connecting the two regions.

The proposal of the ALP has no regard for the significant differences that exist between the western region of its proposed seat and the wet tropical coast. Wet tropical rainforests, mangroves and wetland environments dominate the National Parks of the Hinchinbrook electorate, which contrast greatly with those dry arid environments west of the Great Dividing Range.
There is no question that the present substantially under quota enrolment in Mount Isa is the issue to be addressed in the north and west of the State. The ALP approach is to draw a seat which commences at Mornington Island, runs south to Diamantina and then snakes east swallowing up McKinlay, Richmond and Flinders Shires together with a substantial part of Dalrymple Shire, with an artificial exclusion of the City of Charters Towers. Such a seat is ambiguous in its character. Mount Isa in its current form is regarded as a Gulf seat and its character as such can be enhanced consistently with the Act. In contrast the present Charters Towers is a western seat. The amalgamation of the present Mount Isa with almost all of the present Charters Towers disregards questions of community of interest and fails to recognise the distinctive importance to Queensland and the Mount Isa area of the North-West Minerals Province.

The shortage of numbers in Mount Isa is best addressed by enhancing the existing seat by further emphasising its character as a Gulf seat built around the North-West Minerals Province, which is its centrepiece. The interplay of a range of social, economic, infrastructure, development and community factors lend themselves to that approach. The detail can be found in the National Party of Australia - Queensland submission.

The Port of Kurumba is readily identified as the only significant port in the Gulf and the Gulf Savannah region. As such, its economic development and potential are directly linked to, and dependant upon, those economic activities undertaken in the existing electorate of Mount Isa, namely live cattle exports and mineral concentrate exports. Developments within the port of Kurumba itself support this proposition. Deepening of the entrance channel and regular maintenance dredging has been planned to facilitate increased live cattle exports and the mineral trade in the future, further enhancing the links between these communities.

The development of strategic infrastructure, such as transport and telecommunications, has been identified by communities and Local Governments in the Gulf Region as requiring a coordinated approach [an example of which is the Gulf Local Authorities Development Association]. Presently, communities sharing the same problems in this regard are often forced to seek solutions through separate channels. The ALP submission fails to address this lack of co-ordination in the development of this region as a whole.

Notwithstanding this, it is equally true to say that existing infrastructure development plans are in place that are designed to facilitate increased ease of transport and communication between the Gulf communities as a whole. For example, sealing of the Wills Development Road and the road from Normanton to Kurumba will greatly improve the reliability and efficiency of transport corridors throughout the communities of the region.

Mineral exploration work undertaken by the Australian Geological Survey Organisation and the Queensland Department of Mines and Energy is currently targeted towards the identification of further mineral deposits in the North West Minerals province - complementing developments already undertaken in this region. The Department of Mines and Energy has been reported in May 1998 as predicting “the Capricorn minerals province around Mount Isa to provide development worth $3.3 billion during the next five years.” Further development of projects, such as mines at Century Zinc and Ernest Henry, and a slurry pipeline to the port of Kurumba, in this area will further reinforce a commonality of interest between Gulf communities.
Just as a coordinated approach is required in the Gulf region to development of infrastructure, the same need applies to the management of the region’s ecological resources, such as in the Gulf’s prawn fishing industry. Prawn fishing in the Gulf generates an estimated $70 million, but fishing of other species has now reached a point where over-exploitation of stocks is occurring. Clearly, through the closer linking of Gulf communities, resource-management as required in this industry stands a better chance of being successfully implemented.

When it is recognised that the ALP submission proceeds on an entirely wrong basis with regard to Mount Isa, and that its proposed amalgamation of McKinlay, Richmond and Flinders Shires into Mount Isa is misconceived, virtually all of its proposals for the North of the State fall to the ground.

The existing district of Mirani as formulated by EARC reflects a proper cohesion of community interests and pays appropriate regard to lines of communication in the region. In short, as originally designed, and as matters presently sit, it conforms with the statutory criteria. There is a case for some minor adjustment to remove anomalies but not for wholesale change as proposed by the ALP. Its proposal would see about half of the geographical area of the electorate dislocated to another seat, with a corresponding geographical change to the west of the present seat, drawing in large areas from the existing Charters Towers. There is also substantial relocation of electors in both the south and the west. Those changes are entirely unnecessary, and should not be made.

The changes proposed by the ALP for the Central Coast region are all dependant upon what it has proposed for Mirani. With the collapse of its Mirani submission, its proposals for the Central Coast region fall down. In particular, Gladstone requires no change, and so there should be none. Similarly, the ALP proposals in relation to Callide reflect a complete lack of consideration of questions of community of interest. Its proposal would see Callide advance to the east to take in a large section of coastline and to the south to swallow up Wondai, Murgon and Kilkivan Shires representing a substantial part of existing Barambah. Communication links and transport corridors have been utterly ignored.

There is no question that the Sunshine Coast and Pine Rivers area exhibits extraordinary growth, requiring careful planning of electorate boundaries. The ALP submission makes various proposals for the area, including the abolition of the electorate of Maroochydore, but provides no clear definition and only vague generalisations. As the ALP has chosen to omit the detail of its submission with regard to projected enrolments of the seats it has proposed in this region, its proposal cannot be tested for compliance with growth requirements. Whilst it is recognised that the high growth evidenced in this area necessitates the creation of electorates, the proposition of the ALP that this can be done only by maximising change to existing electoral boundaries in the area, via the abolition of an existing seat, is contrary to the principles of the Act. As a result it cannot be regarded as carrying any weight and should be disregarded.

The ALP submission for the northern side of Brisbane is that the Commission should ‘ensure minimal disruption’ [Paragraph 4.10.3]. Coming as it does, after proposals for the destruction of Maroochydore, Charters Towers and Hinchinbrook and for pointless wholesale change to Mirani, Callide and Barambah, in
which thousands of square kilometres of Queensland countryside are uprooted and displaced from one electorate to another and thousands upon thousands of electors are displaced, all in the pursuit of base political objectives, the admonition for minimal disruption is hypocritical. It is ironic that the demand for minimal change follows immediately after Paragraph 4.10.2 which calls upon the Commission to destroy the Liberal held seat of Aspley.

The ALP proposals for the Darling Downs have to be considered in the context of what it says about the Ipswich and West Moreton regions. It is clear that changes have been proposed to lay a foundation for proposals to manipulate the seats in the three regions. The outcome of the ALP proposal is to design boundaries for Lockyer which will incorporate Darling Downs areas such as Cambooya and Wyreema and at the same time include parts of Ipswich. This is a seat designed for political purposes and not on principles of community of interest. To get to Cambooya from the eastern parts of the electorate one has to climb the range into Toowoomba and then proceed south into Cambooya Shire. There is no legitimate rationale for drawing Lockyer across the range.

The ALP proposal for the area south of the Brisbane River to the border involves creation of a seat based on Beenleigh. Once again the submission lacks definition and contains no supporting data to justify its proposals, particularly in regard to growth.

The National Party of Australia - Queensland supports the submission of Mrs Judy Gamin MLA in relation to the ALP proposal for amendments to the existing electorate of Burleigh.

The ALP submission concludes in paragraph 5.1 by asserting the need to "maintain the integrity of existing boundaries wherever possible". Yet it has not done so. The ALP submission is a disappointing document. It repeatedly reflects a disregard for the interests of constituents who appear to have been seen as pawns who can be freely manipulated in a political exercise. It repeatedly espouses principle, but then does not follow it. We urge the Commission to disregard the submission in its entirety.

The NPAQ re-affirms the submission which it lodged on 17 November. Those proposals take appropriate account of communities of interest, and enrolments and projected enrolments, and give proper attention to the existing boundaries, as the Act requires. They reflect a fair and balanced approach to the re-distribution exercise.

Yours faithfully,

Ken Crooke
State Director
15 December 1998

Judge Shanahan
Queensland Electoral Redistribution Commission
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BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Judge Shanahan

I examined the public suggestions on the redistribution of electoral districts at my local library recently.

If I may, I would like to provide comment on the submissions.

From a resident of Corinda viewpoint, it would make life, and elections, easier for us if the boundaries were drawn the same as much as possible. None of the submissions about this area are clear on this issue.

Can the boundary please be changed so that the boundary of our BCC Ward of Walter Taylor becomes the boundary between the state electorates of Indooroopilly and Mount Ommaney? Making the southern boundary of the electorate of Indooroopilly at Cliveden Avenue and Consort Street would be the preferable choice to simplify the issue for local electors.

This would instil consistency at two levels of government and ensure we would have a lot less confusion on election days.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Grant McCorry
17th December, 1998

Judge J P Shanahan
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Dear Judge Shanahan

1998 Queensland Redistribution of Electoral Districts
Comments on Public Suggestions

We refer to the public suggestions released by the Queensland Redistribution Commission for public comment, and provide comments relating to suggestions affecting the electorate of Mt Ommaney.

As residents and electors in the Mt Ommaney electorate, we support the suggestions made in Submission No. 22 by the Vietnamese Forum for Multiculturism that, for reasons of community interest, transport, business and service links and consistency with the boundary of the Federal electorate of Ryan, the southern boundary of the electorate should be changed to extend to Ipswich Road, taking in the suburb of Darra.

We do not support the suggestion in Submission No. 34 made by the Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division), that the boundary of the Mt Ommaney electorate should be altered to exclude part of Oxley, transferring 2410 electors to the Inala electorate. Such a change would create an artificial separation of a part of the existing electorate from the rest of the suburb and the Centenary suburbs, with which it is linked in terms of transport and service provision and cultural and community facility access.

If the southern boundary of the electorate were to be drawn at Ipswich Road, taking in the suburb of Darra, as suggested in Submission No. 22, and retaining that part of Oxley suggested for transfer in Submission No. 34, it would reflect the existing cohesive community of interest shared by the suburbs of Centenary, Darra and Oxley and which is reinforced by natural and constructed physical boundaries such as the Brisbane River and the Ipswich Motorway.

Yours sincerely

John Little
Chairperson
17 December 1998

QRC/C 14

The Secretary,
Electoral Review Committee,
Queensland Electoral Commission,
BRISBANE QLD 4000

(Fax No.: (07) 32297391)

Dear Sir,

Re: Review of Electoral Boundaries: Cook/Mt. Isa

Our Council is aware of the review being currently undertaken with respect to the above boundaries.

The Community of Pormpuraaw supports the current boundary where we are a part of the Cook electorate for both social and economical reasons.

