

APPENDIX D

**Comments on the Proposal Notice
& Public Submissions**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

Electoral Arrangement & Divisional Boundary Review of Ipswich City Council

A proposed change to the Ipswich City Council's internal boundaries (divisions) has been referred to the Local Government Change Commission (Change Commission) for independent assessment.

The Change Commission has determined that Ipswich should have four multi-member divisions, with two councillors representing each division. It has proposed boundaries for these four divisions and is now inviting comments on the proposal.

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL

Comments on the proposed boundaries will be accepted until 30 July 2019. Late submissions cannot be considered.

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

When making a comment, please remember each multi-member division must have relatively the same number of voters (quota) to ensure each person's vote has the same value. The quota for each multi-member division in Ipswich is 32,012 with a lower limit of 28,811 (-10%) and an upper limit of 35,213 (+10%). This equals approximately 16,000 enrolled voters per councillor.

Comments can be lodged through:

- Online Form

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

- Email

LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au

- Personal Delivery (*Mon - Fri, 9am - 5pm*)

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

- Post

Local Government Change Commission
GPO Box 1393, BRISBANE QLD 4001

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

Pat Vidgen PSM

Electoral Commissioner

ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENT & DIVISIONAL BOUNDARY REVIEW

Hello,

The Local Government Change Commission (Change Commission) is conducting a review of the Ipswich City Council's internal boundaries (divisions).

Currently Ipswich has 10 single-member divisions and it is proposed that it move to four (4) multi-member divisions, with two (2) councillors representing each division.

The Change Commission has prepared proposed boundaries for the four divisions and is inviting public feedback. Comments are invited until 30 July 2019.

To view the proposal or to make a submission, please see the [website](#) or call 1300 881 665.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Local Government Change Commission

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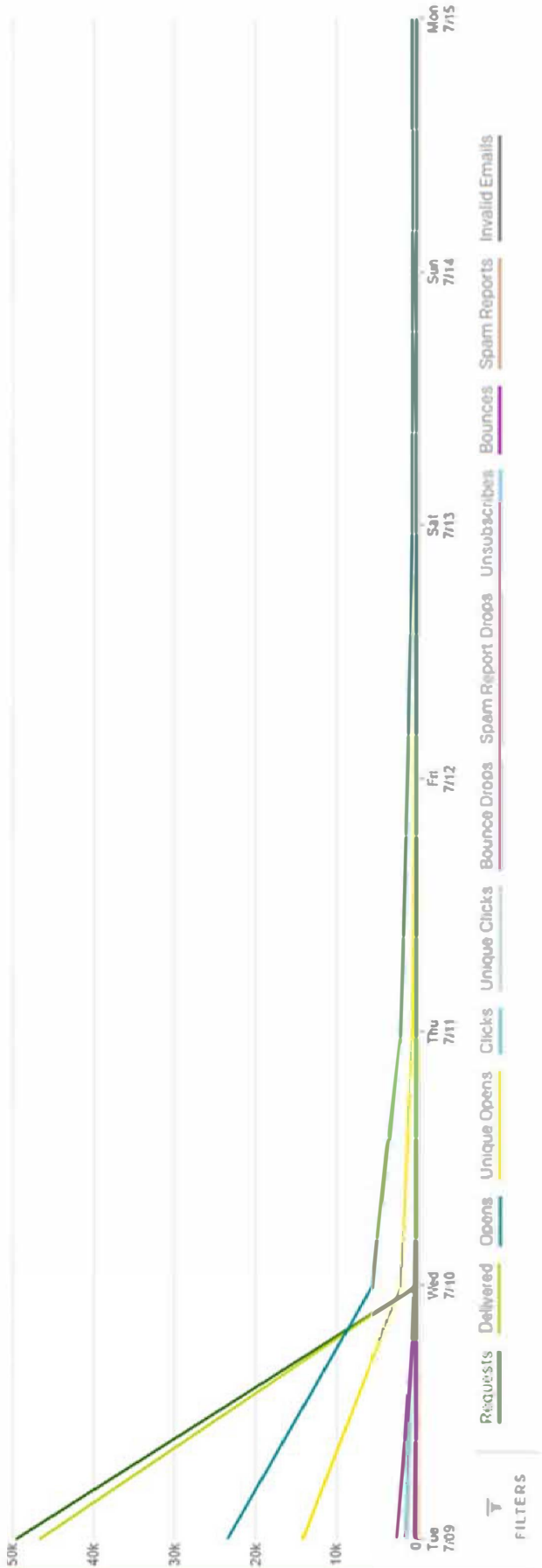
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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 9:14 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4591) Ipswich City Local Government Area - AILSA M ANDERSEN

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **AILSA M ANDERSEN**

Submission Details

Name: AILSA M ANDERSEN

Submission Text : I am not in favour of having 4 divisions in next year's local ICC elections with 2 councillors each. This will mean each division will have nearly as many residents (60 000) as our state government members. I believe we will lose the local face to face interaction that is required to re-build the confidence of the residents of Ipswich after the recent (mis)happenings in the Council with regard to corruption, etc.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 9:54 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4592) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Brendon weber

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Brendon weber**

Submission Details

Name: Brendon weber

Submission Text : In regards to the divisions, are less people expected to do more and more. We need smaller divisions like what there used to be with more members on the ground. The more we have the better it is for the community. This is our city and our people can't be heard when there is only two representatives to look after around 30,000 people.

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To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4593) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Lynette Lucas

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Lynette Lucas**

Submission Details

Name: Lynette Lucas

Submission Text : I definitely do not agree to having only four (4) divisions. There needs to be only enough residents in each are for elected councillors to provide total attention to each resident's concerns. Having two counsellors attempting to cover large areas will not work. Leave boundaries as they are and stop attempting to short-change us as residents.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 10:11 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4594) Ipswich City Local Government Area - LeRoy Murray

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **LeRoy Murray**

Submission Details

Name: LeRoy Murray

Submission Text : I am against any changes made to either the Divisional Boundaries being changed in the Ipswich LGA area or the way we are represented. We should keep the 10 Divisions with 1 Councillor representig each Division As a life long Ipswich resident I am insulted at the way this has all been played out as from the start there was never any care given to what the residents (voters) of Ipswich wanred. We were never given a say about an administrator being appointed and now you are trying to force these boundary changes upon us. This whole episode has been undemocratic and will continue to do so until this has been put to a vote so every ratepayer has a say. Give us back our Council the way we voted for at the last Election

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 10:56 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4597) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Edward Gilmour

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Edward Gilmour**

Submission Details

Name: Edward Gilmour

Submission Text : My submission is that two representatives in each division, isn't enough to ensure accountable democracy. It should be 4 or 5 but at least 3 per division. But to ensure rate payers money isn't wasted on salary indulgence. they only get paid at a maximum of 5 times the newstart allowance (aka Dole) (hourly rate) but only for the hours they sit in council or are on Council approved business only within the city boundary. but that salary is further reduced by KPI which are approved by the voters at the election but will include a minus for the percentage % of unemployed in the city; a minus the percentage % of homeless in the city; a minus the percentage % of empty shops or empty commercial buildings measured in floor space in the city; a minus for percentage % rate increases; a minus for any increase in commercial rent increases; a minus anything else the ratepayers agree on. The mayor or chairperson (speaker) can only be elected from the elected Councillors. unless the council requests the minister to appoint an administrator and council chair person; whose wages will be extracted only equally from theirs!.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 12:11 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4598) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Benjamin

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Benjamin**

Submission Details

Name: Benjamin

Submission Text : Good idea. Party members absolutely need to be badged

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 12:23 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4599) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Luis Mateer

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Luis Mateer**

Submission Details

Name: Luis Mateer

Submission Text : Local areas will not be concentrated on and only CBDs will be cared for. This is an obvious ploy for power. Ipswich will be used as a pawn for outside influence as well. Local, small, and minority communities will suffer while the council members benefit.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 12:26 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4600) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Teresa Demmers

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Teresa Demmers**

Submission Details

Name: Teresa Demmers

Submission Text : Cannot understand why you would break up the boundaries and still have 2 councilors per area. Makes no sense unless the councilors are not getting paid as a salary and are sharing the workload. I am happy with the way the council is being run under an administrator. Sick of the politics in govt of all levels. Perhaps we should do away with local govt councilors altogether. Thanks

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 12:38 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4601) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Nigel Lewis

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Nigel Lewis**

Submission Details

Name: Nigel Lewis

Submission Text : What a lot of We currently have no Councillor to talk to. We used to have one point of contact and now you are considering muddying the waters by providing two to choose from. Just put the Council back the way it was. Who raised the concern? I will bet it wasn't a rate payer. Don't fix what ain't broke.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 1:05 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Comment on ICC area boundaries

To whom it may concern

1. I fully support the concept of more than one councilor in each electoral area
2. I think the number of areas proposed is appropriate
3. The limited number of areas proposed (4) unfortunately means that the electoral areas proposed are very diverse
4. This means that the two people elected in each area would somehow have to represent this total diversity. I do not believe this is necessarily possible i.e. the number proposed needs to account for the potential risk for serious issues to not getting recognised i.e. three per area seems a more risk averse approach.
5. One of the serious issues with the previous council model was individual councilors taking the view that they were only responsible to their electorate for things that happened in that particular electorate i.e. Ipswich wide issues were buried by the actions/inactions of individual councilors, and other Councillors tacitly agreeing, seeming on the basis of I leave you alone you leave me alone. The only cure for this is that all Councillors must be explicitly required to be actively involved in all issues confronting ICC, while they have a special responsibility for dealing with their electorate.

I hope these points are constructive

Dr Bill Freeland

Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 1:21 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Ipswich City Divisions

I am a resident and rate payer in the Ipswich City Council area.

I believe the proposed changes to the division boundaries are unfair for a number of reasons.

The size of the divisions will be too large for the Councillors to manage, making it difficult for the residents to be able to communicate or meet with their representatives.

The smaller size of the current divisions means that a regular citizen may attempt to run for office, having the means to run a campaign, covering a reasonable size geographic area. A larger area will give political parties an unfair advantage. They will have the resources to campaign in a large area compared to an independent person who will have a hard time canvassing a large area.

A system that includes smaller divisions would be a fairer and more equitable one.

Regards
Robert Broady

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 1:25 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4602) Ipswich City Local Government Area - TIm Hargreaves

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **TIm Hargreaves**

Submission Details

Name: TIm Hargreaves

Submission Text : increasing the size of the division and number of councillors per division will dilute the care that a councillor takes to certain areas within the division. More likely that the 2 people will form a coalition to focus on specific areas within the large division to the exclusion of other areas. This seems to be a retrograde step and knee jerk reaction to past issues. Changing the make up of the divisions and councillor allocation should not be able to happen without a democratic vote. We the rate payers should be heard - not bureaucrats.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 1:41 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4603) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Aidan Patrick Corrigan

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Aidan Patrick Corrigan**

Submission Details

Name: Aidan Patrick Corrigan

Submission Text : Please don't change it. I like the way that it is now, sorry. I hope you understand. Have a nice day please :)

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 1:44 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4604) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Kimble Mensforth

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Kimble Mensforth**

Submission Details

Name: Kimble Mensforth

Submission Text : The residents of [REDACTED] are in agreement with the proposed changes. We request further information regarding how the the two councillors for Division 3 would operate as a team to represent the Division.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 1:46 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4605) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Tony

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Tony**

Submission Details

Name: Tony

Submission Text : In my opinion the less division with multiple councillors won't work.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 2:57 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4606) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Darren Lacey

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Darren Lacey**

Submission Details

Name: Darren Lacey

Submission Text : Looks good. Agree with proposal.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 2:59 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4607) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Liza Etheridge

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Liza Etheridge**

Submission Details

Name: Liza Etheridge

Submission Text : I totally agree with the new proposal reducing it to 8 councillors and hopefully when they are in positions, those councillors will do us good things unlike the present ones or the past ones, they only serve their friends and families better than their constituents. I have bought my property in [REDACTED] and nothing had been done to improve my street but the next streets nearby, kerbings have been placed. Why? Because they are related or have friends in higher places. I am happy that the last council had been sacked...served them right. Hopefully the next council will be free of corruption. #NoOffense

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To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4609) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Christine Forrest

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Christine Forrest**

Submission Details

Name: Christine Forrest

Submission Text : I feel that both divisions 1 and 4 are far to large and two councilors would not be enough for these divisions. Division 4 needs to be divided so that both the rural and town areas are equally represented. same with division 1. Otherwise the rural areas would not have enough representation with only two councilors. More thought needs to be given into this matter to equalise the division of areas. Why not have smaller divisions maybe 6 would give both rural and town areas a better representation.

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To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4610) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Kimberley Boike

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Kimberley Boike**

Submission Details

Name: Kimberley Boike

Submission Text : Division 4 is far too large. There is no way suburban areas like Karalee and Brassall, which are within 20 minutes of the CBD, will have the same concerns and needs as rural areas like Rosewood and Marburg. Just looking at population size and growth, they are completely different. This division should be split at least in half to rural and suburban, so the members can accurately represent the needs of each area.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 5:41 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4611) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Wayne Carr

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Wayne Carr**

Submission Details

Name: Wayne Carr

Submission Text : While I dont have an issue with the reduced number of Divisions, one of the reasons for the new Divisions was to have differing areas for rural and non rural areas. Division 1 just south of Division 3 on your proposal has a predominance of high density residential, specifically adjoining the Centenary Motorway towards its western end. I would suggest that maybe proposed Division 3 could take in these areas.

