

# **QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION**

## **REVIEW OF QUEENSLAND'S ELECTORAL DISTRICTS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE SUGGESTIONS**

**AUGUST 2016**





## QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE SUGGESTIONS FOR THE STATE'S ELECTORAL DISTRICT BOUNDARIES

On Saturday, 25 June 2016, the Queensland Redistribution Commission (the Commission) invited public suggestions regarding the redistribution of the State into 93 electoral districts. 41 suggestions were received.

The Commission invited comments in response to these suggestions on 6 August 2016. 313 comments were received by the close of comments on 29 August 2016. This book contains copies of those comments.

Copies of both the public suggestions and comments are available for public inspection and without fee from the Commission's:

- **Office** Level 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane QLD 4000; or
- **Website** <http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/>

#### The Remainder of the State Redistribution Process

The Commission now enters an intensive mapping and deliberation phase. Public submissions and electoral enrolment statistics will be crucial to forming a proposed redistribution of Queensland into 93 electoral districts. This will be conducted in accordance with Part 3 of the *Electoral Act 1992* (the Act).

In accordance with section 45(1) of the Act and for the purposes of the proposed redistribution, the quota for 93 districts was determined at the closing date for comments on the suggestions (29 August 2016) as: 33,168 electors.

As soon as is practicable, the Commission will announce its proposed electoral redistribution by advertising in the Queensland Government Gazette and extensively in newspapers circulating throughout the State. Maps showing the proposed electoral district boundaries and names will be available on the Commission's website and at the Head Office in Brisbane.

Following the publication of the proposal, written objections will be accepted for a period of 30 days. Further consultation will then follow, with comments on the objections invited for 10 days.

The Act requires all submissions to be made available for public perusal. Please note that these **submissions will be published in their entirety, including name and address details**.

After considering the objections and comments, the Commission will gazette its final determination for the names and boundaries of Queensland's 93 electoral districts.

## LIST OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE SUGGESTIONS

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>1</b>	Ms Geraldine O'Brien	54 Mango Avenue MUNDINGBURRA QLD 4812
<b>2</b>	Mr Martin Gordon	36 Evelyn Owen Crescent DUNLOP ACT 2615
<b>3</b>	Mr Max Davis	PO Box 842 MORANBAH QLD 4744
<b>4</b>	Mr Jeff Waddell	No address provided
<b>5</b>	Mr Zach Davis-Hancock	50/17 Ferry Lane BULIMBA QLD 4171
<b>6</b>	Mr Clive Minchin	18 Pinkwood Street BELLBOWRIE QLD 4070
<b>7</b>	Anonymous	No address provided
<b>8</b>	Mr Michael Brumby	106 Range Road TOLL QLD 4820
<b>9</b>	Mr Kenzo Kaku	27 Bellagio Crescent COOMERA QLD 4209
<b>10</b>	Mr John Deana	22/31 Archipelago Street PACIFIC PINES QLD 4211
<b>11</b>	Mr Stefan Maslen	7 Carman Court OXENFORD QLD 4210
<b>12</b>	Ms Alice Callanan	10 Coomerong Crescent UPPER COOMERA QLD 4209
<b>13</b>	Mr Lee Nightingale	40 Heatherdale Drive UPPER COOMERA QLD 4209
<b>14</b>	Mr Derek Weier	764 Talgai West Road TALGAI (via Allora) QLD 4362
<b>15</b>	Mr Spencer Gear	Address withheld by request



<b>Comment</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>16</b>	Mr Brian Wallace	Harney Street MACKAY QLD 4740
<b>17</b>	Mr Clint Luker	85 Highland Park Road MERINGANDAN WEST QLD 4352
<b>18</b>	Mr Bruce Collins	8 Wilson Street WINTON QLD 4735
<b>19</b>	Mr Kenn Zerner	2 Bowtell Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>20</b>	Ms Katrina	Currawong Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>21</b>	Mr Gavin Wilson	2 Ashwood Avenue HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>22</b>	Ms Ainsley Hardie	12 Pioneer Way GOWRIE JUNCTION QLD 4352
<b>23</b>	Mr Gerard Thom	11 Berghofer Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>24</b>	Ms Fiona O'Dea	4 Joann Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>25</b>	Ms Cherylynn Horosko	18 Belair Drive YATALA QLD 4207
<b>26</b>	Mr Michael Kelly	11 Coolibah Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>27</b>	Ms Donna Campbell	8 Angus Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>28</b>	Ms Bernadette Smith	5/7 Cecil Street TOOWOOMBA CITY QLD 4350
<b>29</b>	Ms Jodie Geoghegan	72 Ruthven Street HARLAXTON QLD 4350
<b>30</b>	Mr Ben Gouldson	142 Mackenzie Street EAST TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350
<b>31</b>	Mr Michael Jaeger	24 Clarke Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>32</b>	Mr Chris Protheroe	17 Federation Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>33</b>	Mr Eric Jerichoo	Unit 53/109 Highfields Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>34</b>	Mr Matt McLeish	32 Equestrian Drive YAMANTO QLD 4305
<b>35</b>	Mr Steven Paull	27 Reis Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>36</b>	Ms Annamaria Zuccoli	5 Anna-Maria Street BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>37</b>	Mr Bill Simmons	5 Ashley Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>38</b>	Mr David Melandri	12 Cecil Crescent HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>39</b>	Mr Brett Lyons	9 McLachlan Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>40</b>	Mr Paul Webb	5(b) David Street ROCKVILLE QLD 4350
<b>41</b>	Mr David Caswell	60 New England Highway MOUNT KYNOCH QLD 4350
<b>42</b>	Mr Paul and Ms Pamela Richter	13 Highgrove Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>43</b>	Mr Rod Ford	1/4a Wyndham Street NORTH TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350
<b>44</b>	Mr Pat Beattie	82 Jellicoe Street NORTH TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350
<b>45</b>	Mr Geoff Adams	7 Crestview Crescent BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>46</b>	Ms Maria Sloane	66 Hume Street NORTH TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>47</b>	Ms Lesley Smith	24 Berghofer Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>48</b>	Mr Peter Wicks	66 Debra Street CENTENARY HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>49</b>	Ms Lynette Zuccoli	11033 New England Highway BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>50</b>	Mr Peter Fisher	2 Honeyeater Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>51</b>	Ms Vanessa Moore	15 Holly Avenue HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>52</b>	Ms Rhonda Theodosia	1A James Street REDWOOD QLD 4350
<b>53</b>	Mr Graeme Ratcliffe	39 Macfarlan Street BIRKDALE QLD 4159
<b>54</b>	Mr Greg Gall	12 Woolmer Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>55</b>	Mr Ian Feeney	2 Blue Meadow Court BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>56</b>	Ms Leanne Andrews	3 Garvan Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>57</b>	Mr Jacob Carlile	1 Rosewall Court MOUNT KYNOCH QLD 4350
<b>58</b>	Mr Greg Borger	10 Currawong Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>59</b>	Mr Michael Ward	2 Berghofer Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>60</b>	Ms Holly Sheehan	Dunbar Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

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<b>61</b>	Mr Steven Dudley	4 McLachlan Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>62</b>	Mr Eric	2a Fernside Street EAST TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350
<b>63</b>	Ms Judith Mills	8 Kettle Street ROCKVILLE QLD 4350
<b>64</b>	Ms Lindsay Southwell	9 Northland Street NEWTOWN QLD 4350
<b>65</b>	Ms Margot Douglas	45 Blue Gum Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>66</b>	Ms Danielle Stephens	26 Patricia Street MOUNT LOFTY QLD 4350
<b>67</b>	Ms Sara Ryan	10 Buena Vista Crescent BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>68</b>	Ms Patricia Gall	12 Woolmer Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>69</b>	Mr Douglas and Ms Judith Hemmings	12 Harvey Road GLENVALE QLD 4350
<b>70</b>	Mr Adam Garvin	2 Traves Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>71</b>	Mr Michael Blakeney	2 Rannerdale Close MOUNT LOFTY QLD 4350
<b>72</b>	Mr Christopher Johnson	120 River Meadows Drive UPPER COOMERA QLD 4209
<b>73</b>	Ms Vicki Howard	6 Pamela Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>74</b>	Mr Terence Cleary	47 Lilyvale Road GAYNDAH QLD 4625
<b>75</b>	Ms Melanie	Merrol Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

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<b>76</b>	Mr Edward Shoesmith	7 Jenika Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>77</b>	Ms Selena Protheroe	17 Federation Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>78</b>	Ms Gail Ward	29 Palmer Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>79</b>	Ms Marlene Ward	45 Eagle Drive EAGLEBY QLD 4207
<b>80</b>	Ms Karen Lindsey	2 Avonlea Court CABARLAH QLD 4352
<b>81</b>	Mr Derek Ward	29 Palmer Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>82</b>	Mr Peter and Ms Janice McGrath	10 Bronzewing Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>83</b>	Ms Pamela Brogan	28/8 Highfields Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>84</b>	Mr Robert Mitchell	12 Christina Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>85</b>	Dr Denise Spencer	130 Harch Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>86</b>	Ms Karen Antuar	7 Garvey Street MOUNT LOFTY QLD 4350
<b>87</b>	R M Campbell	1/5 Sidney Street MOUNT LOFTY QLD 4350
<b>88</b>	Mr Brian Alderton	14 Merrol Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>89</b>	Mr Andrew Maxwell	28 Diosma Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>90</b>	Ms Dana Mccarthy	No address provided
<b>91</b>	Mr Denis Hathaway	19 Hendra Court KLEINTON QLD 4352

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>92</b>	Ms Anna Maria Heron	1 Azalea Close HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>93</b>	Mr Kenneth Pankhurst	53 Murphys Creek Road BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>94</b>	Ms Elisabeth Palmer	6 Traves Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>95</b>	Mr Paul Church	2 Shiraz Court WILSONTON HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>96</b>	Ms Fiona Starky	28a Clarke Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>97</b>	Mr John Byrnes	4 Jackson Close HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>98</b>	Ms Abby Pilcher	31 Mitchell Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>99</b>	Ms Annie Dina Ralph	No address provided
<b>100</b>	Ms Madonna Prestridge	3 Grey Gums Drive BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>101</b>	Cr Nancy Sommerfield	7 Bridget Court MIDDLE RIDGE QLD 4350
<b>102</b>	Ms Sandra McCarthy	1/2 Coverack Street KLEINTON QLD 4352
<b>103</b>	Ms Jan Granfield	5 Liam Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>104</b>	Ms Jayne Tyrrell	3 Oakdale Place HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>105</b>	Ms Dinah Haswell	1 Hitzke Crescent HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>106</b>	Mr Ted Starky	28a Clarke Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