Yours faithfully,

(A.F. WATTRIDGE)
Council Clerk
Judge J P Shanahan
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Locked Bag 3300
BRISBANE QLD 9001

Dear Judge Shanahan

1998 Queensland Redistribution of State Electoral Districts

I wish to provide comments on submissions received by the Queensland Redistribution Commission which affect the electorate of Mt Ommaney on behalf of Focus on Youth of Seventeen Mile Rocks.

My organisation assists disabled young people to enjoy recreational and social activities and have been working in the Mt Ommaney electorate for over 13 years. We support the submission by the Vietnamese Forum for Multiculturism and agree that in the interests of the community, access to public transport, links with local businesses and educational facilities that the boundary should be extended to Ipswich Road taking in the suburb of Darra.

I believe also that the links between the disabled organisations in the electorate, centred around Oxley, Darra and Seventeen Mile Rocks should be maintained for the benefit of disabled youth and for promotion of existing support networks in the area.

I thank you for your consideration of this submission and wish you well in your deliberations.

Yours faithfully

Geoff Aaroe
Director
Focus on Youth Inc.
18th December, 1998

The Secretary,
Queensland Redistribution Commission,
Locked Bag 3300,
BRISBANE QLD 9001

RE: Q.R.C/C

Dear Sir,

I write in response to the Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries currently being undertaken and specifically to a new seat suggested for the Rural and Rural Residential areas of the Pine Rivers Shire and Caboolture Shire referred to in the A.L.P. Submission as Dayboro.

I believe that if this new seat is created it should take in all the area covered as Division I of the Pine Rivers Shire plus the Rural and Rural Residential parts of Division 5 and Division 9.

My reasons for this is the criteria of community of interest demonstrated by the fact that the majority of constituents would then be in the same Local, State and Federal Electorate. I have attached the front page of “The Village Pump” which is the community newspaper put out by The Samford Progress Association which shows the areas which would fall within the southern end of this new electorate.

Hoping the above is taken into consideration when considering the Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries.

Yours Faithfully,

ROB HUTCHINSON

Rob Hutchinson, 225 Camp Mountain Road, SAMFORD QLD 4120
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The South Burnett Local Government Association Inc. represents the six local governments of the South Burnett (Shires of Kilkivan, Kingaroy, Nanango, Murgon and Wondai, and Cherbourg Aboriginal Community Council) and is firmly of the view that all six local government areas should be retained within the same Electorate, because of the strong community of interest which exists within our area.

We respectfully submit that this community of interest should be strongly weighted by the Commission as a determinant in its considerations. Any redistribution which divided the South Burnett would have a detrimental effect on this community of interest, which is demonstrated by:

- this Association as an incorporated body representing the South Burnett Councils in matters of common interest, such as tourism development, economic development, sports and recreation (and employing personnel on a regional basis to develop these areas);

- affiliation with the State Regional Tourism Authority, covering the whole South Burnett;

- similarities in the demographics, geography and rural based industries across the region

- new and diverse rural industries being fostered and encouraged on a regional basis. An outstandingly successful example of this “community of interest” approach is the rapidly developing South Burnett Wine Industry which was fostered and encouraged by a feasibility study initiated through South Burnett BARA (comprising the Mayors of the South Burnett);

- sporting competitions and affiliation of sports teams, agricultural shows etc. on a South Burnett basis;

- the South Burnett Hospital Board covering hospitals in the area;
initiation of "South Burnett Online" (through this Association) for a South Burnett Internet website (with hyperlinks to the individual South Burnett Shires and towns and associated regional Internet awareness training);

- common transport links through the South Burnett by Rail Corridor, Main Roads (Bunya and Burnett Highways) and transport services by Pursers Coaches (South Burnett) and Brisbane Bus Lines;

- common media communications by newspaper (South Burnett Times) and radio (1071AM);

- the South Burnett being "self-contained" in terms of services and facilities required by its residents.

To correct the current and projected under-quota status of the Barambah electorate a beneficial redistribution could add to Barambah part of an adjoining electorate with similar demographics, rural industries and geography, but with increasingly disparate interests in other parts experiencing significant semi rural, low density residential development.

Yours faithfully,

D. Lahiff

Cr David Lahiff
President

QRC/17

ELECTORAL COMMISSION
QUEENSLAND
19 DEC 1998

PROSPERITY THROUGH DIVERSITY AND INNOVATION
17th December, 1998

Hon. Judge J.P. Shanahan,
Chairman of the Queensland Electoral Redistribution Commission
Level 6, Forestry House,
160 Mary Street,
BRISBANE QLD 4000

Dear Sir,

Re: Electoral Redistribution Of The State Seat Of Ipswich West

As provided under the provisions of section 43(2) of the Electoral Commission Act 1992, I provide the following comments in response to suggestions lodged with the Commission.

The submissions provided to the Commission by the Queensland Labor Party to completely abolish the State seat of Ipswich West, in my view, are an attempt by the Labor Party to completely disenfranchise the people of this electorate from any representation in State Parliament, and effectively remove the electorate boundary to allow marginal Labor held seats of Bundamba and Ipswich and other inner city electorates to be enhanced.

I believe that shifting the State seat of Ipswich West outside Ipswich, would have an economic and social effect on the people residing around the borders of this area and furthermore their socio-economic contact would be removed.

As warned by Mr Tony Fitzgerald in his findings at the Fitzgerald Enquiry, political parties have used the shifting and redistribution of State electoral boundaries as a tool to hold onto power. The figures quoted of the number of people on the Ipswich West electoral roll are incorrect and over-stated. It is my understanding this electorate has enrolled 24,559 and not 26,236.
I view with gave concern the suggestion to abolish the Ipswich West seat. However, should pressure be placed on this area by the expansion of the seat of Ipswich, I believe that the boundary should be moved into and include North Ipswich, Brassall, Brassall West and Leichhardt and remaining south of the main Warrego Highway. The Ipswich West boundary then should well stretch up to include Fernvale, Lowood, Coominyn, and across to Mt Tarampa, Minden, down to Grandchester and on the northern side of the main western railway corridor, taking in Rosewood, Marburg and Haigslea.

This expansion would effectively bulge into the seat of Crows Nest electorate. I believe this would keep and maintain an effective regional empathy with people of this area and still maintain their socio-economic association with the City of Ipswich. Furthermore, many people living in this area will continue to have a familiar point of contact.

Since this suggestion has become public knowledge, I have received numerous telephone calls and approaches from people residing in this electorate, speaking against the abolishing of the Ipswich West electorate.

Yours faithfully,

J.K. PAFF, MLA
Member for Ipswich West
17th December, 1998

Hon Judge JP Shanahan
Chair of Queensland Electoral
Redistribution Commission
Level 6, Forestry House
160 Mary House
BRISBANE 4000

Dear Sir,

I would like to make comment on submissions made by The Australian Labor Party and National Party Australia (Queensland Nationals) to the Electorate of Lockyer.

I note with some disdain that the ALP submission basically splits the Electorate in two. The proposed new Electorate of Lockyer will consist of Gatton and Laidley Shires, part of Esk Shire (a section removed from the existing Crows Nest Electorate), a portion of Ipswich West Electorate, which under the ALP proposal will be abolished. The remainder of the existing Electorate of Lockyer, this consisting of Boonah Shire, plus a portion of Ipswich Shire, would be joined with a large portion of Beaudesert to form a new Electorate which is to be called Fassifern.
The National Party’s proposal has the Boonah Shire being shed to Beaudesert Electorate. After reviewing the proposal by the Nationals I do believe that they have not taken into consideration the new Shire Boundaries that will come into existence from the year 2000.

Under the redistribution criteria, the Commission is required to give consideration to a number of matters under Section 46 of the Act. I believe that the two submissions as proposed by the ALP and Queensland Nationals do not take these requirements into consideration in a fair way.

The ALP submission completely disrupts the Electorate and removes a large portion of it to Beaudesert. I must point out to the Commission that this portion comprising of Boonah Shire and a part of Ipswich City has always considered Ipswich as its Regional Centre, with the people of these areas having economic and social contacts with Ipswich. This socio economic association with Ipswich also extends to the portion of the existing Lockyer Electorate, namely Laidley and Gatton.

If the Boonah Shire is absorbed into Beaudesert, the Flinders Peak Range system to the east of the Shire will separate this smaller portion of the proposed Electorate from this larger section. This has occurred with previous redistributions, with the people of Boonah Shire generally feeling isolated within their own Electorate.

Under the ALP’s proposal the Electorate of Ipswich Ipswich West would be totally abolished and I will make comments to this in the following proposals for consideration.

Proposals for changes to the Lockyer Electorate

For minimum disruption to the Lockyer Electorate I believe the following should occur:

The portion of the Electorate to the east of the Flinders Peak Range system that takes in the Greenbank, Flagstone areas should be absorbed into the metropolitan Brisbane and Logan Seats to allow redistribution of these voters (as at 13 June Election, some 2,029) to be a part of the area that is more akin to their socio economic ties.

The western boundary of Lockyer Electorate to be moved easterly to allow the areas of Murphy’s Creek, Withcott, Blanchview and Silver Ridge to be included into the Toowoomba Electorates. The electors residing in these areas on a whole consider Toowoomba to be their Regional Centre for work, business and social activities. This would equate to some 1,500 electors moving to the Toowoomba Seats.
Comments

These simple proposed changes to the Lockyer electorate will result in approximately 3,500 electors being placed into Electorates more appropriate to their lifestyles.

This leaves some 23,500 electors remaining in Lockyer which comes within the required redistribution target voter number and provides for minimal disruptions to the residents of this Electorate.

Comment on the proposal to the Electorate of Ipswich West

I agree with the Labor Party submission that Ipswich Electorate should be expanded to the west.

I do not agree that the remainder of Ipswich West should be absorbed into other and or new electorates.

The remaining southern boundary should remain, after expansion of the Ipswich Electorate but the northern boundary should be moved to include Lowood, Mt. Tarampa and Minden areas. This should allow the redistribution process to increase the numbers of Ipswich electorate and maintain the approximate status quo in the Ipswich West Electorate, with the necessary reduction in numbers of Crows Nest Electorate.

This process would allow the residents of new growth areas (ie Minden, Mt Tarampa and Lowood) to maintain their socio economic links with Ipswich.

See attached Maps

Proposed changes to eastern side of Lockyer Electorate

Proposed changes to western side of Lockyer electorate

Suggested changes to Ipswich West Electorate

CONCLUSION

I would hope that the above proposals are of use to the Commission in its deliberations in reaching the final decision for changes to Lockyer and Ipswich West Electorates.