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I believe this Divisional arrangement will open the door for party politics as not many individuals will have the money or resources to fund such a large campaign. Unless someone is cashed up and supported by party faithful they will have no chance to become known in an election run-up. The overwhelming majority of Ipswich Resident/Voters especially did not want party politics.

There is a need to make the Electoral Divisions equitable for ordinary people to be represented within their community. This plan, 4 Divisions 2 Representatives, does nothing for that. Divisions, mostly, used to have some uniformity. I can't see people in the new and rapidly growing areas of Springfield and Ripley having the same issues and concerns as those in Grandchester and Mt Mort, but it will all be in one division.

I believe the existing model was ok, however other checks and balances were perhaps needed, but this new model won't bring about that, it will just pave the way for party politics. This is not what the ratepayers were looking for. Why should Ipswich residents be the guinea pig for this new model?

Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 8:17 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4614) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Veronica Belcher

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Veronica Belcher**

Submission Details

Name: Veronica Belcher

Submission Text : I like the idea of the four divisions but am concerned that only two councillors for such a large number of people might not be as effective. Three might work better

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 8:24 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4615) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Shane Ritchie

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Shane Ritchie**

Submission Details

Name: Shane Ritchie

Submission Text : The size of the 5 proposed electorates seems too large and has areas with vastly different issues lumped together. Specifically the geographical size of div 1 means that all the outer regional (SW of Yamanto) areas are lumped in with Raceview. The issues of the more urban areas are going to be quite different to the more rural. 5 divisions with the western/rural having 2 of their own reps would make more sense, along with giving the 4 denser divisions better sized electorates to be able to build relationships with their local representatives.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 8:27 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4616) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Graham Thouard

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Graham Thouard**

Submission Details

Name: Graham Thouard

Submission Text : The proposed divisions are too large in area to be effectively managed by two representatives. To put it bluntly, the two representatives in each will be ineffectual and will be figureheads unable to represent their constituents. Graham Thouard

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 8:32 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4617) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Trevor Fuller

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Trevor Fuller**

Submission Details

Name: Trevor Fuller

Submission Text : Firstly your explanation is as complicated as hell. Anyhow Goodna division boundary should be Redbank plains road down to Eagle st. (Not Kruger Parade) Kruger School area should be in the Redbank Plains Division. This comment comes from experience of working the polling booth at Kruger School and also when you look at population figures as well. Sure the decision may be made on forecasted development, however how about working on real stats. As to having two Reps per division neither will take responsibility to make the hard decisions. Better to have the council run by an administrator and rely on our State elected representatives for Strategic Direction. Saves the rate payer a stack of money.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 9:41 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4618) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Messele Habte wolde

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Messele Habte wolde**

Submission Details

Name: Messele Habte wolde

Submission Text : I personally agreed with all proposals that have put forward for the public, because it is very clear, and it has addressed concerns and issues that have been with us for a long time.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 9:54 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4619) Ipswich City Local Government Area - BRUCE SKINNER

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **BRUCE SKINNER**

Submission Details

Name: BRUCE SKINNER

Submission Text : I am in favor of the four division, eight councillor model.

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 4:40 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4622) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Ty

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Ty**

Submission Details

Name: Ty

Submission Text : I am happy with the work the current administration is doing. I do not want any elections to be held. Please abolish the Local Government system.

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 7:43 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4623) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Terence Rankin

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Terence Rankin**

Submission Details

Name: Terence Rankin

Submission Text : We are looking at dividing Suburbs into different Divisions this will cause confusion well into the future. IF THESE DIVIDES ARE UNAVOIDABLE MAYBE CHANGE THE BOUNDARYS OF THE SUBURBS NOT THE DIVIDING OF ANY SUBURB INTO DIFFERNT DIVISIONS.

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 8:04 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4624) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Justin Gehrke

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Justin Gehrke**

Submission Details

Name: Justin Gehrke

Submission Text : I have several concern with reducing the number of divisions and making them larger representing more people per electorate. Firstly I think it will be very difficult for independent candidates to be successful for several reasons. The cost involved in advertising and campaigning in a large area would be restrictive, the number of volunteers needed to man booths and act as scrutineers would also be restrictive and these issues may force quality candidates to not run. I feel that these size areas would also lend itself party politics playing a very big impact on the elections and I personally think that local government should be independent of political parties. The big "party machines" could fund these campaigns and provide large numbers of members to man booths. I know this is possible with smaller electorates but with smaller electorates it opens it to a wider cross section of candidates. I also feel that with large electorates successful candidates could loose the personal relationships with the electorate that is vital for local government and a strong sense of community. Finally I feel with 2 councilors per division it could cause conflict, division and competition within electorates.

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 8:46 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4625) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Kiara Pocock

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Kiara Pocock**

Submission Details

Name: Kiara Pocock

Submission Text : I LOVE THIS IDEA!! I think it will ensure that more people get the councillor that they want. It also means that the councillors will have to work together which might also ensure that corruption doesn't occur because someone is working closely with them and holding them accountable!

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 9:08 AM
To: LG Boundaries
Subject: Ipswich city Council submission

Hi,

Just a quick note to complement your ideas on the 4 divisions.

Although the mathematical calculations on boundaries are good more importantly the mixing if the old with the proposed new will do heaps to dissolve the toxic culture that existed in the previous administrations.

Expect exceptional whaling from the ones who's cartels will be disenfranchised from their providers but please do not walk away after the dust has been settled on the boundaries and elections.

We have to have the a rigorous checking and accountability process to prevent in lapsing back into the previous culture.

Ipswich is a close nit society which has its plus's and minus's and a watchdog is critical for all constituents.

All the best with this, it's is a good proposal Thank you

WAYNE Offer
Thagoona

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Sent from my iPad [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 9:16 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4626) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Andrew Knight

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Andrew Knight**

Submission Details

Name: Andrew Knight

Submission Text : The new divisional structure is an improvement but still not optimal. If you want a Council to operate at a strategic level they need to act like Board Members of a company. An undivided Council area would mean that a Councillor from Springfield, or Ripley or anywhere in the Council area acts in the best interest of all residents, regardless of where they live. Hopefully it wont happen, but if you get "backyard" focused Councillors it will not serve all of the residents well, only those in their Division who will vote for them.

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 9:48 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4627) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Cindy Maree Gorton

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Cindy Maree Gorton**

Submission Details

Name: Cindy Maree Gorton

Submission Text : My major concern would be the areas with both Rural and Urban suburbs. The larger amount of voters would be from the Urban areas and the likelihood of a Councillor who does not understand the Rural areas being elected is high. There is a high potential that the rural areas will not receive the attention and support they require with the elected representatives focussing on Urban areas and development.

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 9:58 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Proposed Divisional Boundaries

Dear Sir,

I have just been looking at the proposed divisional boundary changes published in today's Queensland Times (July 10 2019).

I think that this could be a very good and highly workable solution.

My major concern is that while 2 councillors per division will bring more transparency to the electorate and will also enforce personal accountability.

While divisions 1 and 4 are quite significant areas.

Division 2 and 3 are significantly smaller, how are the elected representatives able to respond to the requests and demands of their communities?

Would it be possible for the elected representatives from divisions 2 and 3 to be assistants to the representatives of divisions 1 and 4, a form of nominated representation of the member themselves.

As you are no doubt aware the future elected representatives may be married with young families and with the amount of travel required with this position it can put undue pressure and strain on families.

I hope you can find time to read my concerns and will look at these problems.

I look forward to your reply and look forward to future conversations about our city.

Thank you for your time.

many thanks,

Alan.D.Walker

Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 2:04 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4635) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Brian D. Branch

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Brian D. Branch**

Submission Details

Name: Brian D. Branch

Submission Text : The proposed boundaries don't make a lot of sense, it's like somebody grabbed it and twisted the entire thing. Why is Redbank Plains with Willowbank? Leichardt with Collingwood Park? Or Karalee with Rosewood. It's as if whoever designed this wanted groups to conspire on joint party tickets, which the CCC had stated after the 2016 elections was resulting in a lot of corruption, so much corruption that the CCC declared in late 2017 there was too much of it to prosecute. At minimum, parts of Redbank Plains in Div1 should go to Div3; Div1 should gain Yamanto & whatever parts near Ipswich CBD makes up any population shortfall; Div4 should pick up remaining areas currently allocated to Div3 west of the CBD; and Karalee area goes to Div3. Local elections are supposed to be about allowing talented individuals to nominate with the possibility of getting into office. As it stands currently, the only people who could possibly stand in divisions 1, 2, or 3, are those affiliated in joint tickets, which is a bad plan if the goal is to seek a non-corrupt men's club.

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 3:27 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4636) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Maxine Rose

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Maxine Rose**

Submission Details

Name: Maxine Rose

Submission Text : I'm in support of the recommended changes to the Ipswich internal boundaries (divisions).

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 5:06 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4637) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Les Gehrke

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Les Gehrke**

Submission Details

Name: Les Gehrke

Submission Text : Thank you for the details of the proposed changes to the boundaries of Ipswich Council . I am impressed by your details, but have concerns by the way the country areas have been included in with suburban areas . Obviously if a country resident put themselves up for election and say two from the suburbs nominate, it could arise that the country people could be left with little or no representation on council because of the sheer weight of suburban voters . The suggestion I would put to you would be that the country areas be completely be removed from the city and a new division formed . Although this would maybe interfere with the balance of numbers , I feel that this would give our country people the sense and feeling of belonging , as well as having representatives who hopefully would understand the needs of the country people . Thank you for allowing the people of Ipswich to submit their concerns . I would be happy at any time to meet and discuss this submission further , Les Gehrke .

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 6:49 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4638) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Paul Peacock

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Paul Peacock**

Submission Details

Name: Paul Peacock

Submission Text : Would save a lot of money if we went without any, we have survived well enough without them.
Could also go back to part timers like we used to have.

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 7:38 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4639) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Jason James

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Jason James**

Submission Details

Name: Jason James

Submission Text : Poorly thought out. The 4 divisions are split between primarily rural/semi rural in two divisions and CBD/suburban/industrial in the other 2 sectors. There is no fair representation of local best intersects across sectors in the four proposed boundaries. This will likely result in 2/2 split vote for the region and based on geographical catchment area (thus local worker population) and does not help represent the Ipswich region as a whole or as a majority. Suggest committee review catchment areas based on GDP average to ensure votes are apportioned according to the average meaningful income producing household and not based on geographical boundaries which are likely to polarise voters based on suburban trends.

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 9:09 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4590) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Suzanne Dick

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Suzanne Dick**

Submission Details

Name: Suzanne Dick

Submission Text : The corruption in the Ipswich City Council was not caused by the divisional boundaries. It is not necessary at this time to change divisional boundaries and considering the upheaval already experienced by the people of Ipswich this will only add further insult to injury and undermine any remaining sense of community in Ipswich. Furthermore, this proposal, making less divisions and less councillors will only give less representation to the people. Why not three councillors per division? It is important for the cultural integrity and sense of community to maintain boundaries and councillor representation as they are. Certainly any reduction in the number of councillors will result in poorer representation. Sincerely Suzanne Dick

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Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 3:31 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4608) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Matthew Anstey

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Matthew Anstey**

Submission Details

Name: Matthew Anstey

Submission Text : As a pastor at Kruger Parade Baptist church, my church sits in perhaps the worst possible position on the intersection of three divisions. So this is obviously a significant issue for the community of people that we serve. I understand that you would like a similar number of people within these boundaries, however this forces the boundaries to be on numerical grounds and not on the more practical grounds of where communities are who relate to each other. It seems to me that there are clear regions within the ICC boundaries: Springfield (incl Augustine Heights & Brookwater), the fringe suburbs of Redbank, Redbank Plains, Riverview, Collingwood Park, Goodna, Bellbird Park, Camira and Gailes, then the inner suburbs of Ipswich and then to the south, the Ripley development and surrounding outer suburbs. This to me would seem a better way to have representatives who are in areas where people have specific unifying issues and where they actually do community together. I don't have a strong feeling outside of the area I am in, however splitting it three ways doesn't seem to be a wise solution and actually makes me question why you would even have boundaries in the first place??? If they're only going to be done on numbers, then how would the representatives truly represent their region, if their region is so split??? Unless these counsellors aren't going to be representing a region and instead there is a centralised way for the community to engage, then I would imagine a rethink around communities would be required. Happy to discuss this further. I'm very interested in this process and have been following from the start. Thanks Matt Anstey

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Sent: Wednesday, 10 July 2019 2:05 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4620) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Steven Hucker

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Steven Hucker**

Submission Details

Name: Steven Hucker

Submission Text : And who and what political party is the going to benefit from this [REDACTED] ? I expect a answer since I'm paying your wages.