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<b>107</b>	Mr Deryck Thomas	59 Mackenzie Street MOUNT LOFTY QLD 4350
<b>108</b>	Mr Joe Korts	14 Blue Gum Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>109</b>	Ms Kylie Lee	14 Cecil Crescent HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>110</b>	Mr Robert Longland	11 Dorothy Street CAMP HILL QLD 4152
<b>111</b>	Mr David Hurst	18 Stringybark Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>112</b>	Mr Alan Doulin	5 Rangeview Road BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>113</b>	Mr Ray Geraghty Chief Executive Officer Banana Shire Council	PO Box 412 BILOELA QLD 4715
<b>114</b>	Ms Karen Pearce	No address provided
<b>115</b>	Ms Glenis Batten	1/97-127 Hogg Street CRANLEY QLD 4350
<b>116</b>	Ms Julie McKerrow	6 Janelle Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>117</b>	Mr Angus McKerrow	6 Janelle Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>118</b>	Mr Colin and Ms Ann Weston	11 Zuccoli Drive BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>119</b>	Ms Jessica Perfrement	3 Angus Street RANGEVILLE QLD 4350
<b>120</b>	Mr Charles Johnson	11 Nioka Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>121</b>	Mr Alexander Smith	30 Kratzke Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

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<b>122</b>	Ms Helen M Smith	30 Kratzke Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>123</b>	Ms Margaret Nugent	33 Wigan Avenue HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>124</b>	Ms Judy Ellingsen	1/1 Highgrove Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>125</b>	Ms Linda Job	11 Orange Grove Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>126</b>	Ms Katherine Baills	19 Mountview Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>127</b>	Mr Michael Robinson	24 Kingfisher Close HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>128</b>	Mr Craig Baills	19 Mountview Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>129</b>	Mr Tim Bunch	50 Pascoe Lane HARLAXTON QLD 4359
<b>130</b>	Ms Sharon Manning	No address provided
<b>131</b>	Ms Kelli Backhouse	9 Owl Court KLEINTON QLD 4352
<b>132</b>	Mr Tadhg Sheehan	9 Dunbar Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>133</b>	Mr Wil and Ms Nola Braithwaite	Villa 13 Concept Villas 8 Highfields Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>134</b>	Mr David McFadden	8 Jenna Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>135</b>	Ms Denise Upton	No address provided
<b>136</b>	Ms Fiona Taggart	6 Susie Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352



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<b>137</b>	Mr Joseph Currie	23 Murphy's Creek Road BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>138</b>	Ms Paula Bowers	16 Holly Avenue HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>139</b>	Ms Hayley Byrne	1 Eagle Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>140</b>	Mr Neil Jenkinson	1 Eagle Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>141</b>	Ms Karen Perry	6 Christina Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>142</b>	Ms Heather Payne	52 Palmer Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>143</b>	Mr Michael Payne	52 Palmer Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>144</b>	Mr Colin Mathieson	120 Harch Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>145</b>	Mr Guiseppe and Ms Antonia Canto	29 Timperley Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>146</b>	Mr Greg Ingram	8 Donaghy Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>147</b>	Mr Doug Woodcock	14 Liam Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>148</b>	L and C Bodimeade	11 Alexander Avenue HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>149</b>	Mr Dale Last MP Member for Burdekin	Shop 30, Centre Point Arcade AYR QLD 4807
<b>150</b>	Mr Dennis Eslick	97 - 137 Hogg Street CRANLEY QLD 4350
<b>151</b>	Ms Beth Caskey	No address provided

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<b>152</b>	Mr Jon Martlew	13 Campbell Street EAST TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350
<b>153</b>	Mr Johan Hoffman	2/1 Susie Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>154</b>	Ms Donna Barnes	8 Goombungee Road KINGSTHORPE QLD 4400
<b>155</b>	Mr Howard Coggan	16 Werribee Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>156</b>	Mr Kelvin Schmidt	17 Windemere Terrace MOUNT LOFTY QLD 4350
<b>157</b>	Ms Margaret Glasgow	56 Polzin Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>158</b>	Mr William Glasgow	56 Polzin Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>159</b>	Mr Clive Bentley	49 Reis Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>160</b>	Ms Wendy Strofield	19 Rosewood Street TOOWOOMBA CITY QLD 4350
<b>161</b>	Mr Stuart Weatherley	18 Blue Gum Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>162</b>	Mr Nick Crowther	5 Greenway Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>163</b>	Mr Clinton Stubbings	8 Hitzke Crescent HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>164</b>	Mr Neil Munro	6 Burke Street RANGEVILLE QLD 4350
<b>165</b>	Mr John Cumming	27 Grey Gums Drive BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>166</b>	Ms Nancy Webb	5(b) David Street ROCKVILLE QLD 4350

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<b>167</b>	Mr Rod and Ms Mavis Cooper	15 Nichols Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>168</b>	Mr Spencer and Ms Kathy Creed	121 Kuhls Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>169</b>	Mr Norman Kraak	9 Keira Court BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>170</b>	Dr David van Gend	Mackenzie House Medical Centre 116 Russell Street TOOWOOMBA CITY QLD 4350
<b>171</b>	Ms Gail Rowbotham	43 Pugh Street MIDDLE RIDGE QLD 4350
<b>172</b>	L.W and V.M Johnson	2 Sundowner Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>173</b>	Mrs Lorraine Swannie	3 Stanley Parade HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>174</b>	Ms Barbara Sparks	13 Nichols Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>175</b>	Mr Bob Richardson	45 Riverstone Road GORDONVALE QLD 4865
<b>176</b>	Ms Barbara and Mr Royce Fitzgerald	5 Redgum Court DUGANDAN QLD 4310
<b>177</b>	Ms Melinda Kuhn	45 Holly Avenue CAWDOR QLD 4352
<b>178</b>	Mr Ross Keane	3 Sundowner Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>179</b>	Mr William and Ms Lesley Hermann	13 Oliver Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>180</b>	Mr Ken Hodge	2 Binda Drive CRANLEY QLD 4350
<b>181</b>	Ms Nicole Bond	9 Hendra Court KLEINTON QLD 4352

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>182</b>	Mr W Martin (Bill)	152 Umbiram Road WYREEMA QLD 4352
<b>183</b>	Ms Beverley and Mr Barry Routley	16 Clarke Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>184</b>	Ms Judith Jackson	97/137 Hogg Street CRANLEY QLD 4350
<b>185</b>	Mrs M.A. Due	2 Horizon Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>186</b>	Ms Olive Shield	6 Garvan Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>187</b>	Ms Jennifer Clarke	9 Diosma Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>188</b>	P and K Chamberlain	14 Denaid Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>189</b>	Mrs Noela Wippell	48 Curzon Street EAST TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350
<b>190</b>	Ms V Kraak	9 Keira Court BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>191</b>	Ms Margaret and E. Eldridge	28 Cawdor Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>192</b>	Anonymous	63 Geoffrey Street MOUNT LOFTY QLD 4350
<b>193</b>	Mr George and Ms Mary Walters	14 Nicholls Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>194</b>	Mr Ivan Matthews	17 Polzin Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>195</b>	Mr Jeffery Eacersall	124 Mary Street EAST TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350
<b>196</b>	Mr George and Ms Susan Goodwin	129 Reis Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>	<b>Address</b>
<b>197</b>	Boonah Show Society	No address provided
<b>198</b>	Mr Sean Nilon and Ms Lizette De La Guerra	71 Polzin Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>199</b>	Ms Janice Macintyre	14 Dolphin Street DECEPTION BAY QLD 4508
<b>200</b>	Mr Stephen Thuell	7 Honeyeater Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>201</b>	Mr Doug and Ms Jackie Toms	No address provided
<b>202</b>	Mr Richard Raabe	8 Ninderry Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>203</b>	Ms Beryl Harch	3 Crestview Crescent BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>204</b>	Ms Gail Robinson	3 Wybalena Road POMONA QLD 4568
<b>205</b>	Mr Eldred Harch	3 Crestview Crescent BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>206</b>	SE and LR Chard	13 Bronwyn Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>207</b>	Mr John Andrews	Unit 3, 13 Wattle Street COOROY QLD 4563
<b>208</b>	Ms Beth Hern	No address provided
<b>209</b>	Mr Ben Hallam	6 Jody Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>210</b>	Mr Michael Weston	1 Ballantyne Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

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<b>211</b>	Ms Kathy Dobson	8 Crestview Crescent BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>212</b>	Ms Bronwyn Cairns	14 Tara Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>213</b>	Ms Dianne Hunter	33 Mitchell Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>214</b>	Mr Ajith Harch	3 Crestview Crescent BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>215</b>	Mr Richard and Ms Mandy Adams	1 Hi Winds Road, M/S 617 Toowoomba BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>216</b>	Mr Brendan Ryan	12 Hi Winds Road BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>217</b>	Mr Geoff and Ginney Hayward	3 Rainbow Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>218</b>	Mr Jim McKenzie	11 Honeyeater Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>219</b>	Ms Susan Smith	20 Delvue Crescent HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>220</b>	Ms Sandra Sorensen	6 Rees Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>221</b>	Ms Tracey Jaeger	42 Clarke Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>222</b>	Mr Tony and Ms Monica Lampard	3 Quail Crescent HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>223</b>	Ms Susanne Lotz	6 Crestview Crescent BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>224</b>	B.J Andrews	Preston Place BROOKFIELD QLD 4069

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<b>225</b>	Ms Ruth Hanson	12A Hi Winds Road BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>226</b>	Mr Ron and Ms Laraine Wood	16 Prior Close UPPER BARRON QLD 4883
<b>227</b>	Ms Michelle Cherry	2 Kimberley Court BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>228</b>	Mr Paul Cherry	2 Kimberley Court BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>229</b>	Ms Caroline Byrne	4 Melrose Street HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>230</b>	Ms Rosemary Williamson	4 Unwin Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>231</b>	Mr Des Brosnan	No address provided
<b>232</b>	Mr Jonty Debel	61 Murphys Creek Road BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>233</b>	Mr Dale Debel	61 Murphys Creek Road BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>234</b>	Ms Jodi Debel	61 Murphys Creek Road BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>235</b>	Ms Jocelyn Malcolm	26 Nioka Drive HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>236</b>	Mr James Scott	6 De Gruchy Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>237</b>	Mr Rex Lotz	6 Crestview Crescent BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD

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<b>238</b>	Ms Felice Houlihan	PO Box 314 KALLANGUR QLD 4503
<b>239</b>	Liberal National Party	PO Box 940 SPRING HILL QLD 4004
<b>240</b>	Mr Josef Schembera	10 Haflinger Road NORTH ARM QLD 4561
<b>241</b>	Prof John Sands	4 Elyse Court BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>242</b>	Mrs Kirsten Sands	4 Elyse Court BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS QLD 4350
<b>243</b>	Mr Kerry Jones	106/10 Leeding Terrace CALOUNDRA QLD 4551
<b>244</b>	Mr Jim O'Dea	Community Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
<b>245</b>	Mr Scott Fittler	7 Tenth Avenue ATHERTON QLD 4883
<b>246</b>	Ms Vanessa Gregory	13 Lintott Court NOOSAVILLE QLD 4566
<b>247</b>	Mr Mark Mulcair	2A Cornwall Road PASCOE VALE VIC 3044
<b>248</b>	Mr Bryan and Ms Marlene Kofoed	6 Lynne Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
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<b>257</b>	Mr and Mrs A and M Eaton	7 Delvue Crescent HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352
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<b>272</b>	Mr Daniel Carvosso	44 Wooldridge Street MOUNT LOFTY QLD 4350
<b>273</b>	Mr Kerry Shine	24 Anzac Avenue NEWTOWN QLD 4350
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Online submission for **Mount Isa** from **Geraldine O'Brien**

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I do NOT support the suggestion that people in the Mt Isa electorate or any other rural/remote areas should have their representation diminished further by adding to and/or subsuming one electorate into another; nor should their access to their member of parliament be made more difficult by increasing the geographical area of this and other rural/remote electorates. Reasons are many but I offer these two particularly: EQUITY - Access to government/social/health/education etc services is an issue of equity. People in rural and remote electorates like Mt Isa rely more on their members of parliament for access to services because they do not usually have easy access to many of the government services that are more easily accessed in larger towns and cities. Also, they cannot always rely on internet/phone services for access so rely on the office of their member of parliament to facilitate/link with services. PROPER AND SATISFACTORY REPRESENTATION - The people who are the most distant from services need to be able to access their member of parliament for many issues, both personal and community/district. Likewise the local member needs to be able to visit/access/communicate with his constituents in a meaningful, thorough and satisfactory way in order to truly represent their needs and the needs of his/her electorate and the State.
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Online submission for **All Districts** from **Martin Gordon**

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The Commissioners  
Queensland Redistribution Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to make comments on some of the submissions.

I have comments on the more major proposals partly referring to my suggestions, where they agree or are similar substantially to others and referring to other submissions that have useful proposals which I believe are superior and should be used by the Commission.

I have used an excel spreadsheet which I have as an attachment (B – which I suggest be printed in landscape) to emphasise my or others proposals where they are similar or in conflict and suggesting a preferred option.

The only detailed data and map driven whole of state submissions are provided by the LNP and Jeff Waddell. There is a regional areas proposal by Bob Richardson. Mark Mulcair's like mine is a narrative description but in greater detail, whilst the ALP submission is a narrative description with rather less detail.

I am making some comments in order of the columns of my spreadsheet analysis.

I found some of the ALP proposals had some merits. They identified as all the other all of state contributors the major population excess in the Ipswich corridor and the shortage in the nearby Algester/Sunnybank/Stretton seats. I disagreed with their comment about the Douglas Arterial Road separating the urban and non-urban areas of Townsville as this is not the case. I also disagreed with their plans for Hinchinbrook and Townsville, as I believe the LNP has a better and less disruptive solution.

The siting of the new seats was somewhat consistent between submissions.

The LNP proposals by including maps offered a series of solutions such as the seat they called Palmerston which solved the problem of a sizeable surplus of electors around Cairns, in a way that did not involve a massive shuffle of electors through Mulgrave and Hinchinbrook to Townsville. A seat combining most of the Atherton Tablelands and part of the coastal strip around Gordonvale and so on, avoids the displacement involved in most other solutions for Dalrymple, and enables the three outback seats of Mount Isa, Gregory and Wagge to become more east west in orientation and incorporate almost all of the state's mining and nearby pastoral areas.

Where I have disagreed with the LNP proposals I have said so and these included in relation to Townville and Mundingburra. LNP suggestions for Keppel, Whitsunday, Callide are quite reasonable. In the Brisbane area, I believe there are more substantial and straighter

boundaries possible than the post code and consequent minor street boundaries that currently exist and which many of the submitters seem reluctant to change.

I disagreed with all the other submissions in relation to Bundaberg, in proposing that the Burnett River be used as the electorate boundary and this is consistent with the federal divisional boundary. As none of the proposals included all the urban areas of Bundaberg, this well-defined boundary seems to be sounder than the 'donut' combination of Bundaberg and Burnett.

With Jeff Waddell I have commented on a few specific suggestions such as in relation to Palm Island. Otherwise some of his proposals have merit.

With Mark Mulcair I have found many areas of agreement but have come to different solutions in Bundaberg, the Gold and Sunshine Coasts. I would note that the creation of two new seats on the Sunshine Coast fits with the surplus of electors along the coast north of Gympie and the large population at the southern end of the Sunshine Coast around Caboolture.

I believe my suggestion of the elimination of a seat in the western/northern metropolitan area of Brisbane is preferable to the various 'maintenance' options offered. The adjustments to some seats highlighted the substantial population growth imbalances which will get worse with time, not better.

I have included my submission as an attachment below.

I wish the Commissioners well in their deliberations.

Martin Gordon  
8/8/2016



## **Submission Summary**

I propose to make a narrative description and rely upon an analytical review of the current and future disposition of electors projected for 2022.

The increase in the size of the Legislative Assembly to 93 members will lessen the need to abolish existing electorate, although even with a reduced quota the abolition of at least several electorates is necessary due to unevenness of population growth. My inclination is to use the quota to also ensure that elector enrolments are comparatively even over the life of the redistribution.

I have provided an attachment which I'll refer to as Attachment A. I have grouped existing electorates by region and based on the quota derived for 93 electorates determined the relative surplus and deficiencies of electors. Much of urban, rural and semi-rural areas to the south, west and north of Brisbane have elector surpluses and likely strong growth further expanding these surpluses.

My assessment is that 2 new electorates should be created in the broadly defined Gold Coast Region; that 2 new electorates be created in the Sunshine Coast Region including with electors from adjacent areas on the Fraser Coast; that a new electorate be created in the corridor west of Ipswich taking in electors from Lockyer and Beaudesert; that an electorate in the Brisbane City and Ipswich corridor be abolished. The elimination of one electorate such as Mount Coolum or Stafford could enable the increase in enrolments which are significantly deficient and getting worse north, south and west of the Brisbane River. To illustrate 12 of the current 31 electorates are under quota and this grows to 20 in 2022. By contrast the transfer from Ipswich West to the new electorate largely removes the growth in electors which are heavily concentrated in Bundamba, Ipswich and Ipswich West. I would suggest the 'relocation' of one electorate, such as Sunnybank within this region near Bundamba may well be necessary.

## **Regional commentary**

Starting at the most northerly part of the state (the areas I describe as Far North Queensland), the existing 16 electorates have 14,912 electors more than quota but this will decline to 4,298 by 2022. This includes the allowance for large electorates. Whilst I am of the view that the projections for the Townsville region are somewhat pessimistic I consider that all the existing electorates can be maintained with small adjustments.

The region I describe as the Gold Coast and Redlands is the continuation of the coastal strip right up to the Brisbane City Boundary and currently contains 14 electorates. This region is already more than one quota in excess enrolments 42,975, which will grow to 59,946 in 2022. In effect it would not be unreasonable to put two new electorates in this region and clearly one could be created in the existing Coomera.

The region I describe as the Sunshine Coast includes Redcliffe and includes 12 electorates. This region is already more than one quota in excess enrolments 42,171 and will grow to 57,120 in 2022. In effect it would not be unreasonable to put two new electorates in this region and take in part of the surplus from the area I describe as the South Queensland region to accommodate this. One such electorate should be based around Caboolture which is

currently awkwardly included in Pumicestone and straddles the Bruce Highway. Pumicestone could be confined to the east of the Bruce Highway and this would be close to quota and be a more logical electorate in terms of boundaries, than at present.

The region I describe as South Queensland is a broad tract of land, outside the main urban and semi-rural areas of the Sunshine and Gold Coast and stretches to just north of the tropic of Capricorn. This region currently contains 16 electorates and is 24,414 electors in excess of quota. This will grow to 42,098 in 2022. The creation of one new electorate in this region and incorporation of the western semi-rural parts of Ipswich West would ease the population excess there and lend itself to the creation of a new electorate between Ipswich and Toowoomba. Other parts of this region could supplement the new electorates in the Sunshine and Gold Coasts, and allow for supplementation of electorates such as Wagge.

I have split the Brisbane and Ipswich region into a northern, southern, western and south western portions. This region and its sub-components comprises 31 electorates with 23,925 electors in excess of quota, and this will fall to 10,896 in 2022. In the north, south and west of the city there is serious relative elector decline. The only growing sub-region is the south west and this is heavily concentrated in Ipswich West and Bundamba. I have suggested above the transfer of about 17,000 (25,000) electors in the west of Ipswich West to a new electorate, drawing together parts of Lockyer and Beaudesert. The name Somerset could be revived. The elimination of one electorate such as Mount Coor-tha or Stafford could enable the increase in enrolments in other electorates which are significantly deficient and getting worse north, south and west of the Brisbane River.

I have expanded on my commentary in Attachment B.

Needless to say I wish the commissioners well in their deliberations.

Martin Gordon  
13 July 2016

## **Attachment A**

### **Electorate Specific Commentary**

In the Far North Region, I make the following comments:

Starting at the most northerly part of the state (the areas I describe as Far North Queensland), the existing 16 electorates have 14,912 electors more than quota but this will decline to 4,298 by 2022. This includes the allowance for large electorates. Whilst I am of the view that the projections for the Townsville region are somewhat pessimistic I consider that all the existing electorates can be maintained with small adjustments.

The electorates of Whitsunday and Mackay are defined by regional council boundaries in large part and the former is well above quota and the latter well below quota. I would propose that some of the urban areas of Mackay currently in Whitsunday be transferred to Mackay. This would leave both near quota now and in 8 years' time in 2022.

Mirani is slightly over quota and could be left unchanged, but depending on changes to Keppel, Rockhampton and Callide, some minor changes may make the electorate more coherent in terms of boundaries and socio-economic and community of interest factors.