I would hope that the Commission takes into account, comments made by Justice Tony Fitzgerald during the Fitzgerald Inquiry in relation to the suggestion that Electoral Boundaries were chosen by voting patterns rather than community interests that ensured that State Governments of particular persuasions were kept in power.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Peter Prenzler

Member for Lockyer
Hon Judge J.P. Shanahan,
Chair
Queensland Electoral Redistribution Commission
Forestry House,
160 Mary St.,
BRISBANE, Q., 4000

Dear Sir,

I write to comment on submissions from the major political parties in regard to the
GYMPIE electoral district.

I was Gympie born and bred, and have had a lot of involvement in community
sporting, social and commercial activities over many years. I am the immediate past
president of the Gympie and District Chamber of Commerce, and a current Cooloola
Shire Councillor. Accordingly, I believe I can speak with some considerable
authority on “community of interest” issues which are such an important aspect of the
electoral redistribution process.

The suggestion by the Australian Labor Party that Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach
have a community of interest connection with Maryborough is beneath contempt, and
is only surpassed in ludicracy by their assumption that there is a link between
Kandanga/Imbil, and any major centre to the south.

Both the Tin Can Bay / Rainbow Beach and the Imbil/Kandanga communities are an
integral and very valued part of the larger community which comprises the Gympie
Cooloola District. The links are as historical as they are contemporary, and encompass
geographical, social, sporting, and commerce considerations. In fact, they are part of
the very fabric of a society which could be held up as a prime example of the
definition of “Community of interest”.

There is only one area which could perhaps lay claim to a stronger community of
interest with Gympie, and which, sadly, and unfairly is presently excluded from the
Gympie electoral district. That area, as Your Honour would well know is the Widgee /
Wonga / Bells Bridge area on the north – west boundary of the electorate. The
constituents of this area are geographically remote from any major centre in their
present electorate of Barambah, and without exception, would consider Gympie their
commercial and social centre.

I would strongly urge your committee to ignore any calls to remove Tin Can Bay /
Rainbow Beach or Kandanga / Imbil from the electoral district of Gympie.
Further, I would respectfully suggest that Widgee / Wonga / Bells Bridge should be included in Gympie.

If any shedding of voter numbers has to occur, it would be far more appropriate in the Cooroy / Pomona area, to the south - east of the electorate. This population centre already has a strong community of interest link with Nambour and Noosa, and re - alignment in this region would have a far less disruptive effect than any other option.

Yours faithfully,

QRC / C 20

I.T. Petersen
1650 Kandanga Creek Road
Upper Kandanga,
Gympie, 4570

The Secretary,
Redistribution Commission,
Locked Bag 3300,
Brisbane, 4001.

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are extremely disturbed that it has been suggested that Kandanga/Imbil (Mary Valley) be taken out of the Gympie electorate in the proposed change of boundaries.

Gympie is our town, not Nambour or the Sunshine Coast area. We have no community of interest with those coastal areas. All our businesses, education, health, finance & social activities are in Gympie. Also Gympie is the centre of the Coooloola Shire of which we are part.

Looking forward to a very favourable reply.

Yours sincerely,

Graham & Lyn Smith.
15 December 1998

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
Locked Bag 3300
Brisbane 4001.

Dear Mrs Aurisch,

Please find enclosed comments on suggestions received by the Queensland Redistribution Commission in relation to the current redistribution of State electorates.

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

Yours sincerely,

Greg Goebel
State Director
QRC/C 22

Liberal Party of Australia (Qld Division)

Comments
on
Suggestions Received by

Queensland Redistribution Commission

14 December 1998
INTRODUCTION

The Liberal Party does not propose to comment on all other suggestions received by the Queensland Redistribution Commission. Of these 35 submissions only one - from the National Party - presented proposals in respect of all 89 electoral districts.

A number of suggestions supported propositions advanced by the Liberal Party in its submission (QRC/S34) while others are in direct opposition to those of the Liberal Party.

COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS

i)  QRC/S 8 Phillip S Picknell

This suggestion argues for the inclusion of the Shailer Park area (currently in Redlands) in Springwood. This has the strong support of the Liberal Party as it would ensure the inclusion of as many electors as possible from Logan City in an electorate based on that city, that is, Springwood. The present boundaries which place some 6000 electors in Redlands do not serve the best interest of these voters.

ii) QRC/S 11 Bruce Bellette

This submission proposes, inter alia, that the part of the City of Townsville south of the Ross River and currently in Burdekin be included in the Townsville-based seat of Mundaring. This area includes James Cook University and Lavarack Barracks.

The Liberal Party supports the proposition that these voters should be included in an urban seat rather than in a seat with essentially rural characteristics such as Burdekin.

iii) QRC/S 12 Cr Darren Power

This submission argues for the inclusion of Shailer Park, Daisy Hill and Loganholme in the one electorate. Although the Liberal Party does not believe this can be achieved in its entirety the principle is worthy of support and reiterates the comments as outlined above in (i)QRC/S 8.

iv) QRC/S 16,17,18

G E Baker
V & E Page
National Party (Hervey Bay Branch)

These submissions relate to the proposed boundaries between Maryborough and Hervey Bay.
In general terms they support the submission by the Liberal Party in arguing for the creation of a seat of Hervey Bay based to the maximum possible extent on the coastal communities of Hervey Bay itself. This would be a forward looking move which accounts for the population movements that are expected in the area in the foreseeable future. While the seat of Maryborough requires additional enrolments it is appropriate they be drawn from those parts of Hervey Bay with a limited connection to this coastal seat.

v) QRC/S 22 Vietnamese Forum for Multiculturalism

This submission contends that the Darra area should be included in the seat of Mount Ommaney. It should be noted that the bulk of Darra is now located in Inala and in the recent past has not been included in Mount Ommaney or the former Sherwood.

While the submission presents cogent arguments, it ignores the important point that enrolments in the relevant electorates must fall within the permissible variation from the quota. Enrolments in Inala must be augmented and the logical area from which to draw such electors is that part of Oxley presently in Mount Ommaney.

As the bulk of Darra is presently in Inala the inclusion of parts of Oxley as well would enhance the character of that seat. At the same time the inclusion of additional areas in Mount Ommaney would create significant enrolment imbalances. While these could be overcome by altering boundaries in other areas, a simple transfer from Mount Ommaney to Inala is the most logical method to resolve the problems that now exist.

vi) QRC/S 31 Australian Labor Party

The Submission from the ALP is somewhat ambiguous and inconsistent. It fails to provide maps for the 89 electorates, it fails to disclose precisely which seats it proposes be abolished and provides no hint as to what changes it proposes to the immediate north of the Brisbane River, particularly whether it favours the abolition of any inner suburban seats such as Kedron or Chermside.

The submission is inconsistent in that it sets out clear principles then rejects them when it comes to drawing precise lines on the map.

At 3.9.1 the submission states:

“However, in the process of re-drafting, if existing boundaries can be re-used then the ALP feels this would provide some electoral continuity for voters.”

While this is a worthy principle, it is immediately ignored, for example, in Brisbane’s southern and south-western suburbs. Significant changes are suggested though the submission suggests such changes have been limited.
To add further confusion it is difficult to understand the precise status of the submission and its limited number of accompanying maps.

At 4.1.5 the submission indicates:
“ It is intended that the suggested boundaries illustrated on these maps indicate the general direction or flow of enrolments among electorates, and not necessarily hold the ALP to a specific view as to where a particular boundary should in fact be placed.”

This may explain the ALP’s reluctance to indicate its intentions on Brisbane’s northside. However, it also makes it difficult to assess whether the ALP is actually arguing in favour of a set of proposals or simply raising them as part of an abstract discussion. The body of the submission fails to provide an answer to this question.

The genesis of Labor’s ambiguity may lie in its failure to outline the principle behind the creation and abolition of seats - the key to a justifiable redrawing of boundaries. Whereas the Liberal Party looked at current enrolments and enrolment projections to assist in the placing of seats, Labor appears to have relied on current enrolments only.

Indeed, Labor has devoted an entire section of its submission (3.10 Growth Trends) disparaging the enrolment projections. Finding them unpalatable Labor appears to have decided to ignore them.

This may explain Labor’s unwillingness to abolish a seat on Brisbane’s southside. While it is true no seat needs to be abolished on current enrolments, projections warrant such a move by 1 January 2000. This point is made in the submission by the Liberal Party (QRC/S 34) at pp 3-7.

This feature of the ALP submission makes it difficult to determine precisely what is proposed. The absence of a comprehensive list of its 89 proposed seats exacerbates this problem.

The following comments are offered in relation to specific proposals:

- **Barron River**
  Kuranda should be transferred from Barron River as the Liberal Party suggested. Located in the Mareeba Shire its links to Cairns are tenuous and its removal from Barron River would assist in regularising enrolments in surrounding electorates.

  To increase enrolments in Barron River the ALP proposes the inclusion of Edge Hill and Manunda from Cairns. This piecemeal slicing at the boundary is not in the interests of residents in either electorate.

  The inclusion in Barron River of the Redlynch area from Cairns, a relatively isolated locality, is a far more sensible proposition.
Miriani and Keppel
The ALP has proposed changes to both Mirani and Keppel which make
significant and unnecessary changes to the character of both seats. The
inclusion of Moraubah in Mirani will change the nature of the seat from one
based on the coast and its associated industries to one based on the inland
central Queensland coal fields. That Mirani would no longer resemble an
"upside-down 'L'shape" is a question of aesthetics only and is not one that
needs to be addressed in the redistribution process.

Proposals to expand Keppel's boundaries to the north would detract from its
character as a seat linking parts of Rockhampton with the coastal areas around
Yeppoon. This would be short-sighted and ignores the rapid growth that is
occurring in Livingstone Shire.

Pine Rivers
This is an inappropriate name. The Pine Rivers Shire encompasses a number
of seats and it would be illogical to allocate the name "Pine Rivers: to one seat
included in that shire.

Ipswich and Southern Brisbane
The rationale behind the significant changes proposed in this area is somewhat
obscure. No reasons are given for these major changes and they would appear
to contradict Labor's stated claim of limiting boundary changes.

Mount Ommaney
The ALP proposes to include all of Darra and Oxley in Mount Ommaney. The
reasons this should not be done are outlined above in (v)QRC/S 22.