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From: Jaysborough Pty Ltd
Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 12:17 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Divisions

Good morning, my submission, we DON'T need all these Councillors,(waste of money) we need to get our Council back in the BLACK not The RED. Reduce dumping fees, so there isn't so much rubbish being dumped on private land/.

Thank you

Bernadette Ford

Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 4:55 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Ipswich divisional boundary changes

I have had a look at the proposed boundaries and can't see for the life of me how division 1 can operate with two dramatically opposite areas in Grandchester/Mt Mort and Deebing Heights/South Ripley in the same division. The majority of votes will come from the urban area and therefore the Councillors will probably come from this area thus leaving the rural area unrepresented.

Moreton Shire tried the two Councillors per division years ago and it didn't work so it doesn't appear that anybody learns from history.

In my opinion it would be better to increase the number of divisions, not to the extent of the last Council but to better to represent the various types of communities

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Sent: Friday, 12 July 2019 9:28 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4643) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Jeffrey Kennedy

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Jeffrey Kennedy**

Submission Details

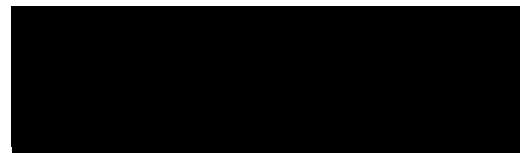
Name: Jeffrey Kennedy

Submission Text : My suggestion is that as well as 2 representatives for each division, that an independent mayor be either elected by the people or an administrator head of the local government be appointed via an interview process. This person will not be vote casting unless there is a result not being able to attained by the councillors elected. Also that there not be any bye elections held if a councillor retires or leaves, it should go to the next highest vote receiver in the previous election.

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Sent: Friday, 12 July 2019 10:30 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Electoral Boundary Review - Ipswich City Local Government Area

NAME: Rochlitz and Alesia Maclean



COMMENTS

1. We agree in principle to the proposal to have four divisions, with two elected members in each of the four divisions (plus an elected mayor).
2. In terms of numbering, the previous Divisions 1 and 2 were always historically recognised by the whole Ipswich local government area as being in the East, and sequentially renumbered proceeding westward to Division 10. Therefore,
 - a. proposed Division 2 should be renumbered as proposed Division 1 (in the East),
 - b. proposed Division 3 should remain numbered as proposed Division 3 (in the North),
 - c. proposed Division 1 should be renumbered as proposed Division 2 (in the South); and
 - d. proposed Division 4 remains numbered as proposed Division 4 (in the West), all with adjusted boundaries.
3. We object to the proposed boundaries for all Divisions [more particularly proposed Divisions 1 (2) and 4] for the following reasons:-
 - a. The township of Rosewood is recognised as being the main township “centre” of the rural western districts of Ipswich City. Ipswich City Council is intending to establish, one of the three new Council Customer Service Centres in the new Rosewood Branch Library. It would therefore be most inappropriate to expect the voters and residents of the far eastern suburbs of Brassall, Karalee and Barellan Point, for example, to travel to or be familiar with the rural suburb communities closer to Rosewood.

 It would be most unlikely that voters in the more residential eastern suburbs could ever be familiar with an elected representative from the more rural suburbs in the far West – and visa versa. The north and north eastern suburbs of Brassall, Muirlea, Chuwar, Tivoli and Karalee and Barellan Point would be better placed into, and would relate more equitably with the residential and commercial communities in Proposed Division 3 [to be renumbered as proposed Division 2], rather than into the far western division.
 - b. Proposed Division 4 should essentially run north-south commencing at the most western border suburb of Grandchester, to the most south-western border suburbs of Mount Mort and Mount Walker; to the most northern City boundary; and to the east to include the suburbs of Mutdapilly, Willowbank, Amberley, Karrabin, Blacksoil and Pine Mountain. This would position the township of Rosewood approximately in the centre of this proposed division.

 Proposed Division 4 would probably contain about 50% of the total area of Ipswich City, but only 25% of the population – and these demographics would most likely remain relatively unchanged into the future, as the main future population growth is expected in Springfield and Ripley.
 - c. As mentioned above, the boundaries of proposed Division 3 [to remain numbered as proposed Division 3] the City Centre, should ideally be extended north to include the suburbs of Brassall, Muirlea, Chuwar, Tivoli and Karalee and Barellan Point .

To adjust the population back to about 25% of the total population, the suburbs of Collingwood Park and Redbank could be removed from Proposed Division 3 and included in proposed Division 1 [to be renumbered as proposed Division 2]

- d. Proposed Division 1 (to be renumbered as proposed Division 2) would commence in the west to include the suburbs of Peak Crossing and Purga, follow the proposed new boundaries to the north, and include the suburbs of Collingwood Park and Redbank.

This would place the growth suburbs of Ripley and Redbank Plains into proposed Division 1 (to be renumbered as proposed Division 2); and the growth suburbs of Springfield into proposed Division 2 (to be renumbered as proposed Division 1)

The boundaries of proposed Division 1 (to be renumbered as proposed Division 2) have created, not only a large fragmented division by area, but one that extends from the far east to the far west and the far south, making it most impractical and impossible to represent, travel, and unify vastly separated and differing communities. This is probably the worst suggested proposed division.

- 4. In terms of major identifiable natural or man-made boundaries, the separation of the “old” city areas and the “new” developing areas, the M15 Cunningham Highway is also an ideal divisional boundary to consider between proposed Division 3 (in the North) and proposed Division 1 (renumbered as proposed Division 2 (in the South) and between proposed Division 4 (in the west).

Regards,
Rochlitz and Alesia Maclean

Sent: Friday, 12 July 2019 5:18 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4644) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Karen Hughes

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Karen Hughes**

Submission Details

Name: Karen Hughes

Submission Text : For a start Rosewood is a town not a suburb. Lumping a rural area in with inter-city area does not make sense to me. You can't tell me that we will get a fair share. With a larger population in Brassall etc, our small area will go unheard. We haven't even got a council office in Rosewood anymore. It seems to me that the CEO has already made a decision. I just wonder who is pulling his strings. The leaking of information about council going-ons to the media. The sacking of the council, whether guilty or not. Sounds like a take over to me. I am quite happy with the boundaries the way they are. And telling me that we would be better off with a reshuffle, that we will be better represented is just a heap of HOOEY.

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Kylie Stoneman

To Whom It May Concern

RE: Divisional Boundary Review Ipswich City Council

In March 2019, Interim Administrator of Ipswich City Council launched a discussion paper regarding divisional changes. Suggesting that the process would entail a month-long engagement including a public forum on March 25 2019. *

The report from the survey results released in April showed that only 1049 residents responded to the month long engagement. With 453 saying that they wanted no change to the divided single councilor model by making it their first preference. 325 respondents chose the divided multiple councilor model and 271 chose an undivided council.** This survey then portrayed that the majority wanted the multiple councilor model by using a preference system which clearly did not follow a democratic process ignoring the primary vote and counting preferences in a way that allowed a result they wanted to equate – there was only one result required so therefore there was no need to use the preferencing of votes. This ignored a primary vote and referenced a second or third preference over their primary.

The current legislation as at 1 July 2019 states on page 31 under the heading Review of divisions of local government areas – A local government must, no later than 1 March in the year before the year of the quadrennial elections – review whether each of its divisions has a reasonable proportion of electors and give the electoral commissioner and the Minister notice of the results of the review.*** The review was handed over at the end of April 2019 with the Minister forwarding his request on May 7.

“In reviewing the proposed change for the Ipswich City Council, the Change Commission was cognisant that it would represent a significant alteration to long-standing electoral arrangements. It was therefore of the view that there would need to be compelling reasons to assess such a change as being in the public interest” **** “On the strength of the evidence presented in the Report, including the results from extensive public consultation, multi-member divisions were found to be the preferred option.” This statement came from a perception that 1049 residents represented 128,049 voters and in fact ignoring their primary vote.

For such a significant change in divisional boundaries and the structure of Ipswich City Council in regards to the representation through Councillors, I hearby suggest that it would be in the public interest for the residents of the Ipswich City Council LGA to choose and a referendum be sought before any changes made so those most affected are heard.

*https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/about_council/media/articles/2019/people-asked-to-ponder-future-of-ipswich-city-council

**https://www.ipswich.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0015/112308/Divisional-Boundary-Review_Results_Report.pdf

***<https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/pdf/inforce/current/act-2009-017>

**** https://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0018/4473/2019-Ipswich-City-Council-Proposed-Determination-Report-without-appendices.pdf

Sent: Monday, 15 July 2019 3:32 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4843) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Stephanie SHANNON

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Stephanie SHANNON**

Submission Details

Name: Stephanie SHANNON

Submission Text : Having pondered the new divisional boundaries and the rationale behind this change particularly re similar number of voters in each division with 2 Councillors to be appointed to each. My comments are founded in concerns ~ these being 1 the size of the geographic footprint with Divisions 1 and 4 2 I think there should be further consideration to appointing three Councillors to both 1 and 4 3 the community needs radiating from our rural neighbours need to be heard and considered 4 I believe there needs to be a 'dedicated' Councillor in 1 and 4 divisions to have the travelling access within his portfolio to 'really be in touch' with our rural sector and their special needs and also for the rebuilding of rapport, trust and respect which will generate a more robust outcome for all parties. For the numerous challenges ahead ~ good luck It has been my personal experience that since closure of the 'Community Offices' Council responses more generic than personal and less promptness in response. Go gently Steph Shannon

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Sent: Wednesday, 17 July 2019 9:41 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4872) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Alaina

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Alaina**

Submission Details

Name: Alaina

Submission Text : I propose something more comprehensive for the formation of Council. A Council Member from each postcode area (eg. representing everyone of the 4340 area) with preexisting knowledge and extensive community work (at least 20 hours unpaid a week) within that area is required before they can run for the position. They are then elected by residents of that postcode area. These Council members can then elect 12 members amongst themselves to sit on the board who adequately represent the Ipswich community. And of those 12 can elect 2 Board Heads who will share the decision making process and ultimately sign off on Projects and decisions but answer to the Board, whom answer to the Council, whom answer to the needs and concerns of their individual communities. An external and independent body is required to immediately investigate any claims of corruption or concerns of the public on any Council Members, Board Members or Board Heads. Full transparency is required, especially with whose money is funding their campaigns. And where funds are going. The community has no faith in Council, therefore Council must work hard to earn it back. There will be scrutiny and criticism of every little thing, and honestly, who could blame them?

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Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 1:10 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Ipswich City Council redraft of boundaries

Hello,

I wish to submit the following re the proposed format of Ipswich City Council internal divisional boundaries for future elections.

My principle concern is with the proposed Division 1.

It is my belief the proposal is beyond belief; that there is little or very little common interest in the communities of Grandchester, Mount Mort etc and that of Redbank Plains, Blackstone, Raceview etc; while conceding all communities within the proposed Division 1 are within the boundaries of the local government area of Ipswich City Council, and that ultimately elected councillors will make decisions pertaining to the whole ICC local government area.

It would surely be far better for the interests of ICC local government area for there to be two divisions within the proposed Division 1 as outlined in the review papers.

One obvious danger is that city and urban residents have much more likelihood of being successful at a council election than would residents of the rural areas of, for instance, Grandchester, Mount Mort, Mount Walker, Calvert etc etc. This would surely lead to an imbalance of representation of city/urban dwellers than these rural areas.

That, surely, would not be in the best interests of the local government authority as a whole; and certainly not in the best interests of rural dwellers.

There is much I could say, but will restrict myself to the above; except to say the proposed boundaries of Division 1 are most unfair to rural ratepayers and residents.

Thank you,
Kevin Pearce,



Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 2:27 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4875) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Colin Pomery

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Colin Pomery**

Submission Details

Name: Colin Pomery

Submission Text : Although I welcome the new started council areas, there is one recent change that I strongly feel requires further explanation and or review. The new double dropping of emergency service rates being charged to my area. I am now being charged the rural fire levy as all a the urban fire levy. My "Land" is in a rural c living area with no House in it and on s dirt road. As an ex QFRS (now QFES) Fire Warden and senior fire fighter, who was one of the 2IC's for logistics in the QFRS Incident control command centre during the Lockyer Valley Grantham floods, I am well aware that urban fire vehicles are not permitted off the bitumen. With this being the case, and with no dwelling yet on the property, please explain why am being charged two levy's. Yours Patiently Colin Pomery

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Sent: Thursday, 18 July 2019 5:23 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Proposed boundaries

Dear Sir /Madam

We STRONGLY object to the proposed boundary changes for Ipswich, especially the boundaries for Division 1 and Division 4.

The sparse population and large areas of the rural areas will be neglected, compared with the condensed population and smaller areas of suburban Ipswich.

This arrangement is similar to the Ipswich-Moreton council amalgamation which put the rural community at a greater disadvantage, compared with suburban and central Ipswich, and now it is happening again.

The number one goal of these proposed division changes is to make roughly equal numbers in each division, with little or no consideration given to the differences between rural and suburban needs and requirements.

Please do not go ahead with these ridiculous boundary proposals.