Barron River and Cairns are both in excess of quota and will remain so, together with Mulgrave, Cook and Dalrymple there is an overall elector excess of about 10,000 (and 10,000 approx. in 2022 but distributed differently). The transfer of Kuranda to Cook or Dalrymple may alleviate this situation in part, with surplus electors from Dalrymple transferred to Gregory etc. Mount Isa is significantly under quota and the addition of notional electors because of increased area only partially rectifies this problem. The splitting of regional councils may become increasingly unavoidable.

Mulgrave may have to become less rural in character taking up surplus electors from Cairns and some electors from Barron River may need to be transferred to Cairns which will increase the flow on effect to Mulgrave. In turn Hinchinbrook may move further north increasing its rural component and losing electors in Deeragun, Bushland Beach and Northern Beaches to Townsville based electorates. I repeat my view that the projections for Townsville seem unduly pessimistic and that the current downturn in economic activity there may prove very temporary and its previous strong growth return.

Burdekin is becoming increasingly urban in character and whilst it would be wise to maintain the southern and western boundaries which confirm to a regional council, the loss of some electors in areas such as Fairfield Waters to Mundingburra may be in order. Equally the electorate could be left unchanged as its boundaries with Mundingburra and Townsville are already well defined.

The existing three electorates wholly in the urban area of Townsville (Townsville, Thuringowa and Mundingburra) are collectively about 300 voters short of quota and this will grow 3,200 in 2022. It is possible to leave the first two unchanged and be within quota, but the deficiency in Mundingburra needs addressing. The awkward split of older suburbs between Townsville and Mundingburra could be rethought. The inclusion of Vincent in Townsville and transfer of those parts of Kirwan east of Thuringowa Drive to Mundingburra should be considered as this would reduce the enrolment of Thuringowa and increase that of Mundingburra. Increasingly Mount Louisa seems an odd fit in Townsville and its placement in Thuringowa (or possibly Mundingburra may make more numerical sense). Otherwise incorporating in Mundingburra parts of Fairfield Waters (from Burdekin) and the inclusion of the parts of Kirwan east of Thuringowa Drive may be sufficient to address numerical concerns.

Adjustments in Cairns and its surrounds offers opportunities to supplement Mount Isa, Dalrymple and Gregory and Wagge beyond. Collectively they are slightly below quota but this will only get worse in the years up to 2022. The opportunity to move Kuranda (and other areas around Cairns) and transfer electors from Mulgrave to Dalrymple should be considered.

In the Gold Coast Region, I make the following comments:

The region I describe as the Gold Coast and Redlands is the continuation of the coastal strip right up to the Brisbane City Boundary and currently contains 14 electorates. This region is already more than one quota in excess enrolments 42,975, which will grow to 59,946 in 2022. In effect it would not be unreasonable to put two new electorates in this region and clearly one could be created in the existing Coomera.

I have noted that this region could gain two more electorates to take account of its existing (and growing) surplus of electors and that one would logically take in parts of the Coomera electorate. The 'region' is simply a convenience to aggregate electorates and adjustments with neighbouring electorates and also adjacent areas, with some outlying Brisbane electorates, or the adjacent rural and semi-rural areas to the west being combined. The only electorate which will be below quota and that is Capalaba and that will only be 400 below quota and could be left unchanged.

Cleveland and Redlands could have adjustments with electorates such as Capalaba and Coomera and whatever new electorate was created there as well as Chatsworth, which is much closer to Brisbane. A second new electorate would also be nearly viable by being largely west of the Pacific Motorway, possibly called Nerang. All the existing electorates in this region are well in excess of quota. All will require adjustments to create new electorates in this region.

In the Sunshine Coast Region, I make the following comments:

The region I describe as the Sunshine Coast includes Redcliffe and includes 12 electorates. This region is already more than one quota in excess enrolments 42,171 and will grow to 57,120 in 2022. In effect it would not be unreasonable to put two new electorates in this region and take in part of the surplus from the area I describe as the South Queensland region to accommodate this. One such electorate should be based around Caboolture which is currently awkwardly included in Pumicestone and straddles the Bruce Highway. Pumicestone could be confined to the east of the Bruce Highway and this would be close to quota and be a more logical electorate in terms of boundaries, than at present.

Redcliffe could be left unchanged, whilst it is currently in excess of quota it will relatively decline over the period to 2022. Nonetheless some small adjustments to it might be used to supplement changes to Murrumba and flow on effects to neighbouring electorates. Pine Rivers could be left intact as it is currently relatively well-defined and is close to quota now and in 2022.

The creation of an electorate centred on Caboolture will largely absorb the projected excess of electors, in Kallangur, Murrumba, Morayfield, Pumicestone and Glasshouse.

A new electorate in the northerly portion of the Sunshine Coast would absorb the sizeable excess elector enrolment there and combined with surplus electors in adjacent areas in Nanango and Gympie offers a workable electorate outcome. Changes in the South Queensland Region will certainly produce such a voter excess.

In the South Queensland Region, I make the following comments:

The region I describe as South Queensland is a broad tract of land, outside the main urban and semi-rural areas of the Sunshine and Gold Coast and stretches to just north of the tropic of Capricorn. This region currently contains 16 electorates and is 24,414 electors in excess of quota. This will grow to 42,098 in 2022. The creation of one new electorate in this region and incorporation of the western semi-rural parts of Ipswich West would ease the population excess there and lend itself to the creation of a new electorate between Ipswich and Toowoomba. Other parts of this region could supplement the new electorates in the Sunshine and Gold Coasts, and allow for supplementation of electorates such as Waggeo.

Above in relation the Sunshine Coast I refer to the creation of a new electorate in the north of that region, which would flow from surplus electors in the northern half of the Sunshine Coast and a similar surplus of electors in the coastal strip from Mirani to Gympie. Both Hervey Bay and Maryborough are well in excess of quota now and in future, whilst Bundaberg is significantly under quota. Hervey Bay can contract into an even more urban electorate, losing electors to Maryborough and Burnett and with a flow on to Bundaberg, Maryborough to Gympie.

I would suggest for Bundaberg that federal boundaries for Hinkler and Flynn offer ideas, with the use of the Burnett River as a possible boundary for Bundaberg and its confinement south of the River taking in Burnett Heads and Bargara, this change would still mean that Bundaberg was surrounded by Burnett but having a more sustainable elector base and a clear northern boundary along this major river.

The creation of an electorate drawing from elector surpluses in Ipswich West, Lockyer and Beaudesert seems a sensible solution to the uneven growth of population and significant elector growth in this area in particular. The parts of Ipswich West I suggest excising are suburbs north of the Wagge Highway and west of Brassall West and Amberley (such as Karalee, Pine Mountain, Fernvale, Lowood, Haigslea, Marburg, Minden, Rosewood, Tramp, Walloon, Grandchester).

The region may also contribute to the addition of two new electorates in the Gold Coast, but there is already and projected considerable voter surpluses there already.

Transfers from Keppel to Rockhampton and Mirani, may make for sounder boundaries and also community of interests. The proximity of Gladstone and its growing voter surplus adjacent to Callide offers several transfer options.

The areas around Toowoomba are experiencing uneven growth, but some minor adjustments could see Condamine reduced slightly with transfers to Toowoomba and Southern Downs.

#### In the Brisbane Region, I make the following comments:

I have split the Brisbane and Ipswich region into a northern, southern, western and south western portions. This region and its sub-components comprises 31 electorates with 23,925 electors in excess of quota, and this will fall to 10,896 in 2022. In the north, south and west of the city there is serious relative elector decline. The only growing sub-region is the south west and this is heavily concentrated in Ipswich West and Bundamba. I have suggested above the transfer of about 17,000 (25,000) electors in the west of Ipswich West to a new electorate, drawing together parts of Lockyer and Beaudesert. The name Somerset could be revived. The elimination of one electorate such as Mount Coo-tha or Stafford could enable the increase in enrolments in other electorates which are significantly deficient and getting worse north, south and west of the Brisbane River.

What is noteworthy with many existing boundaries is their reliance on suburb boundaries and are often quite awkward shapes as a consequence.

The abolition of an electorate such as Mount Coo-tha would enable adjustments to boundaries to increase enrolments in Ferny Grove, Everton, Stafford (if retained and noting that the excess in Brisbane Central is insufficient to bring these electorates up to quota). The flow through to Moggill, Indooroopilly and Mount Ommaney which could again areas such as Sherwood and Corinda from Indooroopilly. Extending Mount Ommaney further south or west would be inconsistent in socio-economic or community of interest terms.

Some reconfigurations of electorates could be made making greater use of main roads. Some of the north westerly portions of Clayfield combined with areas that were formerly in the long abolished Merthyr such as Merthyr, New Farm, Newstead and Fortitude Valley that are east of Gympie Road/Lutwyche Road/Story Bridge Alignment. Combinations involving abolition of Stafford and Mount Coo-tha and creation of a new electorate closer to the CBD based around Merthyr, Wilston, Grange and Windsor together with Kedron and Kalinga from Clayfield. The western portions of Mount Coo-tha are in community of interest terms connected heavily with the CBD currently in Brisbane Central.

Aspley, Ferny Grove and Everton require modest additions of electors and this could be sourced from Stafford, or Ashgrove.

South of the Brisbane River something more than minor adjustments to boundaries is necessary to bring electorates close enough to quota to remain within tolerance during the period to 2022. Transfers from South Brisbane are only sufficient to remedy elector deficiencies in Bulimba, Greenslopes, Lytton and Mansfield. To create alignments along major roads and better community of interest. I would suggest the transfer of Kangaroo Point and East Brisbane to Bulimba, and in turn the transfer from Bulimba of Cannon Hill and Murarrie to Lytton and Tingalpa from Chatsworth to Lytton. The use of Manly Road as a boundary for all its length till it meets the sea could enable a more Brisbane River focused Lytton using Wynnum Road (and Manly Road), the likely use of Boundary Road as the western boundary for Chatsworth.

The Bulimba I proposed would be more closely sited to the Brisbane CBD embracing a series of suburbs connected along the Wynnum and Hawthorne Roads, with its size reducing losing less densely settled areas to Lytton. Greenslopes, Mansfield and Springwood can be modified but are likely to be displaced slightly further from the Brisbane CBD. With Yeerongpilly additional electors from Archerfield and Acacia Ridge would be a least disruptive change as it is currently cast in well-defined boundaries.