Springwood
There are no valid reasons, despite Labor's assertions, for the boundaries of
the seat of Springwood to cross the Pacific Highway. This is a clear boundary
and placing a handful of electors on the western side of the Highway
physically removed from the bulk of electors is of limited benefit.

vii) QRC/S 32 National Party of Australia
The absence of maps makes it difficult to assess the impact of the National Party
proposals. No comments are offered on these suggestions.
16 December, 1998

QRC/023

The Secretary
Qld Redistribution Commission
Locked Bag 3300
BRISBANE QLD 9001

Dear Sir/Madam

I write to provide comments on the redistribution of electoral districts. Of particular interest is the seat of Woodridge.

Woodridge includes the suburbs of Logan Central, Woodridge, part of Kingston and part of Slacks Creek. This electoral district has one of the highest concentrations of public housing in Logan City. The Pacific Highway is a natural boundary to the eastern side.

My major concern is that Woodridge be retained as a single unit and not be completely removed by attaching sections of it to Sunnybank, Springwood or Waterford.

When considering the boundaries of existing electoral divisions, an expansion of Woodridge on only the western side of the Pacific Highway is desirable. The option of extending down into Waterford between Slacks Creek and the Highway or up into Sunnybank are favoured over the option of a new seat, which straddles the Highway. This latter option may see the complete elimination of Sunnybank from within the City of Logan.

I trust that these comments are beneficial to you in your current redistribution.

Yours sincerely

Cr John Grant
INDEPENDENT MEMBER FOR DIVISION 3
Mr Des O’Shea
Commissioner
Queensland Electoral Commission
PO Box 1393
BRISBANE Q 4001

Goff and June Holz
1067 Little Cavendish Rd
Mount Gravatt East 4122

Dear Mr O’Shea

As long term residents of the Mount Gravatt district and as active community members we would like to make comment on the submissions made to the Commission by the Liberal and Labor Parties on the proposed redistribution.

Having been voters in the seat of Mount Gravatt since the seat was created we have seen the seat change and boundaries move as population changes and subsequent redistributions have occurred.

However, there have always been a few constant elements that make up the seat:
  • the centre of the electorate has been the Mount Gravatt Outlook;
  • the heart has been the Mount Gravatt Central Shopping Centre;
  • most of the suburb of Mount Gravatt East has been within the seat; and
  • at least a part of Salisbury and all of Nathan have been in the Mount Gravatt electorate.

The seat has never included elements of Tarragindi or Coorparoo.

The proposal by the Liberals to re-name the seat Holland Park, apart from creating confusion with the Council ward of the same name, does not reflect the importance of Mount Gravatt as a district and as a focus. In short, the seat of Mount Gravatt should remain and it should focus on Mount Gravatt.

In regard to the Liberals submission we would therefore suggest that the suburbs of Tarragindi, Greenslopes, and Coorparoo be kept together in their current electorates.

The seat of Mount Gravatt should also retain the parts of Salisbury and Nathan on the basis of minimum disruption and due to the fact that these suburbs have always been part of the Mount Gravatt electorate.

Whilst we do not entirely agree with the proposal of the Labor Party we believe that it better reflects how the seat has been based historically and has retention of the community of interest as a main concern.
The Liberals’ submission splits too many suburbs. Residents of Coorparoo focus more on Coorparoo shopping centre as is the case with Greenslopes residents focusing on Stones Corner. Shopping centres are a major determinant of community of interest. Tarragindi residents should also be together in the one seat.

Yours sincerely

Goff & June Holz

QRC/C.24
Dear Secretary,

We were dismayed to learn of the proposal put forward by the Liberal Party to include The Gap in the electorate of Mt Coot-tha.

The Gap already suffers from being included in the federal electorate of Ryan. We are disconnected from that area to the point of feeling somewhat disenfranchised federally.

To include The Gap in Mt Coot-tha would double the injury.

When you look at The Gap on a map you may come to the mistaken conclusion that it is part of the western suburbs but as a community it is completely separated for several reasons:

- There is no proper road that connects The Gap to the western suburbs. The Gap Creek Road is a dirt track and the so-called Route 5 is a barely adequate corridor for cars. There is next to no public transport and it is dangerous for bicycles.
- The Gap is separated from the other suburbs in the Mt Coot-tha electorate by Mt Coot-tha itself. From the top of the mountain you can clearly see The Gap on the other side.
- There are no community groups (that we know of) that encompass The Gap and areas like Bardon and Toowong. This is for the simple reason that Gapites don't consider themselves to live in that area.

We are persuaded that The Gap is more appropriately included with the Ashgrove district.

The element that irrevocably ties Ashgrove and The Gap together is Waterworks Road.

People make sense of the places where they live by the process of cognitive mapping. That means they use major elements of the built and natural environment to make sense of their surroundings.

If you asked a Gap resident to draw a map of where they lived every one would begin by drawing Waterworks Road and then locating themselves in relation to that.

That unquestionable leads Gap residents to link themselves to Ashgrove.

There are also many examples of community connections between Ashgrove and The Gap.
For instance, The Gap does not have its own library. It is the Ashgrove library that we use. Recently, the Ashgrove The Gap Transport Action Group sprung into action to raise concerns about local transport issues.

Almost all the buses from The Gap go through Ashgrove. Some go across country to Brookside. None go from The Gap to Toowong — you must go to Ashgrove to make a connection.

We urge you to maintain The Gap within the same electorate as Ashgrove.

Yours faithfully,

Anne Jones
Convenor

QRG/C25
17 December, 1998

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Committee
Locked Mail Bag 3300
BRISBANE 9001

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: 1998 Queensland Redistribution of Electoral Districts Comment on Public Suggestions.

General.

1. Demographics and the redistribution criteria indicate that in broad terms the required redistribution will result in the decrease of two electorates around Brisbane with concurrent increase of one electorate each of the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast areas. All major submissions reflect this situation.

2. Comment is limited to proposals affecting the Sunshine Coast Region, with emphasis on the current electorate of Nicklin.

Comments:

**ALP Submission (No 31)**

3. It is agreed that the region increase from five electorates to six as this meets the quota criteria. The principle that the proposed new electorates be set at the lower end of the quota tolerance is agreed because this will ensure that they remain within tolerance for as long as possible.

   Nambour as the major regional centre is a logical electorate in its own right with its quota made up from the satellite towns. To keep the quota valid towns west of the Bruce Highway should be included in the Nicklin electorate. This also would follow the Local Government boundary as well as keeping a similar community of social and regional interests intact.

**NPA Submission (No 32)**

4. This proposal increases the Sunshine Coast by one further electorate.

   While the stated principle is minimal change, the existing electorate of Nicklin seems to have major changes proposed by dividing the major centre of Nambour and Burns. Furthermore of the 70 CCDs proposed to make up the new electorate, 30 are split which seems to be unwarranted.
The proposed east-west aligned electorate appears not to be consistent with the redistribution criteria listed in section 46 of the Act in that it cuts communities of interest in half and does not follow Local Government boundaries.

Greg Pitman (No 33)
5. This proposal suggests that the electorate of Nicklin should be centred around the townships of Woombye, Palmwoods, Mapleton, Nambour, Yandina and Bumundi and shed the existing southern elements. The quota situation may prelude this being achieved in full.

Liberation Submission (No 34)
6. This proposal in principle agrees with earlier suggestions in regard to the Sunshine Coast region. In this case an additional electorate of "Glasshouse" is proposed extending from the western section of Caboolture including the southern section of the existing Nicklin electorate and parts of Caloundra and Mooloolah electorates. The rearrangement of Nicklin is not agreed as this (renamed Yandina) will undergo too major a change. The name Yandina is also not agreed for the reasons stated and Nambour is more appropriate.

Conclusion
7. It is agreed that the Sunshine Coast region should increase its electorates from five to six, and all six electorates should be set at the lower of the Quota tolerance.

8. In redistributing electorates, there should be minimal change and as a principle, four electorates should be coastal (east of the Bruce Highway) and two electorates located in the hinterland.

9. The new electorate could be named "Glasshouse" and the remaining ones remain unchanged. However, if a change from Nicklin is deemed necessary then Nambour is suggested as an alternative.

10. The summary of suggestion comments is shown on the outline map.

Yours sincerely

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SUBMISSION FOR THE RETENTION OF THE CRAIGNISH LOCALITY (DISTRICT 3 100 108) IN THE HERVEY BAY ELECTORAL DISTRICT

Introduction

This submission is made to the Queensland Distribution Commission on behalf of the undersigned residents of the Craignish to retain the district in the Electoral District of Hervey Bay. The basis of the request is on two grounds:

✓ The strong sense of community the residents of Craignish have with the City of Hervey Bay, of which they have been a part since the area achieved its own local government, over a quarter of a century ago;

✓ The close economic ties with the City of Hervey Bay that residents have, given the proximity of Hervey Bay’s main business & shopping centres (14 kilometres) to the district.

Community Links

Craignish is a rapidly developing rural residential area to the west of Hervey Bay. It was originally a cane/pineapple district, but in the last 10-15 years the coastal area between the Hervey Bay – Burrum Heads’s road has been developed as a residential area. The population is a mixture of people employed mostly in Hervey Bay, and retirees who rely on Hervey Bay for the provision of most services (shopping, health care, support service support etc). It is reasonable to suggest that the residents in the district visit and do business in Hervey Bay far more that with any other regional centre in the Wide Bay/Burnett region. The residents of Craignish also have far more community interaction (voluntary work, community groups and the like) with such bodies in Hervey Bay than with other centres. Local residents of the Craignish area have in the past been grossly disadvantaged without a public transport system in place. The residents of Craignish now have a reliable public transport facility to access their local Member. There is no such convenient link to Maryborough. Craignish is an integral part of the community and the economy of Hervey Bay which rely on each other. There is no such mutual reliance with Maryborough. Maryborough is irrelevant to our area as such a link. Any change from the current representation would only serve to isolate Craignish from State Parliamentary representation.

Economic Ties

The area in the last 30 years has looked to Hervey Bay for the provision of economic services that a modern community requires. The majority of the working population of the district is employed within the Hervey Bay City Council area. As mentioned in the introduction the main business & shopping area of Hervey Bay in Pialba is only 14 kilometres away. The distance to Maryborough is at least 40 kilometres. There is direct road links between Craignish and Pialba which has been upgraded in recent years. It is true that areas such as Howard, Torbanlea, Burrum Heads, Tooogoong and River Heads do enjoy strong economic ties with Maryborough. The majority of residents of these areas do the majority of their business, daily shopping and social involvement with Maryborough. We believe that these areas have a commuter bus link directly to Maryborough for shopping and other purposes. This does not exist with Hervey Bay.