Peter and Barbara Byram


Sent from my iPhone

SUBMISSION

BOUNDARY REALIGNMENT OF IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL

Reasons why the former Division 10 split changed to **4 Divisions** and the change from One Councillor per Division to **Two Councillors** will not work and **how unfair it is to all electors** in the City of Ipswich.

A, On reading the **93 page reasons** why the split designed and delivered by the Administrator, one has to look at the number of Submissions that were delivered to Ipswich City Council against the number of Electors in the Ipswich City. There were **1049 Submissions against 128,049 Electors** which is **point 8192176 Percent of Electors** having a say on what they wanted. The **amount of Percentages** used through this **Document is ridiculous** and seems to be pulling the wool over the eyes of Electors.

B. How can a **split like this be pushed on the Electors** when less than One Percent has a say?

C. What have the **Electors have in common** when one looks at those in Rosewood and those in Karalee?

D. Rosewood is gazetted as a **Town** and not a Suburb of Ipswich.

E. Rosewood has a **Railway Station**, what do those other Suburbs on the other side of Ipswich Centre have?

F. Rosewood has a **Queensland Police Station** open five days a week.

G. Rosewood has the **Bremer Chamber of Commerce**, does Karalee have the same?

H. Rosewood has an **Agricultural Show in their Showground**, does North Ipswich?

I. Rosewood has a **Post Office** open 6 days a week, what of other areas?

J. Rosewood has **two Banks**, and three **Hotels**.

K. Rosewood has a **State High School**, what about Raymonds Hill or Tivoli?

L. Rosewood has a **Nursing Home**, what about other Suburbs on the opposite side of Ipswich Central?

M. Two councillors in each of the Four Divisions will lead to poor representation for Electors, as one could be elected from the Rosewood area and the other from Karalee area. When one is approached about a certain problem he could say that is not my problem the other Councillor is looking after that section. When the second Councillor is approached about the same problem that second Councillor could say the other (or first) Councillor is looking after that section. **Electors will get nowhere if this Division of Four with Two Councillors each is still enacted by the ECQ.**

N. If **two Councillors are elected from the Karalee area** then the **Marburg and Rosewood areas** will go into **decline**, and this is not what is required. **If two Councillors are elected from Rosewood, Karalee will go into decline!**

O. For the **ECQ to say these changes are set in cement** and there will be no changes, what happens when the new Councillors are elected with a Mayor, **will they have any say to the change of Boundaries** from Four to Eight, where one Councillor looks after one Division?

P. What **community interests** do the electors of Marburg and Rosewood areas have in common with the electors of Dinmore, North Tivoli, Moores Pocket, North Ipswich, Tivoli Hill, Raymonds Hill, Boreen Point, Yamanto, Brassall, Churchill and Karalee? Nothing what soever in common! This is a **country area!**

Q. How will this **decision** keep party **Politics** out of **Ipswich City Council**? I think there was hardly any Party Politics in the last Council. At least when one contacted the Councillor he came and looked at the problems.

R. The way the report has **been presented by the Administrator to the Electors** has been to **confuse the electors** with all the percentages presented, and the paltry number of Submissions received before this dreadful decision was made, and never to be changed by the ECQ.

S. The Government paid employee Administrator Greg Chemello, has stated that he expects elected councillors to understand the various communities in which they live, and who will of course advance the specific interests and issues

of the communities in which they were elected. A new councillor elected in Division 4 hailing from Karalee would have no idea of what electors would want if they lived in areas such as Marburg or Rosewood.

T. The proposed new Divisions can easily be read as a surreptitious means of further dislodging the support bases of the populations in rural areas as the majority of electors come from urban areas and not rural areas which will mean a lack of rural representation on future Ipswich City Councils.

U. It would appear that bureaucracy and political expediency has taken precedence over the wellbeing of our communities making gazetted towns of Marburg and Rosewood into urban areas which will threaten the lifestyles of people living in these rural towns and places.

V. Why are Submissions being asked for before 31st July if it cannot be changed? PLEASE EXPLAIN? It would be nice to have my Submission replied to, although I expect the people in rural areas will be forgotten about like usual.

Presented by Brian Murray

Sent: Friday, 19 July 2019 6:03 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4919) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Aleesha Rilatt

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Aleesha Rilatt**

Submission Details

Name: Aleesha Rilatt

Submission Text : I feel the division are too large and too broad a demographic. How can one person have the best interest of the townies and the rurals at the same time if its good for one and not good for the other.

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Sent: Friday, 19 July 2019 8:53 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4920) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Mark Cresswell

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Mark Cresswell**

Submission Details

Name: Mark Cresswell

Submission Text : This is nowhere near enough representation. Four divisions need 4 councillors or 8 divisions with 2. The proposal will leave us underrepresented and poorly governed

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Sent: Friday, 19 July 2019 9:12 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4921) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Rebecca Johnson

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Rebecca Johnson**

Submission Details

Name: Rebecca Johnson

Submission Text : I do not believe that teaming up the councillors and merging the divisions into four will appropriately reflect the needs of the people as their lifestyles, demographics, needs and backgrounds are so varied, and wonderfully so. To merge these into four divisions instead of 10 individual divisions will mean the needs of these very different areas of Ipswich will be condensed into four overarching campaigns/plans that will have a strong likelihood of failing to meet the very minute, grassroots needs of the people in our diverse communities. Having many individual councillors means a more diverse group of voices on behalf of the people, rather than four generalised plans. Please don't change our council representative system.

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Sent: Saturday, 20 July 2019 12:44 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4922) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Lee Norman

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Lee Norman**

Submission Details

Name: Lee Norman

Submission Text : I currently reside in Division 10, recently proposed to merge into Division 1. I would like to submit my support for these changes, after reviewing the reasoning and proposed boundaries the proposal is a sound one.

By 2024 it would allow a good balance of voters across divisions that offer a voice for both rural and urban voters,

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Sent: Sunday, 21 July 2019 8:18 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4923) Ipswich City Local Government Area - De Vries

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **De Vries**

Submission Details

Name: De Vries

Submission Text : Just wanted to say that this is so fantastic!! You have done a great job!! This is excellent!!

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Sent: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 10:59 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4940) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Leone Smith

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Leone Smith**

Submission Details

Name: Leone Smith

Submission Text : Thank you for your submission form but we are only new residents up here so don't think we qualify to give an opinion. And yes we like living here.

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Sent: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 11:33 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Ipswich City Local Government Area - Electoral Arrangement and Divisional Boundary Review

Good morning,

I write in response to an email notification from ECQ on 9 July 2019 concerning this review. I write as a private citizen and constituent of Ipswich with my own views on this issue, as follows:-

1. Appalling lack of notification – I am deeply concerned that the LGA Change Commission has failed to adequately notify residents of Ipswich about such a broad branch review. I, for example, live in household with 3 eligible constituents and only myself has been notified. I have heard from many others this has not been an uncommon occurrence. The length of the time for submission is appalling, and in my own view about the most limited community engagement exercise I have seen from the State Government in many years. If this were the Brisbane Boundary Review, I am sure this significant lack of consultation and time for engagement would have hit the newspapers.

Your obligation is more than rush to notify residents under the legislation. With such significant changes it should be better advertised in the media, more on the ground consultation occurring with residents by the Commission and the state government, workshops, community meetings and the like. Given the languishing state we have been in here in Ipswich without a Council, this consultation should have occurred much sooner than now. What should have been done is on the ground meaningful and effective consultation with residents before even putting this out to more public comment.

2. Lazy change management – To reduce the number of divisions and the number of councillors is lazy change management, and does not reflect the demand for services and nuisances in service delivery in such a large catchment area. Its like cutting the wages bill in order/vain hope you might achieve quick efficiencies. Some multi divisions if merged (slapped together) will be fraught with planning (social and hard infrastructure) problems into the future. Division 1 a classic example. It's not about carving up the pie to get equal numbers of voters in each multidivision, again this is a very lazy change management approach. Over governing seems to be the next result for divisions such as 2.
3. Suspension in active and robust democracy and governance in Ipswich – Many residents are frustrated by the suspension of the elected council and what feels like the suspended democracy and an ability to move forward. We should not have to wait until the 2020 elections to decide our future direction. This is not good for community and not good for business. The State's ability to move these matters forward in the best interest of Ipswich residents is wanting. A suspended long state of administration in Ipswich is having an effect on voter and business confidence. I am sure this will play out in the next state election too.

Please take this as my written feedback on the review in the limited time you have offered me and the residents of Ipswich time to respond adequately.

Yours sincerely

(Ms) Chris Figg



Sent: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 2:31 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4946) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Veronica Belcher

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Veronica Belcher**

Submission Details

Name: Veronica Belcher

Submission Text : I agree with the submission for larger divisions with 2-3 councillors which will enable a more diverse and honest approach to that division. Previously sacked councillors should also not be permitted to apply as they will continue then to try and force their agendas on newer councillors.

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23 July 2019

Local Government Change Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD

Dear Commissioners

IPSWICH CITY LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA REVIEW

I seek to make a submission in relation to the Electoral Arrangement and Divisional Review, 2019 Proposed Determination, Ipswich City Council.

I support the notion of a multi-member divided Council. I do not think there will be any boundary division option that will please all of the people. If anything, I would have preferred to see three divisions with three to four Councillors. But that is not for consideration. Instead I wish to raise an issue that has been overlooked in this process. That is genuine representation.

The Ipswich City Council's Divisional Boundary Report (listed in the website as appendix B) gave a number of reasons for the change to multi-councillor divisions in the Executive Summary on page three:

For the various communities of Ipswich, multi-councillor divisions will effectively deliver the local representation they are seeking at the same time as avoiding a return to the significant governance pitfalls experienced in the past.

The current "first-past-the-post" (FPTP) system does not provide a genuinely representative outcome, particularly when there are multiple positions. This result becomes less representative as the number of candidates increase. There are a lot of people discussing their availability to run in Mayoral and divisional races. They are discussing this openly in person, through the media and certainly on social media. It is highly likely there will be a large field of candidates in each division.

The FPTP system means that a candidate may be elected with a small number of votes, albeit more than the other candidates. Given that there are multiple positions I believe we need to utilise a far more democratic means of election. In essence, voters rank the candidates in order of their choice. That way, candidates need to build an absolute majority of support.

With two vacancies per division, it would be possible to develop a quota system of one-third the number of votes plus one. So if a division had 30,000 votes cast, the quota for election is 10,001. This allows voters to indicate their preference in order for the candidates. Otherwise, a system by which the preferences from the candidate with the fewest first preferences are distributed, until there are two distinct winners.

At any rate, it is important for there to be a transparent and clear method to ensure voters can be confident that their representatives are indeed truly representative. That will go a long way to achieving a greater sense of true representation.

It is important too to keep electoral messaging and guidelines consistent. With the State and Federal elections all having compulsory preferential voting, it seems logical to maintain consistency in local government elections. The changes to the Senate voting were reflected in the high number of informal votes at the 2019 Federal election. As someone who participated in scrutineering at a Pre-Poll booth with over 10,000 votes counted, I was astonished by the number of House of Representative ballot papers where voters had numbered one to six, in spite of there being nine candidates. There were new instructions where voters only needed to number one to six above the line in the Senate. To avoid confusion, simple messaging such as "number every box" would assist voters in casting a formal vote.

Another issue raised by the Ipswich City Council's review was the quality of candidates. This is something a boundary review cannot address, but it is an important issue and certainly something I would hope the Commission would forward to the Government. As local governments outside of Brisbane do not have political parties involved, there is no organisation measuring candidate suitability. It is vital that as part of nominating for a Council election, candidates undertake suitability checks and some sort of training. The last thing this city needs is further mismanagement, poor governance or by-elections.

If we are to indeed have Councillors who operate as per the Local Government Act 2009, then we need to ensure they are suitably qualified to focus on policy development and strategic delivery of services in the public interest. There needs to be a transparent system for ensuring candidates who nominate are indeed fit and proper people. This means, potential candidates should be required to undertake suitability and fitness assessments prior to formal nomination. In addition, they should be required to undertake some for formalised training whereby election rules, campaign finance, the electoral system even is outlined. This may weed out some candidates.

Following their election, all Councillors should undergo further training and induction. This training could be similar to corporate governance training undertaken by directors of companies and charities etc. But clearly it would have a local government flavour. Councillors would be taught about meeting procedures, their roles under the Act, functions of the Council and its Committees / portfolios, and the separation of powers (an issue raised throughout this process).

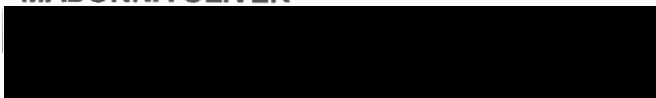
Ipswich has had its share of "colourful" characters. I sense the city is ready for Councillors who can provide strategic vision and leadership, while effectively and honestly representing their constituents. There has never been a better opportunity to address the issues that are far too common across local governments everywhere. I ask for more democratically elected Councillors; a consistent approach to elections; candidates who have been screened and taught the basics; and better support and education for new Councillors.

Thank you for your service to the community. I look forward to seeing the final outcomes.