In the region I describe as the South Western Brisbane it spans Woodridge to Ipswich. The three electorates of Algester, Sunnybank and Stretton collectively are slightly below quota (1,900), and in 2022 this will grow to about 6,900. They except for about half of Algester are within the City of Brisbane (the other half is in the City of Logan). Given the need to supplement Mansfield and Springwood crossing the Pacific Motorway and taking in Macgregor and/or Eight Mile Plains is workable and would mean that electors will be only sufficient within the City of Brisbane from these electorates for two quotas. I would suggest that the name of one Electorate be removed (and relocated) and the remainder of Algester in the City of Logan be combined with surplus electors in areas in Inala or Bundamba, which is undergoing substantial growth and is to be well in excess of quota.

To the east are three electorates Woodridge, Waterford and Logan, they collectively are outside the City of Brisbane, and in the City of Logan, they are 2,100 voters in excess of quota and will grow to about 4,200 in excess of quota. Apart from a minor transfer from Logan to the southern half of Algester (also in the City of Logan) I believe that modest changes to boundaries between these three electorates is sufficient to maintain them within their existing collective footprint.

The electorates of Inala, Bundamba, Ipswich and Ipswich West (even with the earlier transfers to a new electorate which I nominally suggest be Somerset), together with the Logan City portion of Algester and some additional electors from Logan could form a total of five electorates and the new electorate could be called Greenbank or Boronia.

Attachment A							
	Gordon	ALP	LNP	Waddell	Mulcair	Goodridge	Richardson
1	Suggested - New Gold Coast seat	Propose Nerang	Propose Ormeau		Propose Beenleigh	Propose Tamborine	
1	Suggested - New Gold Coast seat	-			Propose Labrador		
2	Suggested - New Sunshine Coast seat - The LNP solution in the north of the Sunshine Coast with changes to Gympie, Nicklin and the creation fo Coolum are something similar to what I had envisaged.	Propose Caloundra	Propose Coolum				
2	Suggested - New seat based on Caboolture	Propose Caboolture	Propose Morayfield be moved to cover Caboolture		Propose Caboolture	Propose North Lakes	



2	<p>The LNP has suggested Pumicestone gain Deception Bay from Murrumba, and lose all the territory west of the Bruce Highway. The effect of adding Deception Bay is to outweigh the loss of enrolments in Caboolture. I would recommend that Pumicestone as I had earlier suggested shed territory west of the Bruce Highway and have no other changes. This means that it is below quota but will be at quota in 2022.</p>		Pumicestone					
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3	New seat to west of Ipswich - LNP suggests a new seat Ramsay which is further west than I had planned		Propose Ramsay			Propose Highfields	
3	Create a seat Greenbank or Boronia to replace Algester due to significant population shortfall in Sunnybank, Stretton and Algester.		Rename Algester as Greenbank				
3	New name Jagera for new seat in Ipswich corridor		LNP suggestion				

3	Displacement of existing seats in Ipswich corridor	New seat within Ipswich urban region	Create new seat Jagera in Ipswich/western Brisbane urban area. Noting that Ipswich West as the LNP proposes is substantially semi-rural as I propose for a seat in this area west of Ipswich.		Propose Springfield	Propose Springfield	
3	LNP has noted the numerical issues in this region, proposing two seats in this area in the City of Brisbane,		Stretton and Sunnybank		Stretton and Sunnybank		
3	The LNP has made a realignment between these two seats which is sounder than currently the case.		Springwood and Waterford				

	4	Consider the LNP solution of Palmerston a creative solution for a complex area of uneven growth, separate communities and complex geography. I would probably call it Tablelands however.	Transfer Mareeba to Dalrymple	Create Palmerston in Atherton Tableland and changes to Mulgrave/Hinchin brook		Discusses large districts at length, whilst many of Mark's suggestions are constructive, including moving Kuranda, the LNP solutions are in my view more compelling, relying on strong existing lines of communications and in some instances do reflect Mark's views in part.		
	4	Reasonable solution		Propose abolition of Dalrymple		see above		

4	Agree with this, I note that I had also canvassed in my proposals moving parts of Mulgrave to Dalrymple, the LNP has come up with a broadly workable solution.		Mulgrave contracts substantially to the suburbs of Cairns		Agrees with LNP concept, and has similar solutions for Barron River and Cairns.		
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5	<p>Agree with most of LNP proposal for Mundingburra, but would transfer to Townsville the older suburbs of Vincent and Currajong north of Charles Street and east of Nathan Street and using Nathan Street as a boundary include Mount Louisa using Woolcock Street as its northern boudnary and the Bohle River as its west boudnary and the Dalrymple Road as its southern boundary until it meets Natahn Street again. This combines the</p>		<p>Mundingburra - addition of areas of Kirwan and Currajong,</p>		<p>Prefer my solution for Townsville, Thuringowa and Mundingburra, and this option is a consequence of LNP solution from creation of Palmerston (or Tablelands), which I think is the more sustainalbe solution long term.</p>		
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5	Disagree with this as the current boundaries (and Federal boundaries) cross this road in many places, dissecting Mundingburra, Thuringowa, Burdekin. As well there are many foot and road bridges under or over this road. Similarly the Ross River is crossed as a boundary and has footbridges on it connecting this relatively pleasant feature of the urban landscape.	Describes Douglas Arterial Road as defining the urban and non-urban parts of Townsville.					
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6	Disagree with the proposed removal of Kippa-Ring from Redcliffe as the current boudnary is particularly well defined and the numerical impact places Redcliffe's enrolment too low and Murrumba's too high.		Murrumba and Redcliffe				
7	Agree with this sentiment				Inclined to ensure that enrolments over the electoral cycle are fair		
8	Broadly agree with solution but would include more electors from Indoorpilly		Mount Omanney to take in part of Chelmer etc from Indoorpilly				
9	Agree with LNP proposals	ALP agrees broadly with LNP concept	Strong east west orientation of Mount Isa, Gregory and Waggeo				



10	Transfer urban areas from Whitsunday to Mackay	ALP agrees	LNP agrees				
11	Agree with inclusion of mining towns in Bowen Basin in fewer seats to bring community of interest together. This means that mining will be concentrated in Gregory, Callide and Mount Isa electorates, noting significant mining already occurs in each of these three electorates.		Transfer Collinsville from Burdekin to Gregory, and transfers of Bowen Basin mining towns in Mirani to Gregory.	Include mining areas of Mirani in Gregory			
12	No comments to make, other than						Regional areas submission
13	May be viable but dependent on numbers in affected seats			Shift Palm Island to Hinchinbrook	Shift Palm Island to Hinchinbrook		

14	Electorates such as Burdekin, Whitsunday, Mackay, Mirani I have similar solutions to LNP and Mulcair proposals and differences are quite modest.		Burdekin-Mirani coastal strip		Burdekin-Mirani coastal strip		
14	Makes a lot of sense		Mirani to become more rural, coastal and loss of mining industries to Callide and Gregory which have a great deal of mining				
15	The LNP and Mulcair proposals for these two seats are virtually identical and effect a workable split of areas on the outskirts of Rockhampton.		Keppel and Rockhampton changes		Keppel and Rockhampton changes		

16	Note the inclusion of more rural areas in Ferny Grove		Proposes Ferny Grove gain more rural areas and shed urban areas		Proposes Ferny Grove gain more rural areas and shed urban areas		
17	Use of major road boundaries to define Lytton, Chatsworth and other seats. I would add this is also applicable to Bulimba and other inner urban seats. The inclusion fo Kangaroo Point and East Brisbane north of Vulture Street may be a workable solution for a more compact Bulimba following major road boundaries.				Proposes the use of main road alignments for Lytton and Lytton.		

18	Jeff Waddell has made many useful comments in his submission, the maps offer helpful suggestions to the Commissioners.			Jeff Waddell has made many useful comments in his submission, the maps offer helpful suggestions to the Commissioners.			
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**LEAVE DALRYMPLE ALONE!**

The FIFO has been a ploy all along to reduce our voter numbers. The people still work in our area but vote elsewhere.

If you work in Dalrymple, you should vote in Dalrymple.

Under the Australian Constitution, no law can be altered where adult SUFFRAGE prevails.  
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Suffrage means the right of voting, especially in political elections.

If my elected State Member is 1200kms away, he cannot be expected to service his constituents, which is our right in a democratic place.

If the LNP and Labor wish to proceed with their dirty tricks, I suggest that the member should have a Lear Jet at his disposal – to be purchased and funded by the state.

If the LNP and Labor wish to persist with ridiculous ideas, we can come up with a few ourselves.

This whole situation is a bare-faced attempt to seek political dominance.

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## Online submission for **All Districts** from **Jeff Waddell**

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## Comments on Submissions

Below are my comments on the other 40 submissions published by the ECQ.

I thought it would be worthwhile comparing the issues they raised against my submission to see whether my submission partially, fully or failed to meet their concerns.

Every individual that goes to the time and effort to make a submission to an electoral redistribution needs to be congratulated. So to those who are new to this, and enjoyed the experience, there are plenty more upcoming redistributions you can participate in.

On reading some of the submissions, it seems there are some individuals who have the need to vent their frustration about their understanding of the political system somewhere, and these submissions seem to be the place for them to do that.

Whilst the QRC is no doubt bound to impartially assess and consider the merits of every submission, separating the parts of a submission that can be considered, from the parts that are not within the scope of a State Electoral Redistribution, must make for some interesting moments when the QRC convenes.

### S1

The Clough's are concerned about the huge population growth around both the Logan and Gold Coast council areas. They note the lack of infrastructure and additional strain on Council services.

My submission proposes that both Logan City and the Gold Coast City council gain an extra voice each in the Queensland Parliament with the creation of 2 new Districts in this region.

### S2

I think Mr. Weier is not happy about an area he describes as Talgai West not being in the same council as Talgai. The SED boundaries of Southern Downs and Condamine follow the Toowoomba – Southern Downs LGA boundary in this part of the State. These are strong current boundaries and though Mr. Weier demonstrates a keen knowledge of local government changes in this area over the past century or so, I don't see any need to change the boundaries in this area.

I have proposed no change to any SED boundaries in this area.

### S4

Martin Gordon is one of a group of regular contributors to State and Commonwealth redistributions. I thought his submission to the South Australian Electoral Commission earlier this year was excellent. In fact, I think the ECSA should have just taken Martin's proposal in its entirety and run with it. We wait for the SA draft boundaries to be released on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Martin takes a similar approach to mine by breaking the State down into regions – though the SED's which comprise each of our regions differs. Our District-By-District proposals are very different.

## S5

I can only conclude confusion between CED's and SED's. But I believe a Commonwealth Redistribution of Queensland is due at the end of this year, so perhaps her concerns can be addressed by submitting them to the AEC once the Redistribution is announced.

## S6

Again, I conclude confusion between Commonwealth and State divisions. Other suggestions are outside the scope of this Redistribution.