Considering that the majority of Fraser Island Tourist Development infrastructure is located under the control of the Maryborough City Council on a local government level. It would appear logical that the Island should be represented by the Member for Maryborough. The Member could obviously work closely with the representatives of the Maryborough City Council.

Comment

The submission by the Hervey Bay branch of the National Party prepared by Cr Edward Sorensen focuses solely on Hervey Bay’s tourist function. While not denying the importance of the tourist industry to the city, the main growth in Hervey Bay’s population is from retirees, who wish to make the area their permanent home. These people become electors in the district, and identify with Hervey Bay for community purposes. It should be noted the submissions from both the ALP & Liberal Party appear to favour the retention of Craignish in the Hervey Bay Electoral District.

The undersigned residents of Craignish respectively request the Queensland Redistribution Commission to give consideration to the above.

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The Secretary,
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Dear Sir / Ma'am,

Q.R.C./C
Proposed Seat of DAYBORO

I have read with interest the ALP Submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission, particularly as it relates to the proposed new seat of Dayboro.

It would appear to make some sense to "extract" the rural and semi-rural areas identified in seats such as Kurwongbah, Kallangur and Ferny Grove, and place them in one seat having a common interest or set of interests.

It would make greater sense still to have electors in an area such as Samford, in which I am primarily interested, located in a "district" that has common electoral boundaries, to the extent that the majority of Samford constituents are in the same Local, State and Federal Electorates.

To this end, I believe that the new seat of Dayboro, to the extent that it impacts upon Samford, should cover an area that is presently incorporated in the Pine Rivers Shire Division 1 and the rural components of Divisions 5 and 9.

I would be happy to make such further oral submission as may be of use to the Commission.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Hawkins
President
Dear Sir/Madam

RE: COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS
QUEENSLAND ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION

My Council has considered the submissions received by the Commission that affect the Cooloola Shire and wishes to make the following comments in respect of same:-

NATIONAL & LIBERAL SUBMISSION
- The submissions of the National and Liberal Parties essentially retain the ‘status quo’ which Council believes is the preferred arrangement.

ALP SUBMISSION
- State Electoral boundaries logically should follow Local Government boundaries wherever possible. The A.L.P. proposal would result in the Cooloola Shire being split over three electorates.
  - Areas such as Imbil, Kandanga Creek and Brooloo have no ‘community of interest’ with Beerwah, Mooloolah or Palmwoods and should be retained in Gympie at all costs.
  - Placing Borumba Dam into Nicklin is illogical. It is a vital part of the infrastructure of Gympie and the Mary Valley area and must be retained in the Gympie electorate.
  - Access to their elected representative would be unnecessarily difficult for residents of Imbil and surrounding areas as the electorate office would logically be situated in the more populous southern end of the electorate.
• Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach have a ‘community of interest’ with Gympie and not Maryborough as suggested in the A.L.P. submission. Both should be retained in Gympie.

• Cooran should logically be shifted from Gympie into the Noosa electorate where its ‘community of interest’ is.

In summary, Council believes that the ‘community of interest’ principle adopted by E.A.R.C. is a very valid criteria that should play a major role in electorate boundaries. The idea of having this Shire over three electorates is rejected by this Council for very obvious and practical reasons.

Council trusts its views will receive your due consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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Our Ref. 170

Your Ref.

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: QUEENSLAND RE-DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORATE DISTRICTS

I refer to the "Public Suggestions - November, 1998" in regard to the above. Council objects to Submission No 34 submitted by the Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division) which makes reference to the Perry Shire being transferred from Burnett to Callide.

Council requests that the Perry Shire remain in an Electorate which is in close proximity or adjoins this Council's major regional centre, Bundaberg.

Mount Perry has bitumen sealed road access to Bundaberg and the Shire's Residents have strong links with Bundaberg for health (doctors, specialists, dentists and hospitals), business (shopping, solicitors, banks etc), and Government Departments (eg Main Roads, Natural Resources).

Council also objects to Local Government areas (eg Kolan Shire) being divided into more than one electorate.

Yours faithfully,

GREG WALLACE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
Dear Commissioner,

I wish to comment on the submissions received with respect to electoral boundaries in Logan.

**Woodridge**

I believe that splitting up the Woodridge community as proposed by the ALP would be a retrograde step. It would be viewed as removing a short-term political problem for the ALP, but would be detrimental to the area and the residents. If the boundaries of Woodridge were extended to the Brisbane-Logan border in the north, the Logan Motorway at Kingston in the south and incorporated Loganlea up to the railway line intersection on Loganlea Road this would enable this seat to retain its identity. This would place the seat of Woodridge at the top end of the quota as there is little potential for residential growth in this area. It would also be in keeping with the ALP's submission (sections 3.9.1 and 3.9.2) on existing electorate boundaries as it would require minimum changes to existing boundaries and would not remove any existing Woodridge voters from the electorate.

There is already an existing community of interest in this area, based around the shopping hub at Wembley Road, Logan Central. Indeed, Wembley Road and Logan Road/Kingston Road serve as the major feeders for local inter-suburb travel. Recent efforts by Logan City Council to rename this business district to Logan Central have reflected this community of interest. This is a community that should be used as the core of a seat and not one that should have pieces carved from it.

**Springwood**

Most submissions have acknowledged the need for the seat of Redlands to lose the Logan City portion of its enrolment. I support this position, as it has long been a case of a seat needing to address two separate communities. This is evident throughout the submission made by Mr Phillip Picknell. However, I would like to take issue with the formal submissions to the Commission made by ALP Councillor Darren Power and the ALP State Secretariat.

I would first like to endorse the stance taken by Mr L Simmons in his submission where he argues strongly against splitting municipalities. The argument by Councillor Power that there would be a community of interest between a seat which included Daisy Hill and Bethania ignores the fact that such a seat would fall almost evenly between two Federal seats (Padden and Forde) and would cover two Local Government Authorities (Logan and Gold Coast).
As Shailer Park is presently split between Springwood and Redlands, I agree with his comments on the need to keep Shailer Park, Daisy Hill and Loganholme together. There are a number of sporting clubs in the Shailer Park area (including the Springwood Suns Cricket Club and the Logan Rugby Union Club at Homestead Park) whose membership is drawn almost wholly from the eastern side of the highway.

The Freeway provides an effective East-West barrier whilst facilitating North/South traffic. One of the outcomes of planning for the widening of the South-East Freeway was the discovery of an unusual peak in traffic volume between Springwood and Loganholme. It was found that this section of the South-East Freeway is used as a high-speed local road providing Rochedale and Springwood residents with access to shopping at Loganholme. There is also a degree of reciprocity with Shailer Park residents driving to centres such as IKEA at Rochedale and Springwood. Cross Freeway traffic flow is more limited, constrained by both transport and social factors. The majority of bus routes on the eastern side of the Freeway travel north/south rather than cross the Freeway. While the ALP has argued that the Freeway is not a major boundary, Councillor Power correctly refers to it as the 'great wall of China'.

The Freeway does provide a substantial barrier, even for suburbs as close as Underwood. It is used as a border for three of the four eastern Council divisions, with only the need for fair enrolments preventing it from being used for Division 3 as well. Returns from the joint electoral booth of Springwood North, located in the State electorate of Springwood, show that only 99 Sunnybank voters (principally the catchment area covered by Underwood) crossed the Freeway to vote at this joint booth.

With respect to the ALP's specific arguments (s 4.16.3) regarding Eight Mile Plains State School, it should be pointed out that a) enrolment in Eight Mile Plains School is declining as the population in this area ages and b) the school is actually located in the State seat of Mansfield. There are a number of external schools that cater to Springwood residents, including Rochedale State School, Rochedale High School and Redeemer Lutheran College, all of which are located in the State electorate of Mansfield and have a higher proportion of Springwood students than Eight Mile Plains State School.

The ALP also argues that there is a community of interest based on the business area surrounding Moss Street. Despite being large in area, this precinct contains relatively few electors. This business area has been developed as a very distinct entity with minimal integration into the surrounding residential dwellings. To argue that the residential area should be included because it shares a common geographical border with a business area where some other residents work seems to be drawing a particularly long bow. It would be equivalent to claiming that West End should be included in Springwood because most Springwood residents work in the Brisbane CBD and West End is an adjoining residential area.

It is difficult to see how the ALP’s submission could argue that moving the electorate south would isolate a large number of electors when their alternative is to create two seats (Beenleigh and Springwood) with an almost negligible community of interest and broken transport and communications links. The existing public transport connections continue through the electorate of Springwood and terminate at the Hyperdome at Loganholme. The initial transport contracts for Logan drawn up by the Goss Government specified three separate contracts - Eastern (bordered by the Freeway), Western and Central that would be run on a north/south alignment. To a large extent the existing transport networks reflect that planning.

The easiest and least disruptive solution would be to extend the boundary of Springwood to absorb the section excised from Redlands. This would put Springwood at the top end of enrolled
electors, but as there has been fairly low growth and there is little potential for further growth this would be in keeping with the Commission’s recommendations. The seat of Springwood would then include the suburbs of Rochedale South, Springwood, Slacks Creek (Chatswood Hills), Shailer Park and Loganholme. It would be very similar to the current district boundaries used by both the Slacks Creek Police and the Springwood Ambulance stations, as recommended in the ALP’s submission (s 3.6.4). It would also keep a common community of interest with clearly defined electorate boundaries as it would be contained wholly within the Federal seat of Fadden and the Local Government Authority area of Logan City Council. (Division 1, 4, 10 and the eastern part of Division 3)

The ALP submission tacitly acknowledges the enormous changes to existing seats - 'New district names will need to be considered for these Logan seats as the substantial redrafting of boundaries makes their current designations less likely.' (s 4.16.6). I believe that a desire to resolve internal political problems should play no part in providing fair and equitable boundaries for the people of Queensland and that resultant boundaries should result in a minimum of disruption for electors.

I wish to thank the Commission for the opportunity to have input on such an important matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mark A. Yore
18 December 1998

The Secretary
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Dear Sir

I write in response to the Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries currently being considered by the Commission and in particular to a new seat suggested for the Rural and Rural Residential areas of the Pine Rivers Shire and Caboolture Shire. I wish to offer my support to the submission for the new seat of 'Dayboro'.

I believe that should this new seat be created, it should include all the area contained in Division I of this Shire, as well as the Rural and Rural Residential areas forming the southern boundaries of Divisions 5 and 9 of this Shire.