Yours sincerely



MADONNA OLIVER



Sent: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 8:30 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4957) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Lynda Donohue

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Lynda Donohue**

Submission Details

Name: Lynda Donohue

Submission Text : I would prefer that there are 10 councilors and a Mayor who would work for the whole of Ipswich. My reasons are that 8 councilors are not enough for a city the size of Ipswich and with 2 councilors per division it could prove detrimental to the city and particularly to that division if the two councilors were in conflict with each other. Thank you for including the people of Ipswich in your submission.

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Sent: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 4:19 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (4964) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Rachel Kaminski

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Rachel Kaminski**

Submission Details

Name: Rachel Kaminski

Submission Text : I think Ipswich needs to maintain the 10 single-member divisions system. No changes should be made. Reducing the number of divisions will be of detriment to Ipswich residents. Each area is unique and has its own concerns and issues. By lumping them together will be neglectful.

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Sent: Friday, 26 July 2019 7:29 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Ipswich City Council Boundaries

To
Whom it may concern

I disagree with the idea of having 2 Councillors in one area as this could leave to “passing the buck” from one Councillor to the other

These larger Divisions could result in those living in “non-fashionable” suburbs such as Goodna, Gailes, Redbank, Riverview etc. missing out on representation to the more upmarket suburbs such as those of the Springfield & area development & Ripley etc.

In my dealings with Councillor Paul Tully for Division 2 I found he took great pride in representing his area and had a good knowledge of his constituents and was always available. His staff also had these qualities. I believe this “hands on” qualities will go missing with what is planned for Ipswich.

I also found these qualities in David Palkhe (Division 10) in my dealings with him via the Ipswich Poetry Feast group

I compare the planned larger Divisions to those of the State Government’s closing down of smaller schools in favour of larger ones where those students not in the spotlight, will fall through the cracks and will be ignored

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns

Tony Caswell


From: dpahlke
Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2019 10:07 AM
To: ECQ User; dpahlke; LG Boundaries
Subject: SUBMISSION TO ELECTORAL COMMISSION on the PROPOSED IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL
DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES
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I wish to lodge a submission concerning the new Ipswich - 4 Divisional Boundaries

Whoever has drawn these boundaries has simply no idea of communities of interest and how they relate to each other. I am advised by Administrator Chemello that he did not draw the boundaries but you guys did, without any guidance from Greg Chemello.

The Make Up/Boundaries of the 4 Divisions is ill conceived.

Who drew these boundaries – who put the lines on the map??????

From a Community interest point of view:

- . How can Grandchester have anything in common with Ripley/Redbank Plains
- . How can Rosewood have anything in common with Barellan Point

COMMUNITIES OF INTEREST: An extreme example you simply would not draw a line down the main street of Rosewood or Marburg or Grandchester or Walloon - OR EVEN down the main street of the Ipswich CBD - Too me that is ludicrous. Grandchester relates back to Rosewood as does Mt Walker and Ebenezer for the last 150 years. I am of the personal opinion you need to keep communities of interest together as much as possible

You have drastically split the rural communities of interest. You need to put

Grandchester/Ebenezer/Willowbank/Mt Walker back into the same Division as Rosewood. The keeping of Historical communities of interest, whether it be Rural or Urban is fundamental as a starting point in the drawing of any electoral boundaries.

I SUGGEST you call for real Public Consultation/input and start again.

Someone has got it wrong!!!!!!!!!! Very Wrong!!!!!!!!!!

David Pahlke



ATTACHMENTS

- . Story in the local paper Moreton Border News
- And various Letters to the Editor

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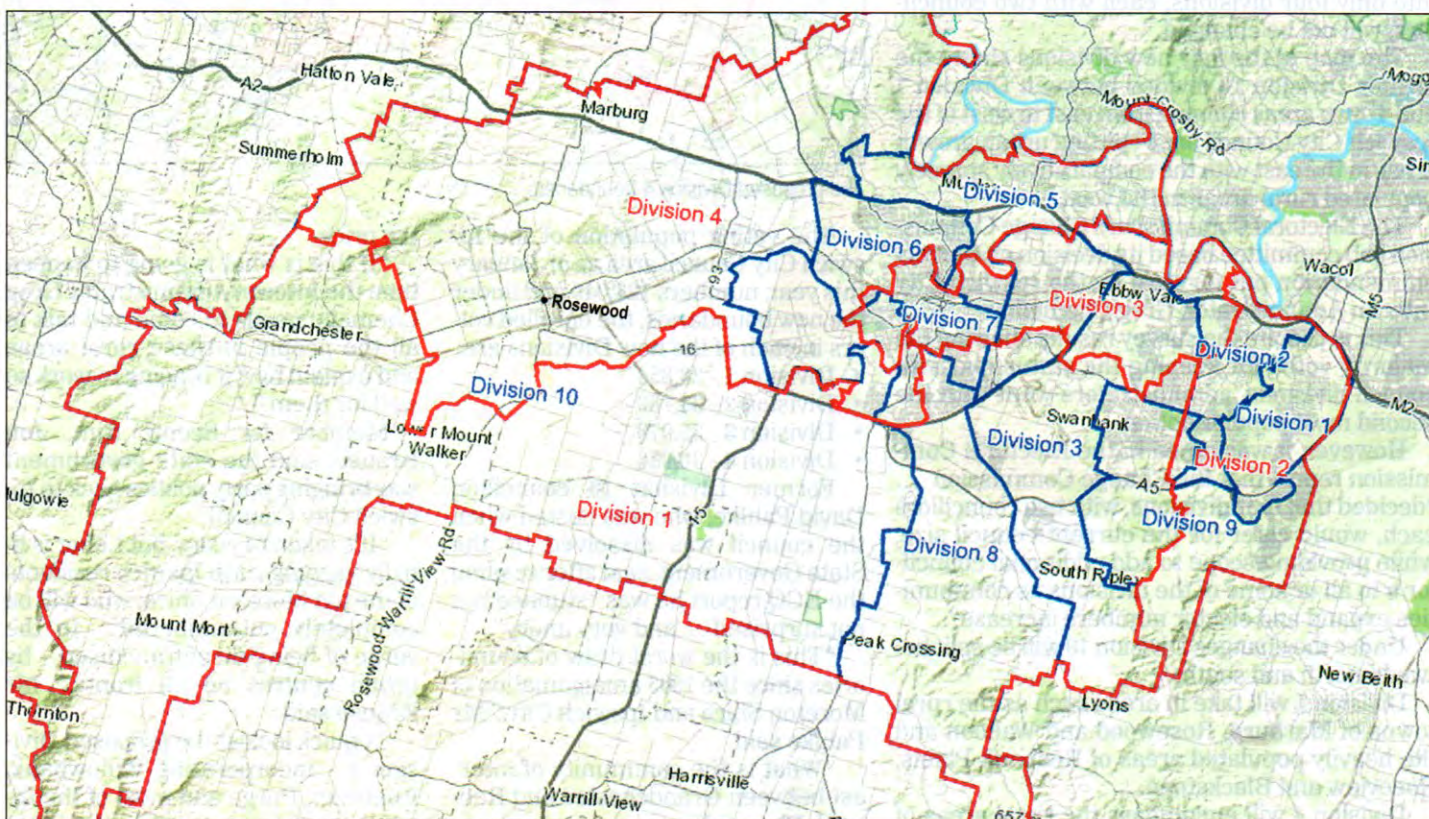


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The red outline marks the proposed divisions for Ipswich City Council, the blue lines mark the old divisions.

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FORMER DIVISION 10 SPLIT BETWEEN TWO URBAN-WEIGHTED ELECTORAL DIVISIONS

by DREW CREIGHTON

RURAL Ipswich has been split between two local government electoral divisions in a decision by the State Government to reduce the former 10 divisions to four with each to be represented by two councillors.

And the decision is final.

According to a paper released by the Queensland Electoral Commission Change Commission on Tuesday, submissions from the public are invited to address the new boundary alignments, but the break up of the Ipswich City Council area into only four divisions, each with two councillors, will not be changed.

The map of the four new divisions shows the former Division 10 divided between Division 1 and 4 - two areas running from east to west of the Ipswich City Council area - pitting urban growth areas in the east with the comparatively sparsely populated rural areas in the west.

The Electoral Commission's Change Commission sub committee based its decision on the recommendation put forward by the Ipswich City Interim Administrator, Greg Chemello.

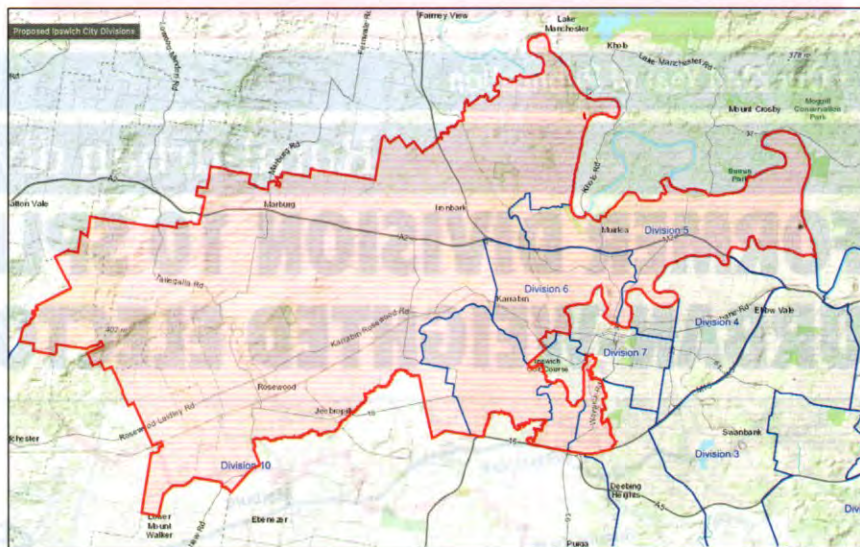
This is despite the survey results showing the majority voted for keeping the status quo with council divisions, administrators went with the second most popular option.

However, it was noted in the Electoral Commission report that the Change Commission ... "decided that four divisions, with two councillors each, would cater for the current council size, while providing scope to add additional councillor/s to all or some of the divisions as communities expand and elector numbers increase".

Under the changes Division 10 will be split between north and south:

Division 1 will take in areas such as the rural towns of Marburg, Rosewood and Walloon and the heavily populated areas of Redbank Plains, Raceview and Blackstone.

Division 4 will encompass the rural areas of Grandchester, Mt Walker, Willowbank, Purga and Peak Crossing and the Ipswich suburbs of Brassall, Tivoli and Karalee.



The proposed Division 4 boundaries.

The voting population of the Ipswich City Council area as of January this year, numbers 128,049 and under the new boundaries, the enrolled voters in each of the new Divisions are:

- Division 1 - 28,854
- Division 2 - 33,189
- Division 3 - 35,070
- Division 4 - 30,936

Former Division 10 councillor, David Pahlke, who was ousted when the council was dissolved by the State Government, said after reading the ECQ report he was "stunned but not surprised ... and very angry".

"This is the worst draw of boundaries since the 1995 amalgamation of Moreton Shire and Ipswich City," Mr Pahlke said.

"What is the community of interest between Grandchester and Redbank Plains? None.

"Yet they have put them together in the proposed Division 4. The same goes for Rosewood and Karalee in the proposed Division 1."

He said the redrawing of boundaries would destroy the communities of interest that have been in place for more than 100 years.

"And I notice they are calling places like Rosewood and Marburg 'suburbs'. These are not suburbs of Ipswich, they are gazetted townships.

"Whoever drew up these boundaries - whether it's the Minister, the Interim Administrator or the ECQ - they have got it wrong and it's the rural people of Ipswich who will pay

the price.

"If this is what is going to happen then the Interim Administrator Greg Chemello needs to come and talk to all the people in these rural areas and explain how it is going to work so well for them."

Member for Scenic Rim, Jon Krause, said the state government was bringing party politics back to Ipswich City Council.

"It's taken 24 years, but Labor is finally gagging rural Ipswich residents of the old Moreton Shire, who will be completely outnumbered - to the verge of being disenfranchised - by urban centres on all fronts," Mr Krause said.

"A quick look at the proposed Division 1 - incorporating Willowbank, Ebenezer, Purga and most of the Ipswich area I represent in the State Parliament - tells you that one councillor will be elected from Redbank Plains, one from Raceview / Flinders View, and the rest of the division will have to look after themselves.

"Ipswich City Council needs more accountability through their representatives, not less - and that's what this is delivering.

"Less representation all-round, especially in rural areas, and less accountability for Council bureaucrats."

He said the chosen proposal was the most extreme option of the multi-councillor possibilities.

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We must adjust to this new reality

THE first rule of the change process in Ipswich is to inform the people involved what is the new direction intended and then to listen to the usually negative arguments as they usually highlight underlying often personal reasons of why change cannot be achieved.

For too long, Ipswich has been culturally divided by areas and demographics. It is time we matured into a city of one direction where transparency of the ratepayers' rates distribution should be seen as fair and calculated.

As stated by the Administrator, the newly-elected councillors will have to have broader skills and adaptability.

As a resident, I too have to adjust. From a place where our one streetlight was a cause for a party to a place where our population is increasing that much the infrastructure cannot cope, the days of town and country are reluctantly, but factually, over.