## S7

Raises issues outside the scope of an Electoral Redistribution.

## S8

Mr Attard wants greater urban Mackay united into a single district. The numerical requirements of The Act prevent this from occurring. However, his request could be at least partially delivered by having a CBD-based Mackay surrounded by another District wholly contained within the Mackay Regional LGA. The only considerations are; how does this affect surrounding Districts and does this make the communities of interest for all affected Districts better or worse?

## S9

The Harley-Withers submission is something that I have addressed in my proposal, which is to unite all of Redland LGA into just 3 SED's – Redlands, Capalaba and Cleveland. My proposal transfers Sheldon from Mansfield to Redlands.

## S10

Bob Richardson's submission is purely a numerical proposal, though I think that some formatting has been lost when it was PDF'd.

Time is against me trying to map his proposal. I also note that his work can be categorised as 'in progress'.

## S11

The Martin's have proposed that Bushland Beach and Mt Low have closer ties to Townsville than Hinchinbrook. However, there are developed areas as far west as Bluewater and Bluewater Park that could also pose the same argument.

Greater Townsville is too big for 3 Districts but too small for 4. If my proposal offers them any comfort it should be that my proposed District of Hinchinbrook now does not include any part of the Cassowary Coast Council and has also been expanded to include Deeragun on the other side of the Bruce Hwy. This will, by default, make Hinchinbrook a more West Townsville focussed District, with its northern boundary not extending beyond Ingham and surrounding localities.



## **S12**

The Member for Buderim proposes some alterations to his District boundaries. Most Members of any Parliament usually want to limit the number of changes to electoral boundaries as they have established relationships with electors from all corners of their Districts.

Buderim was the only Sunshine Coast District and one of only five Districts across the State that I proposed to remain totally unchanged.

## **S13**

This submission seems to mirror the S9 submission above... nothing wrong with that. Again, I believe this is a request that the QRC can accommodate in their proposal.

## **S14**

This proposal asks for a re-orientation of Woodridge, losing its existing northern and southern extremities and to expand east into the existing Waterford. Short of transferring Underwood to Springwood, I'm not exactly sure how much of this proposal can be delivered. In this part of the State, the SED and LGA boundaries are aligned. I would be reluctant to re-draw the SED boundaries placing localities from both Logan City and Brisbane City LGA's in the same District.

## **S15**

Dr Mark Mulcair is another of the group of regular contributors to State and Commonwealth redistributions.

As usual, Mark has made some proposals that I wish I had thought of. He also makes some proposals that are identical to what I have proposed - for instance, uniting all of Scenic Rim LGA in Beaudesert.

Like Martin Gordon above, Mark has contributed to about half a dozen State and Commonwealth Redistributions in the past 18 months or so.

Their experience in performing whole-of-state analysis and logical proposals based on their analysis cannot and should not be under-valued by the QRC. This is especially important as these redistributions are compiled without the intent of delivering a political advantage.

## **S16**

Ms West's request to unite all of Scenic Rim LGA into one District is something that has also been proposed by Dr. Mulcair and myself.

This should be a no-brainer for the QRC to deliver.

## **S17 & S18**

The Heggies submissions are identical to those proposed in S9 & S13 above. This is something that has been addressed in my proposal. Like the Scenic Rim request above, I believe the QRC can also deliver this request as a part of their draft boundaries.

## **S19**

Cr. Stanfield is yet another voice proposing that all of Scenic Rim LGA be united in 1 District.

Four of the first 19 submissions published have now made/proposed this change.

## **S20 & S21**

It appears that templated requests to unite Scenic Rim LGA in Beaudesert have been developed. Ms Delahunty and Mr Pocock add their voices to the chorus. Six out of 21!

## **S22**

As noted in Dr Mulcair's submission, Paul Blackman is another of the regular contributors to Electoral Redistributions.

It seems that time has beaten Paul to provide a more comprehensive submission. There are a few of his proposals that match mine.

I don't think that Queensland is quite ready to see the creation of an SED named Bjelke-Peterson just yet. However, if it's good enough to have an SED named Nicklin, then the precedent has already been set.

## **S23 – S27**

Another 4 submissions in support of all of Scenic Rim being united in 1 SED. Whilst Scenic Rim does not have sufficient electors to have the SED boundary align with the LGA boundary, the localities that existed in the old Beaudesert Shire that are now a part of Logan City are the most logical localities to add to their proposed Beaudesert to complete the District from a numerical perspective.

Now 10 of the 27 submissions reviewed so far support this change.

The LNP (submission 28) and the ALP (submission 38) I will comment on last.

## **S29**

Mr Macintosh asks for a re-drawing of Kallangur effectively pushing it south.

My proposal is similar but embraces Bray Park and parts of Strathpine that were not in his proposal.

The ECQ should model this proposal and see if it can get the numbers in surrounding Districts to work with it.

## **S30**

Mr Horton wants to remain in the District of Chatsworth. If the ECQ adopts my proposals around this area he gets his wish.

## **S31**

The Winning Political Technologies submission focuses purely on the 4 new SED's and whilst it goes into great depths to explain how those seats are constructed, it doesn't address how this affects the other 89 Districts.

## **S32**

Mr Yarrow is another vote for the Scenic Rim wholly incorporated in Beaudesert camp: 11 out of 31.

## **S33**

Mr Porter also advocates the uniting of all of Scenic Rim in the Beaudesert SED but does not believe that the name Beaudesert is the best name by which the entire District can associate with. Finding

an alternative that could satisfy this requirement is no mean feat. Two Localities in the south of the District; Mount Lindesay and Lamington, may provide an alternative name if required. Short of that, reverting to the LGA name of Scenic Rim may satisfy his position, though it is not one that I advocate as per my original submission. 12 out of 32.

### **S34 & S35**

Add Cr McInnes and Mr Lagoon to the list supporting all of Scenic Rim in Beaudesert: 14 out of 34.

### **S36**

Mr Yore's submission is based on some solid foundations and principles which he lays out up front – much like my own. Some of his proposals also tie in with mine.

His COI consideration comments on Cook and Mount Isa prompt me to add a comment as to why I set my boundaries for Mabo (Cook) and Gulf (Mt Isa) where I did.

Whilst it could be argued that I have split the Aboriginal communities of the Cape York Peninsula, I would argue just as strongly that I have better united the Aboriginal communities of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Physically, the Aboriginal communities on the west coast of Cape York are just as far from the Aboriginal communities on the east coast of Cape York as they are from the Mornington and Domadgee communities in the Gulf of Carpentaria.

### **S37**

Mr Smith's submission for a large rural district in the northern hills is not totally dis-similar to my proposed Pine Rivers District, but his is much larger in area. Whether the QRC finds merit in this proposed District sharing electors from Somerset Regional and Moreton Bay Regional LGA's in the 1 District is up to it to determine.

### **S39**

Mr Cummings wants to unite all the bay islands excluding Bribie Island and Moreton Island into a single SED.

### **S40**

Ms Mortiss argues that Indooroopilly be retained. She argues her case extremely well.

I encourage her to take the same argument to the Commonwealth at the end of this year when the Redistribution of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions for the State of Queensland commences.

The current Indooroopilly SED is split between Moreton and Ryan CED's.

### **S41**

The LGAQ submission primarily advocates that LGA boundaries and SED boundaries should align as much as possible and that the larger Districts boundaries should 'run east-west along lines of communication.... rather than north-south'.

This position is another justification as to why the ECQ should have also broken down their current and projected enrolment stats by LGA as I tried to do in my enrolment table document.

This principle is worthy of the QRC considering as it formulates its draft boundaries.

Now for the political submissions:

## S28

The first thing that struck me about the LNP's submission was that Dalrymple was abolished.

On deeper examination of the Larger Districts I was surprised that many proposed boundaries ran through the middle of many of the LGA's of Western Queensland.

## S38

The ALP's comments on the size and direction for future growth in Mt Isa are in many ways similar to what I identified in my submission.

I won't go into deeper detail than that for either submission.

## Revisiting my submission in light of the other submissions.

I consider myself to be my own harshest critic.

Overall, I am still reasonably comfortable with what I have proposed, though there are some areas I know won't work. East Toowoomba in Lockyer is the first that comes to mind.

My proposed boundaries in the north of the State do work and I believe they work well: Mabo, Gulf, Barron River, Cairns, Dalrymple, Mulgrave, Hinchinbrook, Townsville, Thuringowa and Mundingburra are all sound proposals.

There are sufficient electors for 2 coastal Districts between Cairns and Townsville, though in my proposal both Mulgrave and Hinchinbrook do reach into the outer built-up areas of each city, they are still predominantly rural in nature.

My Whitsunday - Mackay exchange is logical. So are the boundary changes around greater Rockhampton involving Rockhampton, Keppel and McMaster.

Bundaberg's expansion into Burnett is logical; I also think my Hervey Bay changes are simple and logical.

Getting the proposed SED of Gympie out of the Noosa Shire was the right thing to do, as was moving Noosa SED's southern boundary further north to align with the southern Noosa LGA boundary.

I believe those who proposed to unite urban Caboolture into a single District got it right, though I didn't crunch the numbers on the numerical impact of that proposal. I'm not sure where Bribie Island fits in to those calculations.

Others have proposed better solutions than me for the Nanango, Callide, Warrego and Condamine Districts.

My re-drawing and renaming of Toowoomba South to Davis is simple and logical. In hindsight Toowoomba North should have been expanded to the west and its northern boundary contracted

south to meet numerical compliance. The transfer of surplus electors from Toowoomba LGA east into Lockyer could have come from southern Condamine instead of urban Toowoomba North.

I think my proposed new Ipswich SED is logical, though I wonder whether Karalee is a good fit with Bundamba – does the Bremer River divide or unite these communities?

Abolishing Indooroopilly appears to be unique to my proposal. Carving it up between Moggill and Mount Coot-Tha to the north and Mount Ommaney and Yeerongpilly to the south has delivered some interesting boundaries that won't gain everyone's approval.

I'd be disappointed if the QRC didn't adopt my proposed version of Brisbane Central. It's always gratifying when you envision new boundaries for a District; then have the numbers fall within current and projected quotas. It's that much better when you can propose a District with simple and strong boundaries such as my proposed Brisbane Central.

The rest of the north and north-west Districts are sound except for my proposed Fysh and Morayfield Districts which probably need to be re-drawn.

I still believe my proposed version of Pine Rivers has merit.

My proposal to have Redland City LGA represented by the SED's of Capalaba, Cleveland and Redlands only is logical and deliverable.