The Pine Rivers region is presently experiencing a high population growth, particularly in its urban areas, and the creation of this new seat would allow the urban seats of Ferny Grove, Kurwongbah, Kallangur and Caboolture to disperse a large proportion of their rural and semi-rural areas to the proposed new seat. This would also be extremely beneficial by placing the majority of constituents in the same Local, State and Federal Electorate.

I urge you to consider the information detailed above when deliberating on the Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries.

Yours sincerely

YVONNE CHAPMAN
MAYOR
18 December 1998

His Honour Judge J P Shanahan
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Dear Judge Shanahan

Please find attached comments from the Australian Labor Party in response to Submissions for the redistribution of Queensland State electoral districts.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require clarification of any matters contained in this submission.

Yours sincerely

[Signature]

Mike Kaiser
STATE SECRETARY

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Australian Labor Party

Comments on Submissions to the

Queensland Redistribution Commission

QRC/C 33

December 1998
1.0 Introduction

1.1 The ALP thanks the Queensland Redistribution Commission for the opportunity to comment on public submissions regarding the drafting of new boundaries for the 89 state electorates.

1.2 These comments will begin with some general observations regarding the submissions by the Liberal and National Parties, then will consider the submissions on a region by region basis similar to that of the ALP’s initial submission in November.

2.0 Liberal Party Submission

2.1 The ALP submission made clear that the key to a successful redistribution of the state is transferring seats from the low growth western and rural electorates to the high growth corridors north and south of Brisbane. The Liberal Party submission, while detailed, does not at first glance appear to deal adequately with this problem. Further analysis shows that in fact the Liberal Party submission has failed to properly accommodate for growth and this severely restricts the usefulness of their submission.

2.2 The effect of section 38 of the Electoral Act is to allow for electoral redistributions to occur every three elections provided that one third of electorates do not fall outside the ten percent quota tolerance for the state (section 39). While there is no strict requirement to avoid a section 39 ‘trigger’ before three elections have occurred, that is the spirit of the legislation.

2.3 Yet on the predicted figures available in the Liberal Party submission, a redistribution will be ‘triggered’ well before a new redistribution would normally be expected. For example, 37 (42%) of seats fall above or below 11 percent of quota; 32 (36%) fall above or below 15 percent of quota. With a tolerance of only 10 percent above or below quota for only one third (33%) of seats, it is not unreasonable to expect that the Liberal Party submission has failed to avoid an early redistribution.

2.4 The ALP regards the Liberal Party submission as a quite unnecessary and disruptive solution that fails to ensure a key aspect of the redistribution process — recognition of demographic trends for a reasonable period into the future. This is illustrated by a few key facts: five of the six seats west of the Toowoomba Range will fall between 16–21 percent below quota; four of the five “weighted” seats will fall between 16–22 percent below quota; while eight of the 10 seats between Noosa and Pine Rivers will grow to 15–32 percent above quota.

2.5 While stopping short of urging the Commission to reject the Liberal Party submission for these reasons, it is clear the Liberal Party submission will have limited applicability to the Commission’s deliberations.

3.0 National Party Submission

3.1 The ALP is disappointed that the National Party has chosen to publish a submission clearly lacking in available detail. The text of the submission is short and provides little to assist members of public to understand its proposal. The Electoral Commission (ECQ) made available the quite sophisticated EDAMS system to the major political parties. This system provided for the easy reproduction of each party’s proposal on detailed maps. However, the National Party chose to provide a long list (122 pages) of Census
Collection Districts (CCD) which ensured that all but a few would have been unable to access the detail of the National Party submission.

3.2 This is an affront to the public scrutiny and accountability provisions provided for by the Electoral Act, and the ALP is concerned that the National Party is still failing to support open and accountable electoral processes so soundly criticised during the Fitzgerald Inquiry.

3.3 The ALP urges the ECQ and the Government to consider whether or not submissions of this type should in fact be allowed in the future.

3.4 The above criticism aside, the ALP reconstructed the National Party submission using CCD maps and found a number of proposals which the ALP agrees with.

4.0 Regional Analysis

4.1 Western Region

4.1.1 The ALP rejects the National and Liberal Party proposals to place the Shire of Carpentaria and the communities of Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama into Mount Isa (see arguments for the seat of Cook in section 4.2 below).

4.1.2 The Liberal Party submission recognises Mount Isa is below quota but calls for "minimum increase in area". The Liberals provide too few voters and in the wrong direction.

4.1.3 If Mount Isa was to expand north into the seat of Cook, unnecessary pressure would be placed on the Cairns-based seats already in need of greater voter numbers. To expand south into the seat of Gregory would require a radical realignment of boundaries and cut across existing road and rail transport corridors.

4.1.4 Logically Mount Isa will need to expand along the Flinders Highway to include the local government authorities of Flinders, Richmond, McKinlay and Winton.

4.1.5 While also suggesting the Mount Isa boundary move north into Cape York, the National Party also recognises the need for additional enrolment to be drawn from Charters Towers. The ALP agrees with this easterly movement but argues the Nationals do not go far enough.

4.1.6 This shift in boundaries, along with other changes to Central Queensland seats, means that the seat of Charters Towers will fall below 100.00 km² and will no longer qualify for "additional large district numbers".

4.1.7 More importantly, the ALP submission recommends that the four remaining seats with additional large district numbers (Cook, Mount Isa, Gregory and Warrego) achieve equity in district size and enrolments. All four will cover areas of over 300.00 km² and will consequently have a similar number of actual enrolments. The ALP urges the Redistribution Commission to consider this option and construct these seats so that the representative members holding "large district" seats have similar numbers of enrolments and responsibility for roughly equally sized electorates.

4.1.8 The Coalition Parties have been constrained by maintaining the existing five "weighted" seats. There is no requirement that the five remain and the ALP urges the Commission to explore the option of retaining only four "weighted" seats.
4.2 Cape York Queensland

Cook

4.2.1 The ALP is opposed to the removal of the Carpentaria Shire, Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama from Cook. Current and predicted enrolment in Cook is within quota tolerance. Large boundary changes are unnecessary.

4.2.2 The communities of the Cape (including Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama) have no community of interest with Mount Isa. Cairns is the administrative centre and transport hub for government and other services to these communities. There is no regular flight service to Mount Isa or accessible road links.

4.2.3 People in Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama have a community of interest with people living on Cape York Peninsula. Most of their family ties, cultural exchanges such as dance festivals, football carnivals and political associations (Cape York Land Council affiliation) are in Cape York. Community members in Karamba, Normanton, Pormpuraaw and Kowanyama often go to Cairns for health reasons (esp. births and other specialist treatments), not to Mount Isa.

4.2.4 A similar proposal was considered by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) and dismissed because of lack of community of interest with southern centres.

Tablelands/Hinchinbrook

4.2.5 The National Party submission proposes abolishing the electorate of Tablelands. The ALP acknowledges the need for a seat to be abolished in this region however believes the appropriate seat to be abolished is Hinchinbrook (see ALP submission).

4.2.6 The seat of Hinchinbrook is a coastal strip seat based on Innisfail in the North, Cardwell and Tully in the centre and Ingham in the South. These four centres are distinct communities, each approximately 50–60 kilometres apart. The ALP submission holds that the existing nature of this seat lends itself to being better suited to incorporation into a larger regional seat.

4.2.7 The seat of Tablelands contrasts with Hinchinbrook. The seat of Tablelands is clearly geographically defined with distinct Dividing Range borders. The region is served by common transport access and is widely identified as an economic and tourist region. Whilst the region contains a large number of small towns and population centres there exists a distinct Tablelands community perhaps best reflected in the region has two local newspapers, The Tableland Advertiser and The Tablelander which are distributed throughout the electorate.

4.2.8 The National Party proposal to abolish the Tablelands seat would result in significant displacement and community division. The current seat would be broken into parts of four other seats – Cook, Barron River, Mulgrave and Charters Towers. The level of community division contained in the National party proposal is perhaps best viewed in light of the breaking of relationships between towns. For example the submission proposes to place Atherton into Mulgrave, placing it alongside suburbs such as Bayview Heights, whilst Ravenshoe is placed in the electorate of Charters Towers. Atherton and Ravenshoe are like sister towns with a strong community relationship, and should remain in the one electorate of Tablelands.

4.2.9 There appears to be little reason to support the extension of the electorate of Charters Towers into the existing Tablelands to incorporate Ravenshoe. Indeed the National Party submission makes no attempt to present a case. There is not a community of interest between Ravenshoe and Charters Towers and no
significant transport links. Similarly splitting Mareeba from Milaa-Milaa and Atherton fails the community of interest, means of communication, transport criteria contained in the Act.

4.2.10 A strong argument remains to use the Great Dividing Range line to divide the electorate of Tablelands from the coastal electorates of Cairns and Mulgrave. The ALP believes the electoral representation of the Far North is best served by the minimal change to the three existing electorates of Barron River, Cairns and Mulgrave, accepting that these electorates will need to change somewhat to come within existing and projected growth criteria.

Barron River

4.2.11 The National Party submission to include areas such as Trinity Beach in Cook rather than the existing Barron River is not justified in the submission and is not supported by the ALP. Further, the National Party proposal splits the community of Yorkey's Knob through the middle and fails all community of interest, transport or communications criteria.

4.2.12 The continued inclusion of Kuranda within Barron River in the National Party submission is supported in the ALP submission. The inclusion of Mareeba in Barron River however, is not supported. There is no justification for this in the National Party submission and given the effects such a move on the Tablelands community should not be supported. The ALP believes that the Kuranda area has stronger economic, transport and community ties to the Cairns region than it does to Mareeba or other parts of the Tablelands and so rejects the Liberal Party submission in this regard.

Cairns

4.2.13 The ALP views the inclusion of the Yarrabah community in the Cairns electorate as failing the lines of transport and communication criteria. Residents of Yarrabah travel via Gordonvale on the Bruce Highway before travelling to other parts of the Region. The Bruce Highway is the only connecting road between East Trinity, Second Beach and Yarrabah. Government services for the community are based in Gordonvale, as are other non-government services like the Yarrabah taxi service. There is not a ferry or similar water transport from Cairns to these communities.

4.2.14 The Liberal party submission would have Yarrabah residents travelling to the City of Cairns to travel through the seat of Mulgrave. The ALP argues that Yarrabah has a closer relationship with the seat of Mulgrave than the city-based seat of Cairns. Further, the inclusion of parts of White Rock in Cairns to the east of the highway, while still leaving Woree and Bayview Heights to the west and north of the Highway in Mulgrave, is not justified by the National Party submission.