The city expansion and all its ugly traits are here and we not only need good councillors on the ground, we need good, competent administrators to provide ongoing advice and support across the entire spectrum of our local council areas.

Like it or not, local governments are not stand-alone entities and are arms of state governments and when the dust has settled, we will still need the oversight of statutory authorities like the CCC and press freedom and vigilance to ensure we never revert to our previous state of disfunctionality.

WAYNE OFFER
Thagoona

Make the future better than our inglorious past

NONE of the previous councillors should run for council.

Did any of them ever ask any questions about what a lot of the public suspected and the CCC found of wrongdoing?

They were happy to sit back and watch as Ipswich unravelled and huge amounts of money were spent elsewhere.

Did the so-called newly elected members ask questions about any of the dealings? Quiet as mice they were.

Ask yourselves, does Ipswich really want to go back down that secretive and narrow path where even the fundamental requirements were overlooked like footpaths and public toilets in parks?

Or do we want to bring in fresh-thinking people whose only aim is to restore Ipswich to its former glory.

Don't wind back the clock Ipswich, look to the future.

GARY REID
Raceview

Extra councillor would boost connectedness

HAVING pondered the four new electoral divisions with forthcoming appointments for two councillors to each division, I would have concerns regarding the operational outcomes.

I have read the rationale in relation to the approximate number of voters in each of these divisions.

The demographic footprint of both Division 1 and 4 is vast and marries both the provincial and rural sectors.

Both these sectors would have specific social and infrastructure needs.

Consideration to an appointment of a third councillor to these defined areas would allow for incorporation of travelling distances and mobile offices to allow residents a voice and the hearing of their needs.

It would allow the renewed building of rapport, trust and mutual respect between communities and council representatives.

With very significant change will come challenges to be negotiated and solved.

Since the closure of the community offices within the previous 10 divisions, I feel responses are now more "generic" and are leading to a fracture of the respectful connectedness that existed

previously.

May we all be aware of the room for comments on websites so we can achieve the best outcomes for our Ipswich city as we sail into different waters.

STEPH SHANNON
Flinders View

Prime Minister needs to halt the gravy train

I WRITE in relation to Douglas Young's letter "Drain the Aussie Swamp" (QT 10/19) and his comments on the enormous perks and benefits politicians and public servants receive.

The challenge is for Prime Minister Scott Morrison to rein it in.

The Labor governments has clearly not been up to it.

Far too many polities are either incredibly ignorant or simply choose to milk the taxpayer, including you and me, for what they can get.

NAME WITHHELD

Leichhardt

Service lacking in the community

DOES Queensland Rail give a "hoot" about its service to its customers?

It certainly seems it doesn't care, judging by the way it has cut services with its trains. Plus, there are insufficient buses when its trains are cancelled.

I would expect any business, whatever the service it provides, to be up to scratch.

Queensland Rail seems to not be bothered.

It is not on its own.

I wonder when I make an appointment to see a doctor or specialist at the hospital, why is it that they are not punctual?

I accept that sometimes appointments are delayed due to more involved dealings with patients, however, I end up waiting in excess of an hour.

Service is expected at all times, so start making an effort to give service because it is expected.

Here thank you to those who give service.

CHARLIE FROST

Farley

'Outrageous plan' must be rejected

MAINTAIN the rage.

The dog's breakfast served up in the shape of four divisions for future Ipswich City Council's is simply incredible.

It appears my residence will be in Division 1, extending from Grandchester to Redbank Plains and who



knows where in between.

What a farce.

Division 1 is simply too large for two people to properly serve its residents and covers too large a geographical spread for there to be any community of interest suggestion.

I have yet to hear/see any outrage from sitting state members who ought to be screaming from the tree tops.

They obviously cannot serve two masters, therefore the people of Ipswich come second.

This is an outrageous plan and one residents must surely reject, but if it has been forced upon them.

Residents must not forget, and must "reward" their state representatives appropriately at the next state election.

Tell these turkeys what you really think.

It has been said to me that my contributions to the letters page merely state the view of the silent majority.

Sadly, the majority remains silent whereas it should be actively participating in open debate to ensure community needs are met.

We, obviously, cannot rely on current elected representatives to meet our expectations.

KEV PEARCE
Raceview

Please include your name, address and a daytime telephone number on letters for verification. Preference will be given to letters of 200 words or less for reasons of space. You can also SMS your views on 0428 634 025. You must start your text "QT" and include your name and suburb.

LETTERS

Palhke's thinking appears outdated

IN YOUR story "Change Hurts Sacked" (QT 12/07), former Ipswich City councillor David Pahlke is reportedly upset by the proposed divisional boundaries because "communities of interest" should be put together and "Grandchester has no relationship to Redbank Plains".

Mr Pahlke's thinking is outdated.

Ipswich is no longer a group of unconnected villages called Redbank Plains, Rosewood and Eastern Heights.

It is an organic whole, it is a city.

People from every part of the city use council-provided services in every other part of the city.

Mr Pahlke only has to go to Rosewood's Anzac Park on a Saturday during the Rugby League season and he will see people from Redbank Plains, Springfield and every other part of the city.

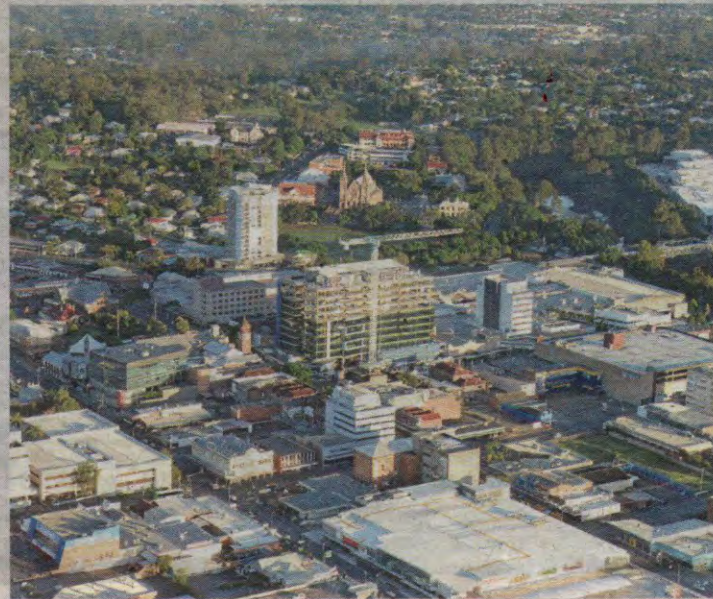
They all have a community interest in the upkeep of Anzac Park and every other council-owned sports ground.

They get to Anzac Park along roads not only traversing Division 1, but every other proposed division in the city.

Administrator Greg Chermello has pointed out that modern councillors need to be board directors responsible for council activities all over the city and not village chieftains only interested in their own patch.

If Mr Pahlke would find the heat in this job onerous then maybe he should stay away from the kitchen.

KEN ALDERTON
One Mile



FRESH START: Reader Margie Barker says Ipswich needs a new direction next year. Photo: File

Our council must now start with a new slate

I READ the news article "A Council Divided" on pages 1 and 2 of the newspaper (QT 12/07).

I have no idea if the proposed new boundaries were drawn up with even the partial aim of discouraging sacked councillors from standing for election in March 2020.

Actually, I doubt it. But I do believe two councillors for each division will go a long way towards preventing divisions from becoming the "personal fiefdoms" of single councillors, as has happened in the past.

But, if these are the results of these new boundaries, I for one am cheering.

It amazes me that any of the former councillors would think it was a good idea to run again after the bad taste that has been left in the mouths of us Ipswich folk.

It also amazes me that if any of them are considering running again, they have learned nothing.

I hope that when we elect a new council and mayor next year, Ipswich can start with a completely clean slate, and a new direction and one that puts the people of Ipswich first, and not the interests of developers, super dump businesses and councillors.

MARGIE BARKER
Ipswich

Letters to the Editor

Acting in the best interests of all citizens

AFTER reading some commentary about proposed changes to Ipswich City Council divisional boundaries, I think it's worth pointing out some of the legal responsibilities of councillors.

While it is true that councillors are elected every four years to a particular division, their legal obligation is to always act in the best interests of all citizens of Ipswich.

As your readers know, the State Governments Change Commission has reviewed the internal boundaries (divisions) of the Ipswich local government area and has determined that Ipswich should be divided into four multi-member divisions, with two councillors representing each division. The Change Commission has invited public comment on the proposed revised divisional boundaries by July 30.

I encourage residents to review the proposal. In doing so, it's important to understand a fundamental issue.

Divisional arrangements are simply the means of electing councillors; they are not the geography of councillor behaviour and council decision-making for this city going forward. Those days are over.

Section 12(b) of the Local Government Act states it clearly. Since December 2018, across Queensland all councillors are also obliged to make a formal declaration of office that they will abide by a new Code of Conduct that they understand and commit to their obligations under the law, including that they "must serve the overall public interest of the whole local government area".

The revised divisional arrangements create the foundation to elect councillors who will understand the various communities in which they live, and who will of course advance the specific interests and issues of those communities they are elected by. However, they will also be working within a legal framework which clearly requires councillors to act in the best overall interests of the entire Ipswich local government area; at all times.

While multi-councillor divisions might be unusual to Queensland in recent years, 30 percent to 60 percent of councils in New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and the Northern Territory already operate this way.

To be elected by your communities as an Ipswich City councillor is an honour and a privilege. It will be a challenging role that requires each councillor to understand and appreciate the many and

various views of people across diverse communities within their divisions and the broader city area. And it requires them to provide high quality leadership to the local government and for the overall Ipswich community.

— Ipswich City Council
Interim Administrator
Greg Chemello.

Rural communities need to speak up now

OVER the last year and half, inflammatory and biased rhetoric has seen the City of Ipswich consistently whipped into a frenzy of distrust, with campaigns to discredit all former councillors as a result of the actions of a few and the devaluation of the community aspect of local government as a whole.

The proposed new divisions can easily be read as a surreptitious means of further dislodging the support bases of the former councillors, and, with the majority of the population contained within the urban areas of the proposed divisions, it is not outrageous to conclude that there will be a lack of rural representation on future Ipswich City Councils.

In their rush to disparage and devalue the work of all former Ipswich City Councillors, many seem to be forgetting Council isn't just a business, as our current administration would have us believe.

Council is also about community, as clearly outlined in the Local Government Act 2009.

The notion of 'fiefdoms', that political opponents of the former councillors and certain members of the current administration like to imply was commonplace, is little more than a propagandist way of devaluing and essentially demonising community building, engagement and advocacy for constituents, which are all essential elements in the role of an effective councillor.

By seeking to ensure that rural areas are represented by rural councillors, no one is suggesting that any elected council representatives should engage in decision-making that contravenes the Local Government Act's requirement that decisions be made in the best interests of the local government area as a whole.

However, it is important to remember that in the real world, people want to have their interests represented by a person with whom they identify, not by someone who has no real frame of reference for their way of life or the intricacies of the problems which they face.

People from rural areas will not receive the same level of understanding and advocacy from urban-dwelling councillors with limited or no rural experience as they would from a member of their own local community. The same would be true in reverse.

To form a fair and truly democratic local council within the extremely diverse City of Ipswich, there must be a balance between the rural and the urban.

Therefore, divisional boundaries must be drawn up to ensure that all areas of the city are proportionately represented. Without representatives being drawn from within their local areas, the rural communities are destined to become underrepresented, disengaged and disenfranchised.

People need to speak up now and tell the Change Commission that the proposed divisions are unacceptable and do not adequately represent the needs of our diverse communities.

Now is not the time to be silent.

— Madeliene McGarrigal, Haigslea.

Divisional Break-up of Ipswich City Council

ONE administrator one Government approval – One final decision.

You can now raise your objection, but the decision will not be overturned. So much for the democratic process we believe in.

With two councillors per division we are to believe that they will make impartial decisions for the greater good while 'naval gazing' about the future in their offices in Ipswich Central (with no personal bias or experience).

With little regard for the past performances we appear to believe that giving more direct control to the CEO (a paid employee) will be beneficial for us all.

What community support will the next Council receive given the fact that they were elected under a system which was rejected outright by the community?

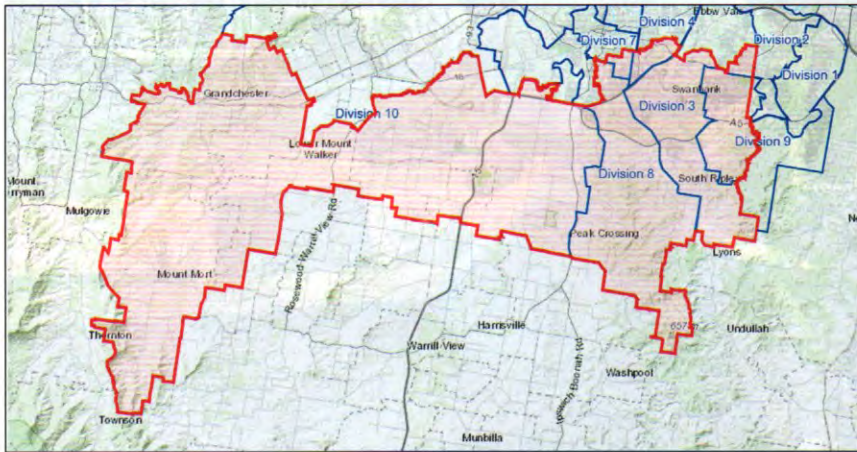
It would appear that bureaucracy and political expediency will take precedence over the wellbeing of our communities. Making small townships into Ipswich suburbs with the stroke of a bureaucratic pen is already showing that the current lifestyles people enjoy are under threat.