My Waterford and Woodridge boundaries need a bit of re-work, but I think my proposed Oodgeroo is well put together.

I'm not happy with how I divided Helensvale between Broadwater and Coomera.

On my proposal to introduce more name-based Districts – I still think it's a worthy proposal. I hope other contributors to this part of the Redistribution back my approach.

I acknowledge some of my suggested names are more obvious than others. Overall I believe there is room for the naming/renaming of Electoral Districts like Davis, Irwin, Jordan, Mabo, Macalister, McMaster and Oodgeroo.

Unfortunately, this is the last scheduled State Redistribution until 2019, so I'll have to wait until then to challenge any further State Redistribution Committees with this approach.

## **Sign-off**

It's now all in the hands of the QRC to do their thing and deliver a proposal that best meets the requirements of The Act. At the same time keeping in mind the many submissions it has received and how well those proposals comply with The Act.

Hopefully the non-political 'all of State' proposals the QRC received can help guide them in their considerations.

Again, I wish the QRC well in their deliberations.

Jeff Waddell

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Online submission for **Kawana, Maroochydore, Noosa** from **Zach Davis-Hancock**

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If the commission sees fit to add an additional seat into the Sunshine Coast as a means of dealing with the over quota situation in multiple seats on the Sunshine Coast and in the northern suburbs of Moreton Bay Regional Council, it should look to a Coolum model as suggested by the LNP as opposed to the Labor submission of Caboolture in which the Labor submission doesn't even attempt to balance the surrounding seats in order to justify the idea. However, in creating a seat like Coolum, the commission needs to make some alterations which the LNP has failed to consider: 1. If a new seat is going to go in south of Noosa, Noosa should be redistributed to be entirely contained inside the borders of the Noosa Shire Council and Sunshine Coast Division 9 should become entirely united inside the new seat in order to maintain the community of interest rationale that the commission decided upon in the redistribution of boundaries before the Local Government elections. 2. The seat should be looking to take as fewer voters as possible from the Western side of the Highway in order to take more voters from Maroochydore as a means of assisting the balance of voters from Maroochydore and Kawana and inevitably Caloundra South. Separating Mudjimba and Mount Coolum (which are inside Division 8 of Sunshine Coast Regional Council) makes no sense unless you are going to move suburbs like Twin Waters with them and allow Maroochydore to condense around the new CBD. 3. The fact that Noosa has a population outside the Noosa Shire Council whilst other seats have a population in their seats inside the Noosa Shire needs realigning to come back within the Noosa Shire Council boundaries. The Noosa Shire as a whole entity is a within quota seat and should be realigned to allow that to happen (in the same way the commission aims to have 3 Redland City LGA based seats inside the borders of Redland LGA). 3.
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Despite all the wonderful waffle in the 41 submissions this state does not need another four politicians. They are considered to be lower than used car salesmen and journalists, who take large salaries and perks and do nothing but swan around to make sure they get elected next time so they can continue to receive their large salaries and perks. Despite an increase in population what is wrong with the 89 in place now accept that they have a few more constituents and represent them as well. The state, and country, is also in a very bad way economically and we do not need the cost of another four politicians at this time.
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## STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES QUEENSLAND

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 43 OF THE *ELECTORAL ACT 1992*

### INVITATION FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE SUGGESTIONS

The Queensland Redistribution Commission invites all interested persons and bodies to submit comments on the suggestions regarding the redistribution of the State into 93 electoral districts.

On 24 June 2016, a notice was published in the Queensland Government Gazette inviting suggestions to the Commission for 30 days until 5pm Monday, 25 July 2016. Advertisements were also placed in newspapers circulating throughout the State from Saturday, 25 June 2016.

All suggestions may be viewed on the website - <http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/> or at the Commission's office.

Under section 43(2) of the Act, the Commission now invites comments on the suggestions for 21 days from **Saturday, 6 August 2016 to 5pm Monday, 29 August 2016.**

#### Comments can be lodged through:

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The Commission would prefer electronic submissions that are accompanied by maps. If you lodge a comment, please note that all **submissions will be published in their entirety**, including name and address details.

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<http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/> or alternatively you can contact the Commission on [boundaries@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:boundaries@ecq.qld.gov.au) or 1300 881 665.

H. W. H. Botting

**Chairperson, Queensland Redistribution Commission**



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**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** [resubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Dalrymple - Michael Brumby  
**Date:** Friday, 12 August 2016 4:24:10 PM

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Online submission for **Dalrymple** from **Michael Brumby**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Michael Brumby
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 106 Range Road Toll

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Dalrymple
- Text: Some would like to see the electorate district of Dalrymple wiped from the map even though it is in quota. This has nothing to do with the increasing electoral districts in the south east corner of the state. Should you intend to address quotas in the north then can I suggest a redrawing of boundaries along the coast from Cairns and Barron River south and beyond Townsville. Again this would not and need not impact on Dalrymple which lies to the west of these districts. And nor should it given the size it already is. Thanks
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Submission ID: 63333

Time of Submission: 12 Aug 2016 4:24pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



The Secretary  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Electoral Commission Queensland  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

**State Redistribution 2016/2017 comments**

**Contact Details:**

**Name:** Kenzo Kaku

**E-mail:**

**Phone No:**

**Residential  
Address:**

27 Bellagio Crescent Coomera 4209

**Comments:**

To Whom it may concern

I'm writing to you to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Albert by the Australian Labor Party.

As a long time resident and small business operator in the Upper Coomera area, the Albert electorate has a long standing relation with the Oxenford and Upper Coomera districts. Over time, the area has become the main population base for the electorate and removing it from the Albert area will create an enormous amount of confusion. In addition, this area also forms the main gateway to the Mount Tamborine region which is a important employment avenue for locals.

Previously stated, the majority of the Albert electorate population which is located in the southern and centre regions has limited or no relationship with the Beenleigh region. Therefore I ask, the Albert electorate remain a primarily Gold Coast based electorate and if needed, include Mount Tamborine as it has strong affiliation with Oxenford, Wongawallan and Upper Coomera.

It would be far more logical to create a new electorate encompassing the northern section of the Albert and Coomera that have direct relationship with the Beenleigh area.



The Secretary  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Electoral Commission Queensland  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

**State Redistribution 2016/2017 comments**

**Contact details:**

Name: John Dina

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: 22/31 Archy Pango St  
Pacific Pines 4211

**Comments:**

Albert

As a local business owners in the Upper Coomera region and who resides locally, I wish to express my support to the Liberal National Party submission for the Albert electorate. I have been a long time local and have seen much development over the years. I firmly believe reducing the impact of a redistribution on residents should be paramount and therefore consideration should be given to where the greatest proportion of residents live.

As a local I believe the majority of the Albert electorate population is in the southern half of the electorate and removing this residents would displace, I believe over two-thirds of the population. I ask Oxenford, Upper Coomera, Kingsholme, Willow Vale, Wongawallan and include Mt Tamborine as much business is conducted between Upper Coomera and Oxenford to this tourism area remain within the Albert electorate to give consistency and reduce future need for major redistributions of the electorate.



The Secretary  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Electoral Commission Queensland  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

**State Redistribution 2016/2017 comments**

**Contact details:**

Name: Stefan Maslen

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address: 7 Carmen Crt, Oxenford

**Comments:**

I write to add my support to creating a new electorate in the northern Gold Coast and Southern Logan regions.

As a local resident of the Albert electorate for many years, I feel strongly against the redistribution boundaries proposed by the Australian Labor Party. It lacks any real understanding of my local community and its needs.

The creation of a new Gold Coast electorate near Nerang will inflict extensive boundary changes to the majority of the Gold Coast central and northern regions. This major disruption can be avoided with the creation of a new electorate within the Northern Gold Coast and Southern Logan City.

This proposal is supported by 3 submissions to the ECQ. Therefore I ask serious consideration to be taken to ensure the Southern regions of the Albert electorate remain intact to limit disruption and the inclusion of Mount Tamborine as it has a direct relationship with the North Gold Coast and the Albert area.





The Secretary  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Electoral Commission Queensland  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

**State Redistribution 2016/2017 comments**

**Contact details:**

**Name:**

Alia Callanan

**E-mail:**

**Phone No:**

**Residential  
Address:**

10 Coomera Cres Upper Coomera.

**Comments:**

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission.

Firstly I would like to express that the Albert electorate is considered a Gold Coast electorate and should continue to remain so. It is for this reason I can see no benefit to the residents of Albert to amalgamate into the greater Beenleigh area.

Secondly the Albert electorate has in recent year seen considerable growth through the Upper Coomera district and removing us from Albert will only in create unnecessary confusion for us. Also infrastructure has been carefully planned to accommodate for our western M1 side needs.

Thirdly it makes perfect sense including the area of Mount Tamborine into the Albert electorate, as for many years the Oxenford, Upper Coomera has had a very close affiliation along with the Tamborine region being assessable via the Oxenford and Upper Coomera roadway infrastructure

My fourth point and one that needs strong consideration is that there is absolutely no benefit in the Labor party's submission in having a new electorate positioned below Albert which will cause us massive confusion.

The whole point of a redistribution is to tidy up with a nip and a tuck here and there the electorates that are experiencing a growth increase or decline in constituent numbers. It is not to re-invent the wheel for what can only be seen with the Labor Party proposal to be politically motivated and not in the best interest of us.



The Secretary  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Electoral Commission Queensland  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

**State Redistribution 2016/2017 comments**

**Contact details:**

Name:

Lee Nightingale

E-mail:

[REDACTED]

Phone No:

[REDACTED]

Residential  
Address:

40 Heatherdale Drive  
Upper Coomera

**Comments:**

Albert electorate.

I'm writing to you to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Albert by the Australian Labor Party.

As a long time resident and small business operator in the Upper Coomera area, the Albert electorate has a long standing relationship with the Oxenford and Upper Coomera districts. Over time, the area has become the main population base for the electorate and removing it from the Albert electorate will create an enormous amount of confusion. In addition, this area also forms the main gateway to the Mount Tamborine region which is an important employment avenue for locals.

The majority of the Albert electorate population which is located in the southern and centre regions has limited or no relationship with the Beenleigh region. Therefore I ask, the Albert electorate remain a primarily Gold Coast based electorate and if needed, include Mount Tamborine as it has strong affiliation with Oxenford, Wongawallan and Upper Coomera.

It would be far more logical to create a new electorate encompassing the northern section of the Albert and Coomera that have direct relationship with the Beenleigh area.

I thank you for your consideration.