Mulgrave

4.2.15 The National Party submission attempts to fundamentally change the geography of the Mulgrave electorate through taking in parts of the existing Tablelands. The ALP submits that there is a clear geographical argument to use the range line as the Western boundary and the coastline in the East. The Bruce Highway provides a clear connecting transport route between communities on the north/south axis of the electorate. The electorate is characterised to the south by communities based on the sugarcane industry.

4.2.16 The National Party submission appears to stem from the principle of boundaries being drawn to include Innisfail and its surrounding satellite towns within the one electorate. The ALP's submission recognises this and has included them in the
4.3 Townsville Region

4.3.1 The National Party submission leaves Burdekin unchanged and argues that the natural boundary of Ross River remain. The ALP agrees, however there are problems with aspects of the National Party submission that should be drawn to the attention of the Commission.

4.3.2 The National Party submission proposes the addition of the following CCDs from the seat of Thuringowa to the seat of Mundingburra:
3040902, 3040903, 3040909, 3040910, 3040912, 3040913

The following CCDs are added to the seat of Townsville:
3040804, 3040809, 3040810, 3040812, 3040901, 3040907, 3040908, 3041013

A careful inspection of the CCD maps indicate that CCD 3041013 is west of the natural boundary of Thuringowa Drive and is well west of the Thuringowa City Council offices. This CCCD is also south of Dalrymple Road, another natural boundary between the Townsville, Mundingburra and Thuringowa electorates.

4.3.3 The ALP argues that, if accepted, these changes would lead to massive confusion among electors, especially those in the Kirwan area.

4.3.4 The Liberal Party submission disagrees with both the National and ALP submissions by moving Mundingburra south of the Ross River into the Annandale area. The argument by the Liberal Party that Annandale is "totally urban in character and is part of the City of Townsville" is also true for Douglas, Oonoonba, Wulguru, Cluden and Stuart, yet it is not proposed to place these areas into either Mundingburra or Townsville electorates.

4.3.5 Crossing the Ross River for a relatively small group of electors, yet ignoring many others, clearly unfairly disregards those left out and will lead to confusion among electors in the Douglas and Annandale areas.

4.4 Whitsunday Region

4.4.1 The Liberal Party submission makes no attempt to correct the low enrolment in Mackay even though the neighbouring seat of Mirani has sufficient growth. Mackay will fall significantly below quota without additional enrolment.

4.4.2 The ALP agrees with the National Party submission that adds the Andergrove area to Mackay and leaves Whitsunday unchanged.

4.5 Wide Bay-Burnett Region

4.5.1 There have been a number of submissions made regarding changes to the seats of Maryborough and Hervey Bay and the proposed changes to the electorates of Bundaberg and Burnett.

4.5.2 The submissions, in line with the original ALP submission, recognise that Hervey Bay should shed the towns of Howard and Torbanlea to the electorate of Maryborough. The ALP believes the Redistribution Commission should follow the direction as indicated by these submissions.
4.5.3 The ALP however would also re-iterate the belief that to accommodate Hervey Bay, Maryborough should shed population from the southern end to the electorate of Gympie.

4.5.4 The ALP recognises and supports the unanimous support for the electorate of Bundaberg to extend southwest to include the community of Avoca from Burnett.

4.6 Sunshine Coast Region

4.6.1 The submissions of the major parties agree that the high growth in this region requires a new hinterland seat, however both the Liberal and National Party submissions have serious problems which need to be addressed.

4.6.2 The Liberal Party submission agrees with the ALP in supporting a Nambour based seat (Yandina). The ALP urges, however, that this seat be named ‘Nambour’ in recognition of Nambour as the key urban centre in the electorate.

4.6.3 The Liberal Party submission recognises the growth in the Sunshine Coast region, but does not make proper use of the predicted growth and locks up excessive numbers in existing seats rather than provide for an extra electorate. The Nationals have proposed the new seats of Coolum and D’Aguilar, and the ALP has suggested Coolum and Dayboro, while the Liberals have offered only Glasshouse.

4.6.4 The National Party have submitted a very flawed proposal for the Sunshine Coast. Not only are key seats like Caboolture and D’Aguilar outside the tolerance on current enrolments (and thus in contravention with the Electoral Act), but existing boundaries and communities of interest have been completely disregarded in an apparent attempt to maliciously dissect the seat currently held by the Independent MLA, Peter Wellington (Nicklin). Coolum extends from the coast, skirts around the northern and western reaches of Nambour and takes in Maleny and Mapleton. This proposal divides Nambour and its satellite communities, yet no argument is provided as to why this should occur. The ALP urges the Commission to reject this proposal.

4.7 Pine Rivers Region

4.7.1 The Pine Rivers to Caboolture corridor has been recognised by most submissions as requiring large changes to bring the current seats within quota. Only the ALP submission has boundaries that satisfy both existing quota considerations and allowance for electorates not to grow too far from quota in 7.5 years time.

4.7.2 There is clear recognition in both the original ALP submission and the intent of the National Party submission that there needs to be a seat of Caboolture based on Caboolture and Bribie Island. Caboolture also loses its northern and western areas to other electorates in all submissions.

4.7.3 There is also agreement that areas like Dayboro from Kurwongbah should be placed in a genuine hinterland electorate and not stay attached to the urban areas of Petrie.

4.7.4 The National Party has submitted an undersized D’Aguilar that is not dissimilar to the ALP’s numerically balanced electorate of Dayboro. The ALP’s rural and semi-rural Dayboro has more consistent communities of interest and resolves the Nationals inconsistent drafting of Ferny Grove by placing the Samford Valley in the new electorate of Dayboro.
4.8 Northside Brisbane Region

4.8.1 The Liberal Party submission makes significant and unnecessary changes to the electorates of Ashgrove and Mount Coot-tha. This section of the Liberal submission is not supported by any other political party, including the National Party, or any community or individual submission.

4.8.2 The Liberal Party seeks to split the community of The Gap from the rest of Ashgrove. The ALP opposes this on the basis of communication, transport and community of interest criteria. The Gap and Ashgrove communities are linked by Waterworks Road, shared public transport infrastructure and combined educational facilities. The Gap is the western extension of the Ashgrove community. As such there is no clear link between The Gap and suburbs like Toowong as presented in the Liberal Party submission.

4.8.3 Further, Mount Coot-tha provides a large and substantial physical barrier to community activity. It is not a central focus for electors from The Gap. The access to Sir Samuel Griffith Drive is from Toowong and Bardon, not to the north or west.

4.8.4 Mount Coot-tha electorate is an inner-city and near western suburbs electorate and the ALP believes the existing clear boundary of the Roma Street railyards should be kept as its eastern boundary, between Mount Coot-tha and Brisbane Central.

4.9 Darling Downs Region

4.9.1 The ALP acknowledges and agrees in principle with the National Party submission that calls for the abolition of Western Downs. The ALP identified Crows Nest as the likely seat to be abolished. The Commission will need to consider which seat is appropriate. The Liberal Party submission fails to offer a solution and consequently has been unable to provide adequate long-term enrolment to seats in this region.

4.10 Southside Brisbane Region

Greenslopes

4.10.1 Both the ALP and National Party submissions support the retention of Greenslopes, while the Liberals do not. The ALP is concerned (as stated in its submission) that predicted growth figures, which are disputed by both ABS and Brisbane City Council (BCC) projections, place unwarranted pressure on inner-city seats.

4.10.2 The ALP is aware that the projected growth figures for Brisbane have been amended after further concerns were raised during the BCC redistribution submission period. The effect of this change is to add a further 4,000 electors across the city.

4.10.3 The ALP believes the seats of South Brisbane and Brisbane Central, in particular, will have projected growth much higher than the ECQ suggest, and that in the southside in particular there is adequate growth to maintain the existing number of inner-city electorates.
Lytton

4.10.4 The ALP believes that the inclusion of Hemmant and Moreton Bay Heights within the seat of Lytton breaks clear communities of interest and places Lytton at an unnecessarily high initial enrolment.

4.10.5 Hemmant has long been connected west to Murrarie and other similar communities. On balance this area has remained at both federal and local government distributions within divisions similar to Bulimba. A transfer to Lytton is an unnecessary change that displaces electors and breaks clear lines of transport and communication to western parts of the electorate. Hemmant should remain within Bulimba and not be placed in Lytton.

4.10.6 As noted in the letter from Linda Harnett the community of Tingalpa and Manly West share an affinity and so should remain within the electorate of Chatsworth. The inclusion of a small section of Manly West in Lytton is all that is required to give Lytton the necessary enrolments to stay within quota. The section of Manly West going to Lytton is different from the much newer Moreton Bay Heights development and the residential areas are separated from this area by the school area, a service station and other similarly non residential land zonings along Wondall Road.

Mansfield

4.10.7 The ALP agrees with the submission from the National Party that sections of acreage from Belmont should be placed in the seat of Chatsworth. The ALP rejects the inclusion of Rochedale South and the loss of areas of Upper Mount Gravatt from Mansfield as numerically unnecessary and inconsistent with community of interest criteria.

Mount Gravatt

4.10.8 The ALP rejects the National Party submission that removes sections in the north of the seat of Mount Gravatt. The Holland Park community in the Seville Road area was developed at a similar time to other parts of the suburb of Mount Gravatt; they share common school facilities, such as Cavendish Road and Mount Gravatt High Schools and the Moreton Institute of TAFE.

4.11 Redlands Shire Region

4.11.1 The ALP strongly recommends that the Commission retain the Redlands Shire-Brisbane City Council boundary as the natural boundary between Chatsworth/Mansfield and Cleveland/Capalaba. As argued previously, there is sufficient enrolment for three Redlands seats.

4.12 Logan Region

4.12.1 The proposed changes to Springfield contained within both the Liberal Party and National Party submissions run counter to strong community of interest arguments as noted in both the ALP submission and that of Councillor Power.

4.12.2 The ALP believes that a very strong argument exists to have the whole of Shailer Park contained within the one electorate. The Liberal Party submission splits Shailer Park along Platin Drive that is not a dividing line, but rather a central spine through which the community of Shailer Park interact. It is an intra-suburb means of transport and communication. This an unsatisfactory boundary and leaves a section of Shailer Park still in the electorate of Redlands.
4.12.3 The National Party submission on the other hand recognises the need to include all of Shailer Park in the one electorate, but in including it in Springwood shed huge sections of population to the north that also splits communities. The National Party proposal to break the urban areas of Rochedale South from Springwood fails on every conceivable community of interest criteria. The Nationals proposed Mansfield and Springwood divide splits local government boundaries, school districts, neighbourhood watch districts, police districts — the station at Slacks Creek serves Underwood, Slacks Creek, Springwood and Rochedale South but not Rochedale. Rochedale South is a heavily urbanised area. Rochedale has market gardens and small farming lots.