Given recent circumstances it is appropriate to review poor performances and the procedures that allow it. However taking the right of people to decide their own future away with bureaucratic decision making is a step too far!

— Barry Gratton,
Marburg

Rural-urban divide

FORMER DIVISION 10 SPLIT BETWEEN TWO URBAN-WEIGHTED ELECTORAL DIVISIONS



The proposed Division 1 boundaries.

□ Continued from page 2

"It seems deliberately designed to concentrate power in urban areas and to silence other, dissenting voices," he said.

"Some would say Ipswich is too big and diverse right now, and this proposal will make issues of representation worse across such a big and diverse area.

"What do Mount Mort and Redbank Plains have in common? There is no community of interest there at all.

"People should register their objections to these proposed boundaries by 30 July."

Under the survey carried out under the auspices of the Interim Administrator, Ipswich City residents were given a period in which they could choose from an undivided council region with 8 to 12 representatives (Option 1), a council divided

between 8 to 12 electoral divisions with as many councillors (Option 2) or a third option.

The third option, 4 to 6 divisions with two to three representatives each, was chosen.

Option 3 was the one recommended by the Council Administration after what it said was an "analysis of the survey data and preference results from 1,049 respondents as well as a review of 450 written comments provided."

The results of the survey show that Option 2, a council divided between 8 to 12 regions with as many councillors, was the most preferred choice at 43 percent.

Option 3 was the secondary preference with 57 percent of respondents making it their second choice, which, according to the survey report, made it the "least disliked" option.

In the report, one of the reasons

given for why it was the best model was a claim about divisional budgets.

"A common criticism of divisional budgeting is that it encourages a 'pet and populist' approach to project and community support, with divisional needs, as perceived by the councillor, often prioritised over wider community needs," it read.

"The impact of this divisional-based approach can be seen across the city."

• Submissions on the boundary realignment will be accepted by the Electoral Commission of Queensland up until the end of this month.

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Sent: Saturday, 27 July 2019 9:53 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (5018) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Ron Turner

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Ron Turner**

Submission Details

Name: Ron Turner

Submission Text : This will not provide a better government. The reasoning for this change is shaky at best. Only 10% of respondent is not a convincing approval for your plan. Your zoning way to light for instance zone 1. There is no way even two councillors can stay abreast of the issue in this zone. It will also have the largest grow in council and according to your rule of even distribution will be out of whack in 12 month. I would also like to know how two councillors would work. If they have opposing view or options then you can only imagine what will happen (nothing). This whole process has been a rail road by the labor government from the work go. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] So in summary I'm opposed to these changes.

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Electoral Decisions Ipswich

To whom it may concern,

I'm writing today to lodge my objection to the proposed changes to the Ipswich divisional changes.

I believe that this is a poor choice seeing that only approximately 1500 people replied to the survey, whereas the Ipswich division has approximately 128,000 people. Why is it that only a small number of people replied, is it because they could not be bothered or is it a protest vote against the local and state governments.

Do they believe, that this has already been decided, just like the hospital renaming or the children's hospital fiasco.

As the results are now been released, why is it not the first choice, that being option 2 (a council divided between 8 and 12 region's) been recommended? Instead of the second choice of option 3, which had a higher approval but not the first choice.

Add to this the spitting of division 10 into other area's, which will make the country area's unrepresented. As the larger population of the new area will mostly be the Redbank, Raceview and Blackstone, while the other part of this division will be dominated by Brassall, Tivoil and Karalee. With no true representation of the whole area. If you believe this will stop the pet and populist approach to local project's, I believe you are very misguided or naive.

This has been a poorly designed restructure, allowing the city to decide what is best for the rural population. We will be unrepresented and pushed aside if with no one looking after our interests. As the rural areas have different set of needs to the general city area's.

In conclusion I believe that this decision has already been made and that this is only a public relations exercise to allow the state government to say that they followed the process and that the people made this choice. I would like to draw your attention to the following newspaper article which I believe states our concerns much better than I can. Rural-urban divide by Drew Creighton in the Moreton boarder new July 12 2019.

Yours faithfully

Leigh Studdert

[REDACTED]
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Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2019 11:01 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (5022) Ipswich City Local Government Area - Scott Moore

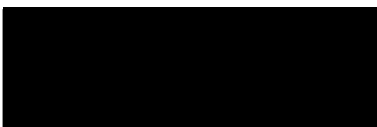
Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **Scott Moore**

Submission Details

Name: Scott Moore

Submission Text : i have reviewed the current subission and fully agree with the boundrarys and the need for two councillors per each area. it is imperitive that the new councillors are only a infomation conduit for the people and have no decision making responsabilitys. coucillors are only there to take the residents issues and requests to the council for larger items (new infastructurer, upgrades' or were the reident does not think they are getting listen to from council.)the normal everyday issues the resident should go directly to the council o have fixed as per its piority.(pot holes, rubbish pick ups, broken park fixtures, etc.) the issue is these councillors need to be only the conduit for the people not the person whodecides whether the request is right or wrong or worthy. they need to raise the issue on behalf of the resident and report back to the resident the outcome. nothing more the days of the demanding self promoting coucillors is now over.

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Tuesday, 30 July 2019

Local Government Change Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE Q 4001
By email to: LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au

Submission regarding:
Electoral Arrangement & Divisional Boundary Review of Ipswich City Council

Dear Madam / Sir

It is my understanding that the Change Commission of the Electoral Commission of Queensland in preparation of the current proposal was guided to a substantial degree by the City of Ipswich Divisional Boundary Review Report to the Minister for Local Government dated 30 April 2019.

That Report was based in turn on the results of a survey made available in Ipswich during March 2019.

A conclusion built on an unsound foundation

Whether accidental or intentional, the design of that survey was predestined to deliver the conclusion "Option 3 Divided Multi-Councillor".

Respondents were offered one of two poles "Option 1" or "Option 2". Those two poles collectively attracted the first preference of just over 70% of respondents. Respondents were instructed to list their three preferences. As their second preference the overwhelming majority of respondents would naturally choose the option which most closely resembled their first preference.

The result being that the respondents would coalesce in that middle ground between the two poles – the hybrid of the two opposing poles. Thus the survey's result flowed from the survey's design.

The raw data has not been published nor made available by Ipswich City Council. Labelled "4.1 The Raw Data" the Council has published 'rare' data: rare in the sense that the data presented had been slightly cooked (i.e. massaged).

In addition the relatively small number of respondents at 1049 (*just 1.6% of voters*) also casts doubt on the validity of the foundations for the current proposal. Consider, too, that those respondents were self-selected 'concerned citizens'. The margin of error must be significant for the results of that survey.

The boundaries of the divisions as currently proposed

For effective representation it is important that the divisional boundaries enclose communities of common interest. Wisely, some recognition of this has been shown by the boundaries as drafted in the current proposal in that the proposed boundaries do not divide suburbs or localities.

But the division of the large western rural area is a gross departure from that principle. The rate payers and residents of those rural localities are entitled to be represented by a common voice. Their divisional boundary ought to embrace the whole of those rural areas.

The current proposal to divide those rural areas in two yields the absurd result that the small percentage of residents of those areas are to be represented by half of the incoming councillors. Those four councillors have plenty of travelling ahead of them to familiarise themselves with their electorate and their constituents: a significant expense on the city's budget.

On the other hand, for example, residents of Grandchester in the far west and its surrounding district have little common interest with those of Redbank Plains well to the east. Redbank Plains is much closer to Brisbane CBD than it is to Grandchester: yet residents of inner Brisbane view Redbank Plains as quite remote.

Are the councillors representing Division 1 to be provided with a helicopter and pilot to cover the extremities of their electorate?

Similar observations but somewhat less extreme may be made regarding proposed division 4.

I acknowledge that the relatively small population in the western rural areas creates as challenge when trying to balance the number of voters (quota): it would be prudent to give consideration to a further division (under this current proposal, a fifth division) represented by a single councillor to address this challenge. In that case that fifth divisional boundary would be drawn to embrace approximately 7111 voters and the quota for the other 4 divisions reduced accordingly.

Consideration must be given to the possibility that the numerous communities of interest cannot be addressed by just 4 divisions. Perhaps the multi-councillor model is an example of attempting to put a square peg in a round hole.

Political implications

There have been suggestions that the multi-councillor proposal by the City of Ipswich and the drafting of the current boundaries has been a deliberate attempt to impede or prevent the previous councillors being elected once again. If that were so, those actions would be an example of manipulating or attempting to fix the political process – an action which Ipswich City Council ought not to have taken – and an action that the Electoral Commission of Queensland must not take under their duty to remain impartial.

I look forward to an improved future proposal for the community's consideration

Yours faithfully

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of James B Thompson.

James B Thompson

Sent: Tuesday, 30 July 2019 2:51 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (5024) Ipswich City Local Government Area - George Hatchman
Attachments: Electoral-boundaries-online-submission-ICC.GH-30Jul2019.pdf

Online submission for **Ipswich City Local Government Area** from **George Hatchman**

Submission Details

Name: George Hatchman

Submission Text : Willowbank & RAAF Amberley's Associated History - In 22nd Dec 1938, 882 acres of land in the Parish of Jeebropilly were gazetted for Defence purpose at Amberley and RAAF Base Amberley commenced operations on 17th June 1940. This land was located on the overflow floodplains at the confluence of the Warrill Creek and Bremer River which was known as "Jeebropilly" by our First Australians, an indigenous name translated as 'Swamp of the Flying Squirrels' and overlay two main land holdings; the north portion being part of the original pioneer family Collet's property of "Amberley" named after their county of origin in Sussex England, and the southern portion overlaying the banks of the Warrill Creek rural subdivision of "Willow Bank", a brief history of which is inscribed on the Willowbank Entrance Statement Historic Data Plaque: "Willowbank" was the name given to a large Sheep & Cattle Station land holding established in the early 1800's on the NW side of Warrill Creek. This property was established by pioneer developer, Mr. Darby McGrath. The homestead was located on what is now Amberley Air Force Base near the banks of Warrill Creek which was prolific with willow trees - hence the name .. "Willow Bank". In Feb 1890 his property was sold to a Mr. S.W. Gray who surveyed the estate into smaller parcels and auctioned them off to the public. This was historically the 'First' subdivision of rural portions in Queensland and continued to be known as the "Willow Bank" Estate. The name 'Willowbank' was used by the Postmaster Generals Department in 1956 when they sought the approval of the Land Administration Board to name a new telephone office in the district 'Willowbank' similar to the name of the area. Willowbank as a name was officially named by the Governor in Council on 15 October 1983. The official locality boundaries were gazetted by the Minister for Natural Resources on 8 September 2000. This followed local community consultation led by Willowbank resident George Hatchman. An original cadastral poster advertising the auction sale of "Willow Bank" Estate is located in the Harrisville Pioneers Museum. (Of note is that the original Amberley State School was known as the "Warrill Creek" school and was located near where the RAAF base 25 meter Rifle Range now exists). In essence, Amberley is more parts than one might realize of Willowbank. To construct RAAF Amberley circa WW2 to a solid base strip elevated above the surrounding flood plain, up to two meters of alluvial topsoil soil was excavated from the surrounding area, especially from the paddocks and hills of what is now known as the locality of "Willowbank", and consolidated into the airfield. The boundaries of RAAF Amberley and Willowbank align along O'Neils Road and Willowbank also rises to an elevation of 85 meters above the airstrip elevation of 26 meters and lays approximately two kilometres south west directly under the approach flight path of the airfield cross runway. The new Amberley Aviation Precinct will also be established on what was the south-east portion of the early "Willow Bank" Estate land holdings. On the 11th November 2011, the custodianship of the "Amberley Boy" Honour Stone was transferred to the perpetual care of RAAF Amberley by the Willowbank/ Amberley community and to commemorate this event, a plaque was affixed to note the history of the Honour Stone. On this plaque is also inscribed the image of a Flying Squirrel (Sugar glider), to establish the transitional historic links with the original First Australians who knew this land as "Jeeebropilly", the early settlers who pioneered this rural community and its current tenure as RAAF Base Amberley. George Hatchman Historian RAAF No. 23 (City of Brisbane) Squadron Assn.

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30th July 2019

George Hatchman

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**INVITATION TO COMMENT – LGCC Electoral Arrangement & Divisional Boundary Review
Of Ipswich City Council**

On review of the 2019 proposed LGCC Electoral Arrangement & Divisional Boundary Review of the Ipswich City Council (ICC), I am concerned with the determination of the proposed Divisional One Boundaries.