4.12.4 The Liberal Party and National Party submissions all point to the conclusion that you cannot place Shailer Park within the electorate of Springwood.

4.12.5 The ALP does however agree fully with the crossing of the freeway to include Mabel Park within the Springwood electorate. There is a clear community of interest between this area and the rest of the Springwood electorate. Shared school, sporting and shopping areas bring these communities together.

4.12.6 There is also agreement between the Labor Party and National Party submissions also that Shailer Park should be shed from the electorate of Redlands.
The Secretary  
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17 December 1998

Dear Mrs Aurich,

Thank you for your advice that my previous submission was received after the cut-off time on 17/11/98.

The submission is herewith re-submitted under the next stage, that is 'comments on the suggestions made', as my formal response to the suggestions as circulated. As previously stated, its focus is the Sunshine Coast area, with which I am familiar.

I have perused the other submissions received, and feel that some from certain political parties include (blatant) attempts to undermine the seat of Nicklin presently held by Mr Peter Wellington MLA, and should thus be discarded.

I am highly critical of the presentation of the National Party's submission as merely a list of CCDs, thus avoiding scrutiny except by those with copious free time to translate these numbers to maps. Such methods can only foster suspicion of political motives being placed above the needs of the communities served, and thus a further degradation of people's respect for politicians.

The ALP submission shows a proposal for Nicklin that stretches from Bribie Island to beyond Imbil, and this would be as unworkable an electorate as the current seat. Anomalies like divided communities of interest remain (eg: Beerwah and other Glasshouse Mountains townships in different electorates), and little regard is paid to following local government boundaries where possible. The proposals for Mooloolah and Coolum arbitrarily split the Maroochydore city area, much as currently occurs, and the opportunity should be taken to correct this as much as possible, not perpetuate it. I support however the Caboolture electorate taking in the Woodford and Peachester areas, but believe that it should also encompass the Glasshouse Mountains towns.

On a non-Sunshine Coast matter, I do not agree with the proposal put forward in the National Party submission that the large area seats should be retained. Rather I agree with the position put forward in another of the submissions that electorates should be based on a strictly 'one vote - one value' basis, and such large seats as need it are given additional resources to allow them to be serviced adequately.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Alan Kerlin
The Secretary
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15 November 1998

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following is a submission regarding the electoral redistribution of State Government seats.

I have focussed on the seats around the Sunshine Coast area as it is the area I am familiar with, and because the mapping supplied to me was inadequate to allow me to go further afield.

In the formulation of this submission I have attempted, as discussed with Mr Des O'Shea, to reflect the recently realigned Local Government and Federal seats wherever possible. I have also tried to take into account river catchment areas, as well as all the other criteria stated in Section 46 of the Act, namely community of interest, communication/travel connections, physical features, demographic trends.

The seats suggested draw to a large degree on the existing electoral boundaries. However with all the existing seats over quota by at least 10% and up to 26%, it was obvious there needs to be a new one created in this area.

The average enrolment/quota is currently 24,559. Therefore I have worked on the assumption that with these high growth areas of the Sunshine Coast, an enrolment of the quota less about the 10% tolerance will assist to satisfy the criteria of the Act requiring no further redistribution for three elections/7.5 years. This revised ‘quota’ used then is around 22,100. A couple of the suggested seats are slightly below this figure, but will probably be in line with the tolerance by the time the redistribution process is completed.
I wish to convey my frustration with the material sent to me to ‘assist’ me with my submission. Although I received copious numbers of maps, they were very large, only two had a common scale so could not be joined together (they ranged from 1:30,000 to 1:250,000), and were all eight years old and thus were missing many prominent features that could be used for electoral boundaries, like the Yandina Bypass. Likewise the Census Collection District maps were not to any particular scale and thus could not be joined. They also lacked any labels which may have aided the work other than the CCD numbers. As a result, the job involved laborious transposing of enrolment numbers onto the CCD maps, and continuous cross-checking and comparisons against the cadastral maps. Surely in this day and age you have a GIS system which could produce a simple map showing geological features, roads, CCDs and populations on just one layer? Teamed with a copy of the spreadsheets for relevant seats on disc or e-mail, I would have been able to do a far better job in the very limited time allowed.

Notwithstanding those difficulties, I have appreciated the opportunity to lodge my suggestions. I believe that such a realignment would be very beneficial to the residents of the area, as they would allow a greater degree of certainty about who their elected members are, and that those members don’t have loyalties drawn by competing Shires or areas.

Yours sincerely,

Councillor Alan Kerlin
Ninderry Electorate

There is a commonality about much of the Maroochy River catchment area. As opposed to the highly urbanised area of the Maroochydore-Mooloolaba strip, this catchment is comprised of very distinct and separate communities, and their surrounding rural or green belt areas. The main population centre is Coolum, with other smaller centres being Mt Coolum, Marcoola, Mudjimba, Pacific Paradise, Twin Waters, Bli Bli, Yandina and Eumundi.

To the north of Coolum, Peregian has been included in its entirety even though this area is actually split between Noosa and Maroochy Shires. This split is the source of many problems at a Local Government level, and should not perpetuated in the State seats.

CCD 3,110,411 has been excluded from the north-west of this electorate as it forms part of the Belli-Mary River catchment, and has more in common with the Nicklin electorate.

This electorate reflects almost precisely the Maroochy Council Divisions 4, 5, 6 and half of Division 9.

The suggested name is from the second most dominant geological feature of the area. While Coolum is more dominant, the residents of the inland rural areas may misinterpret this as referring instead to the town, which could add to a rural vs urban antagonism.

Creation of this new electorate then allows take-up of the over-quota enrolments from the other Sunshine Coast seats, as explained in each of the following descriptions.

Boundary Description:

Clockwise starting from the northern boundary of the Peregian village (CCD 3,110,312), down the coast to the Maroochy River mouth, then following the River upstream to Eudlo Creek. Then follow Eudlo Creek to the Bruce Highway and along the existing Maroochydore electorate boundary to Cooloolabin in the north-west. East along the southern then north along the eastern boundaries of CCD 3,110,411, then follow the Noosa-Maroochy Shire boundary east to Peregian. Enclose the two CCDs in Peregian that are in the Noosa Shire.
Noosa

Noosa is currently a long way over quota. Exclusion of the large population base in Coolum, together with the smaller populations of Peregian, Eumundi and Doonan areas brings this down under quota.

Inclusion of the Cooloola areas of Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach achieves the necessary quota, and combines areas with a very definite commonality. This would also bring the entire Noosa River catchment into the one electorate.

Taking the Cooloola area from Noosa does bring the stable Gympie electorate about 2,000 under quota. The mapping I was supplied did not extend north of Gympie so I am unable to say for certain what should occur there. However I note that both Burnett and Hervey Bay electorates are over quota while Maryborough and Bundaberg are losing population. Some minor rejigging between these five seats should allow this to be corrected.

Boundary Description:

Clockwise starting from Double Island Point, south along the beach to the northern boundary of the Peregian CCD 3,110,312. To the west of Peregian to the Noosa-Maroochy Shire boundary, west along the boundary until joining the existing electorate boundary, then following the existing western boundary of the electorate north the CCD 3,101,105 to the boundary of Gympie electorate. Follow that boundary east around Tin Can Bay to Double Island Point.
Maroochydore

The Maroochydore to Mooloolaba strip has become a highly urbanised city, such that it is deserving of a predominantly urban electorate. The creation of the North Shore- hinterland electorate allows this.

Maroochydore would be contracted then to the existing coverage of Mooloolaba to Maroochydore, Kuluin, and all of the northern half of Buderim.

With regard to the Maroochy Council Divisions, this would reflect two thirds of the 3-member Division 10 (which is likely to be split up into individual seats at the next local government redistribution anyway), all of Division 7, and the remaining half of Division 9.

Ideally the southern boundary of the seat would follow the Maroochy-Caloundra Shire boundary from Point Cartwright to the Sunshine Motorway, but such further modifications can occur at a later date as the Sippy Downs area grows.

Boundary Description:

Clockwise from the Maroochy River mouth, south along the beach, then following the existing electorate boundary to the Buderim-Mooloolaba Road. Follow that road over Buderim until it rejoins the existing electorate boundary, following that to the Bruce highway. Follow the highway north to Eudlo Creek, then along the creek to the Maroochy River and to the mouth.

Mooloolah

Mooloolah is essentially unchanged except for the exclusion of that part of Buderim north of the Buderim-Mooloolaba Road/King Street/Burnett Street line. This brings the seat back to the revised quota.

In time this electorate should retract to the Maroochy-Caloundra Shire boundary.

Boundary Description:

Same as existing, except for where it follows Mons Road then Burnett Street/King Street/Buderim-Mooloolaba Road to the Sunshine Motorway.
Nicklin

Nicklin retains its primary population base in Nambour and primary catchment area of the Mary Valley. It dispenses with the far-flung areas of Woodford, Glasshouse and Beerwah, which all have far more in common with other closer areas.

**Boundary Description:**

As for previous boundary, except for the inclusion of CCD 3,110,411 in the north (which is part of the Belli - Mary Valley catchment), and a new southern boundary which leaves the existing boundary just west of Landsborough going west along the southern boundary of CCD 3,122,006, then along the Caloundra Shire border to the existing western boundary of the electorate.

**Caloundra**

The Glasshouse Mountains townships should be kept together in the one electorate, rather than split between three electorates as they are currently. Therefore, the Caloundra electorate should retrace to the east of the Bruce Highway.

Some amendment to the northern boundary with the Mooloolah seat in the Kawana area could balance the numbers up a bit better. This boundary could in a subsequent redistribution be brought down as far as the Currimundi Creek.

**Boundary Description:**

As with existing boundary, except for new western boundary following the Bruce Highway.

**Caboolture and South**

I do not have the necessary knowledge nor maps to give detailed suggestions for these areas. However I feel that the Glasshouse townships could be combined into Caboolture. Caboolture in turn could give up either the Beachmere area to Murrumba (increasing the under quota Redcliffe), or the Wamuran area, together with Woodford, to reconfigured electorates to the west.
# State Electorate Redistribution

By Councillor Alan Kerlin
Maroochy Shire Council

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