My background:

I am a resident of the Ipswich Suburb of Willowbank which will be included in the 'new' ICC Divisional 1 (Div.1) ward and also the elected President (15+ years) of the Willowbank Area Residents Group Inc. which is a residents action group that acts to advocate for the 'wellness & advancement' of the social & environmental amenity of Willowbank & surrounding areas of Amberley, Jeebropilly, Ebenezer, Mt. Forbes, Mutdapilly and Purga West.

Additionally with the amalgamation of the Moreton Shire Council (MSC) into the ICC circa Year 1995, I had the unique privileged, on request from the ICC, to determine the boundaries of the 'new' ICC 'Suburb of Willowbank' given that it was just generalised as an undefined 'Locality' when the area was part of the MSC. To undertake this determination, I considered the elements of area's history, residential & industry demographics, the then current perception of locality boundaries & the verbal comments of surrounding area locals. The finalised boundaries I had determined were adopted and gazetted as the Suburb of 'Willowbank' by the ICC and also set the framework for the ICC to determine the likewise boundaries of Amberley, Jeebropilly, Ebenezer, Mt. Forbes Mutdapilly & Purga. I was also a member of the ICC City Country Consultative Committee which provides for my historical knowledge and demographics understanding of this area in which I reside.

Considerations:

I fully appreciate the scope of the ECC considerations to balance rural with urban communities to give fair representation to the rural constituents but I do have concern with the proposed Div.1 boundaries in respect to stated objectives to '*unite suburbs and their communities of interest within individual Divisions*'.

Division 10 (Div.10) of the current ICC encompasses approximately 60% land area of the full estate of the ICC region and yet it would seem this is to be replicated again by the proposed Div.1 (although marginally smaller) being approximately 50% of the total area of ICC.

This would still mean a lateral distance of 50+ kilometres from the west of to the east of Div.1 which would certainly preclude a similar community of interest between the communities at each extremity?

It would further question the feasibility and logistics of Div.1 elected Councillors to have an everyday overview of all areas of this ward!

The largeness of this area would also retain all the hallmarks of the original Div.10 situation and continue to compromise effective administration in attempting to contain all these unique localities with their independent social and infrastructure requirements, and what would be the proposed ICC budget allocation for social & infrastructure services .. 25% of the ICC year's fiscal expenditure for 50% of the shire?

Historically, all the wards of the proposed Div.1 west of Yamanto were contained within the boundaries of the previous MSC with the centre of their community's administrative, social & commercial interests being focused on the township of Rosewood. With MSC amalgamation into the ICC, suburbs west of Willowbank still maintained this relationship but Willowbank and east Div.10 elements drifted their social & commercial interests focus towards Yamanto and CBD Ipswich while still retaining administrative connections to the Rosewood Div.10 office. Willowbank also has historical links with Amberley which still remains given the close geographical location and the number of Defence families in residence (refer attachment).

However, no such community of interest connections were established with suburbs east of Yamanto.

In this respect, the proposed Div.1 amalgamation of the suburbs of Mount Mort & Grandchester distant with the suburbs of Redbank & Swanbank does not opt for the synergy of common community interest. Indeed, by this very process in attempting to balance out rural vs urban representation, it would effectively create a voting 'gerrymander' to bias urban interest's dominant over rural interests and ensure voting outcomes that would almost certainly result in elected councillors being from the urban suburbs and not having an active engagement (or understanding) with their rural constituents, particularly given the geographical distance to daily encounter.

Further to this is the that the proposed Div.1 will incorporate no less than 5 separate Post Code areas; 4301, 4304, 4305, 4306 & 4340 which each having their separate commercial realities and hardly contributing to a common community of interest. No other proposed ICC Ward would have this community diversity!

In the case of our suburb of Willowbank, our local Post Office was Amberley 4306 but with the foreclosure to the public with the expansion of the RAAF Base Amberley perimeter, our mail services have now been allocated to Ipswich West Post Office (Post Code 4305) yet this will be outside the proposed Div.1 boundary and hardly contributing to supporting our community of interest!!

My recommendation therefore is:

REDUCE the footprint of the Proposed Div.1 electoral area.

This could be achieved by incorporation of the suburbs Yamanto, Amberley and possibly Liechhardt into Div.1 and transferring the suburbs east of Deebing; Heights, Goolman & Peak Crossing, to be absorbed into both Div.2 & Div.3. This would require Div.4 to absorb the west components of Div.3 to balance the electoral numbers and Div.3 to be expanded in to the south in conjunction with Div.2 to absorb the eastern suburbs of proposed Div.1.

Obviously there would need to be a more analytical calculation in balancing electoral quota numbers in the revision of the 4 new Divisions, but I feel this essential to ensure a more effective concept of 4 equal Divisions, not only in population but **also in area footprint**.

Conclusion:

With the amalgamation of the MSC into the ICC in the year 1995, the original **12** part time Councillors were replaced by a **single** full time Div.10 Councillor.

This then created a situation of one Councillor being responsible for 60% of the total land area of the ICC which contained many separate smaller communities in which **12** Councillors had effectively administrated. This move obviously reduced ICC administration costs but effectively established the need for these smaller community groups to establish their unique active Community Committees to advocate for their fair representation within the ICC. The incumbent Div.10 Councillor also recognised the value of these Community Groups to support Div.10 administration and as such further acted to establish the interactive medium of the ICC City Country Consultative Committee.

Essentially the proposed area size of the 'new' Div.1 is just realistically impractical for *"to elect Councillors who will need to understand the communities in which they live and who will naturally advance to council the interest of these communities"*. This could only be achieved by the continuance and engagement with established unique community groups!

Many good community people, inclusive of myself and the other Willowbank Area Residents Group Committee members, have given our extensive voluntary time without remuneration to advocate for the recognition and wellbeing of our individual communities within the ICC. The proposed Div.1 will continue to exacerbate this situation as there is little change to the current Div.10 area size situation but will no doubt certainly continue to save ICC significant Administration expenditure at the personal cost of volunteer time and the hip pockets of we concerned citizens .. **not a fair deal!**

It would therefore be a disappointment for all us residents who make significant effort of our personal time to compile these submissions not to see sensible aspects of these submissions considered and appropriate amendments effected to the currently proposed new 4 ICC Division boundaries.

We as residents do want a cohesive City/Country City of Ipswich and also importantly, the recognition that we do have a voice in the direction of our future.

I support the proposed divisional boundary changes. My reason for supporting the changes is that the proposed changes will facilitate renewal, something very necessary if local government is to rehabilitate itself in the Ipswich local government area. The 'balance' appears to be as good as anyone could achieve. I was born in Ipswich and I am very fond of the place and its surrounds.

This is possibly outside of your scope; however, I would like to see the council renamed the Ipswich Regional Council because the future of the Ipswich local government area needs to be formed based in reality. That reality is that the council is responsible for an area of over 1,000 square kilometres and with a population of approximately 200,000 people. It is much more than a city.

I suggest that the council's title reflect accurately that it covers more than a city e.g. Ipswich Regional Council or the Ipswich Shire Council. It would also make for a refreshing change to be rid of the title Ipswich City Council.

In the past elected officials have used the media promote Ipswich as a city. Such promotion is probably a good thing. However, naming the council the Ipswich City Council creates the sense that, for people outside of Ipswich (the city) their interests are secondary.

It also leads to towns, officially gazetted as towns by the State, being described as suburbs in official documents such as the Divisional Boundary Review Report of 30 April 2019 and the Local Government Change Commission's report. For example, Rosewood and Marburg are officially towns. These towns are not suburbs of Ipswich. These are towns within the Ipswich local government area.

And now for a bit of nitpicking – the report refers to Krugar Parade and Kruger Parade. Kruger is the correct spelling. As someone who has spent much time living and working there, I have a deep appreciation of the legacy of Stan and Perc Kruger. The misspelling of the street named in their honour in the report jarred with me.

From: Gary Molloy
Sent: Thursday, 11 July 2019 4:42 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: ProposedDivisions Electoral

I agree with 4 divisions and 8 councillors

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: Glenda Zammit
Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2019 12:47 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Re Change of divisions

I think that spreading the divisions is a good idea, as long as the individuals taking on that roll, are willing to stay in the area they are elected into and work for the people!!

For too many years, it has just been a job where they are paid a wage for little work. Does this mean, less Councillors, less outlay, and a cut in the rates?? One would hope, that would be the case!!

Regards,
Glenda Zammit

Sent: Wednesday, 31 July 2019 8:59 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Electoral Arrangement and Divisional Boundary Review of Ipswich City Council

This is a "late submission". Therefore I expect it will not be considered, not only because it is late but also because it does not fit the Queensland Government's agenda of promoting party politics into local government.

Mr Chemello has on numerous occasions stated that the divisional boundary system in Ipswich had to change because: *"While it is true that councillors are elected every four years to a division, their legal obligation is to always act in the best interests of all citizens of Ipswich, not just their division."*

This may not have been the case in the past, and it may not reflect some residents' views on what they would like "their" councillor(s) to do, but it's the law.

Divisional arrangements are the means of electing councillors; they are not the geography of councillor behaviour and council decision-making for this city.

Those days are over."

What absolute rubbish! If Ipswich councillors were not representing all citizens of Ipswich, then what makes the council individual division system any different to the Queensland Government electoral system where local individual candidates are elected to state government. Moreover, Queensland Government doesn't even have an upper house to ensure all Queenslanders are adequately represented!

Apart from the rhetoric, where is Mr Chemello's evidence that Ipswich councillors did not serve the overall public interest of the whole local government area?

The Divisional Boundary Survey was promoted as a means for residents to have their say about how they would like their new council to perform. Publicity around the survey suggested that the failings of the old council stemmed from the existing divisional structure and that a new structure that decoupled councillors from their respective divisions would correct the faults claimed to be caused by locally elected representatives being too closely associated with their communities.

Consequently, the survey was designed in such a way as to produce a predetermined outcome that supported a hybrid of multi-councillors in multi-divisions. This outcome was then used by Mr Chemello to justify getting rid of divisional councillors and local council offices.

The survey was an absolute sham. Even Blind Freddy and his dog could see that, by relying on second preferences, options were limited to the hybrid model which was the fallback position between the other two opposing all-in or all-out models. The way the results were manipulated by compulsory second preferencing gave a skewed account of residents' views. In fact, the results were so skewed that residents could not even participate in the survey unless they preferenced very undesirable alternatives. All of this was Mr Chemello's means to justify the end.

If he was really honest about representing the views of Ipswich residents, he would have allowed participants to state their "Yes to mean Yes and their No to mean No!"

Let me give you the extreme example: If 80% of survey participants chose the divided model of one councillor per division and the remaining 20% chose the undivided model, then the multi-councillor model would have received no votes at all. But, by manipulating the process by requiring second preferences to

be considered, most if not all second preferences would have flowed to the hybrid model. Hence, on a count of first and second preferences, the multi-councillor model would have received 100% of the votes even though no survey participant wanted it. This had to be the outcome regardless of how participants cast their first preference. How was Mr Chemello allowed to play such a scam on us?

Sincerely

Des Jones

Sent: Wednesday, 31 July 2019 11:33 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Ipswich City Council Proposed divisional Boundaries

The Electoral Commissioner Qld

Sir/madam

Members of the Pine Mountain and District Progress association have expressed the following dissatisfaction with the proposed divisional boundaries for Ipswich City Council

- As a Rural and semi-rural area, Residents feel they are being disenfranchised by being put in a division with a large urban population
- The divisions have totally disregarded communities of interest
- There will be no voice to represent the rural and semi-rural areas within the Council as councillors will give preference to areas where they can attract the greatest number of votes
- The divisions do not deliver greater accountability/equity as was the premise for dismissing the council in the first place
- It appears to be designed to introduce party politics and special interest groups into Local Government, acting against the interests of local communities

Regard

Chris Ryan
President
Pine Mountain & District Progress Association



Sent: Wednesday, 31 July 2019 11:44 AM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Ipswich City Council boundary review

Sir /Madam

The proposed boundaries for the Ipswich City Council divisions is of great concern as it

1. Has put the area of Pine Mountain, a rural and semi-rural area and other rural areas in with urban areas with a large population, a community we have nothing in common with
2. I feel that I no longer have a vote that will count as candidates will be more concerned with gaining the votes of the urban community
3. The whole system appears to be designed to facilitate party politics and large industry groups gaining control of council, this is not in the interests of the community
4. I do not believe this proposal delivers the equity and accountability we were told were the reasons for the review
5. I believe the electoral system has been compromised

Chris Ryan


From: Greg Chemello [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 August 2019 12:22 PM
To: Pat Vidgen [REDACTED]
Subject: Division names

Pat

I'm not sure of the legalities, but there would be substantial value in describing Ipswich's four division by name, not a number.

We are thinking about North, South, East and Central as the names.

Avoids confusion with the comparable numbers of former divisions but more importantly conveys to residents a broad representative base...

Regards



Greg Chemello | Interim Administrator



Greg Chemello | Interim Administrator
Office of the Interim Administrator

IPSWICH CITY COUNCIL [REDACTED]