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To State Electoral Boundaries Qld  
Notice under Section 41 of The Electoral Act  
Suggestions regarding of The State 93  
Electoral Districts

Suggestion: The area of Talgai West  
former (Division 2 area) of former  
Allora Shire. pre amalgamation of Shires  
By the former Beahy State Gov of QLD

(Now) Be returned to the original  
Shire of Clifton Talgai West was  
part of Clifton Shire up till 1914  
when the, then Allora Village Council  
asked Clifton if they would give  
part of there Shire to Allora for  
Allora to get more ratepayers  
to stop. The State Gov, of the day  
taking over, Allora Village Council  
at the time.

Now current Allora area, has  
no Council Rep. on Southern Downs  
Council first time ever. Allora area  
has not had a Councilor to look after  
any of the area. When (Councilor)  
Gleen Reese was on Southern  
Downs Council, he only looked  
after Divisions 1-3-4-5, Division 2  
that was on West side of





2

The Toowoomba - Warwick Rail Line was not in Reese area to look after. So since 1995-96 Yalgai West has had no local Gov Representation (Former Councilours) Both passed away from Cancer never Replaced.

If Yalgai West area of some 27,500 acres, was returned to Clifton. Yalgai West would have local Councilours located in country areas of Clifton to service the area.

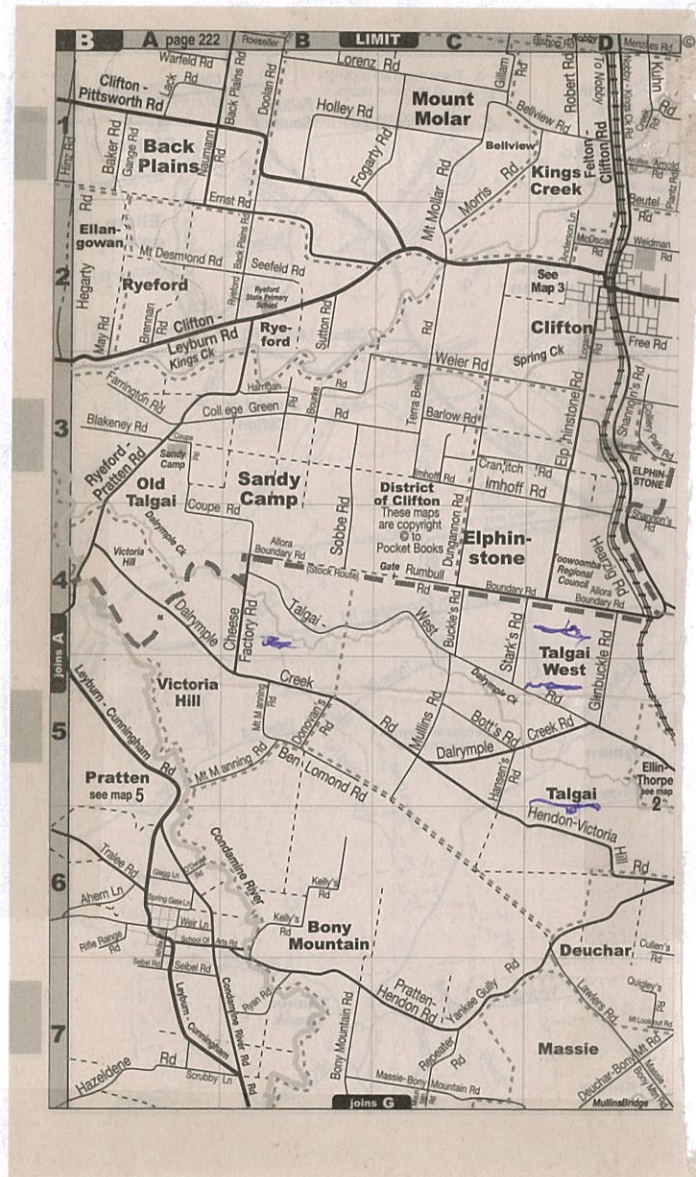
(One of The Councilours only lives 8 miles from my property)

(As where now in Southern Downs my closest Cr. is in City Warwick if needed some 3 to 4 km from me)  
Hope this is of help

Yours Truly

Derek Weier  
764 Yalgai West Rd  
via Allora 4362

P.S. Have enclosed map showing Yalgai West area





**From:** Spencer Gear  
**To:** Boundaries  
**Subject:** Comments on the suggestions for change of electoral boundaries  
**Date:** Saturday, 13 August 2016 9:12:41 PM

The Secretary,

Queensland Redistribution Commission  
 GPO Box 1393  
 BRISBANE QLD 4001



Dear Sir/Madam,

While I have read all of the submissions and comments on the submissions, I make comments here on how to bring balance of growth into the electorate in which I live, Murrumba (I live in North Lakes). The projected growth here is 39.8%. This is excessively beyond the recommended level of growth in an electorate.

Therefore, to bring balance of growth into Murrumba, I recommend that one of these options be adopted:

1. Move the suburbs of Burpengary East and Deception Bay west to the Morayfield electorate. The benefit of this is that it reunites the two suburbs that were in the former Caboolture Shire Council locality.
2. Should Morayfield electorate become too large, some of its electors can be moved to a proposed new Caboolture electorate.
3. Or, Burpengary East and Deception Bay could be moved north to be included in the Pumicestone electorate.
4. There have been precedents in dividing suburbs between electorates to make for a balanced redistribution. I contend that this should be the case with Murrumba. In 2008, federal boundaries divided Deception Bay, using Deception Bay Road as the dividing line. For State boundaries, west of Deception Bay Road could remain in Murrumba while east of Deception Bay Road could move to Morayfield or Pumicestone electorates.
5. Since Redcliffe can only move its boundary one way - to the west - it seems that Redcliffe is balanced as it is and doesn't need any changed boundaries.

Population predictions are not necessarily good predictors of electoral fortunes. The Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC)'s predictions indicate that Deception Bay will have a population of 22,255 in 2016. See: <https://www.moretonbay.qld.gov.au/general.aspx?id=86>. However, this MBRC graph indicates that the population in 2011 was 21,931. However, the 2011 census stated it was 2,000 less than that at 19,672 (I appreciate that some who live in Deception Bay are not electors). See: <http://deception-bay.localstats.com.au/demographics/qld/brisbane/outer-northern-suburbs/deception-bay>. My personal experience indicates that there are significant numbers of Kiwis (especially Kiwi-born Samoans), British and South Africans in Deception Bay. Could this spread of nationalities attract more of these family members to Deception Bay?

In summary, based on present calculations, the projected electoral size of Murrumba electorate is way in excess of that predicted for other electorates. I recommend that the above changes be made to move Deception Bay and East Burpengary to the suggested electorates.

Yours sincerely,

Spencer Gear

P.S. Would you please withhold my address details from publication.

**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [rc-submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Mackay, Mirani, Whitsunday - Brian Wallace  
**Date:** Sunday, 14 August 2016 2:07:38 PM

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Online submission for **Mackay, Mirani, Whitsunday** from **Brian Wallace**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Brian Wallace
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: Harney St Mackay

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Mackay, Mirani, Whitsunday
- Text: While not normally a fan of the ALP, I support 100% their submission on the electorates of Mackay, Mirani and Whitsunday. The existing boundaries are just ludicrous and in no way support the continuity of the community. One can move to another nearby suburb and while working at the same job and shopping at the same shops, find that you have a representative 300 to 400 kilometers away (either north or south) when there is one within 10 Kms. Please fix this . . Regards.  
Brian Wallace
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Submission ID: 63334

Time of Submission: 14 Aug 2016 2:07pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87




**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [pre-submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Clint Luker  
**Date:** Tuesday, 16 August 2016 3:06:36 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Clint Luker**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Clint Luker
- Email: 
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 85 Highland Park Rd. Meringandan West

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Please do not remove the seat of Toowoomba North. It is the highest growing community in Qld and requires its own seat
- File Upload: No file uploaded

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Submission ID: 63370

Time of Submission: 16 Aug 2016 3:06pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Bruce Collins](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on Submissions to Redistribution Committee.  
**Date:** Tuesday, 16 August 2016 4:47:05 PM



Dear Commissioners

I wish to comment on the submissions to the Redistribution Commission as recently published. Firstly, most of the submissions were very narrow in their approach, restricting their comments to one or two seats and some motivated by an apparent local campaign, whilst a few appeared to be confused with other matters. I make no comment re any of those.

I would comment that the LNP Submission (S28) is by far the most comprehensive of those published and I believe that its proposal that the large country electorates focus on community of interest along the main transport routes and local government and service delivery corridors is a sound proposal. Thus, I support an east/west focus for each of Mount Isa, Gregory and Warrego and north/south for Cook. In keeping with EARC recommendations of having four large country electorates in excess of 100,000 sq.km, I also support the drastic reduction in size proposed for Dalrymple and a name change as "Dalrymple" would no longer have relevance if the LNP proposal was followed with an electorate much reduced in geographical size and adjacent to the growth areas of Cairns and Barron River .

I do not, support the LNP's inclusion of Moranbah into Mount Isa as there is little community of interest in that change and it could probably be incorporated into Gregory with some boundary realignment elsewhere. If Moranbah was not included in Mount Isa electorate the Local government areas of Cloncurry and McKinlay could remain in Mount Isa in their entirety, which is where their community of interest lies. Otherwise, I support the LNP submission across the state.

Several submissions, including that of the ALP, call for the scrapping of weightage for large remote electorates. The Fitzgerald Enquiry of 1988-89 established an Electoral and Administrative Review Commission which consulted widely, accepting submissions and holding hearings around the state. After a most comprehensive and exhaustive review, it identified that electors in the more sparsely-populated parts of the state deserved special recognition because of the relative disconnect they often experienced from their elected member and the lack of access to that member.

It accepted that in geographically large rural and remote electorates a voter's access to the elected member can be very poor due to physical distance and poor transport options. Consequently, it recommended that the Electoral Act 1992 introduce the concept of weightage of 2% of geographic area in square kilometres for electorates in excess of 100,000 sq.km.

At the time all major parties publically committed to accepting the EARC recommendations in full. I believe that nothing has changed significantly in that time to depart from those principles, though it is clear that the ALP now thinks differently.

Its submission (S38) is abandoning that commitment and I quote, "*The ALP submits that the weighted electorates of more than 100,000 km2 are a departure from the principle of one-vote one-value. The Queensland Redistribution Commission should seek to minimise the distortion to*

*equal the equal value of all Queenslanders' votes wherever possible."* Given the time and money spent by the state on the Fitzgerald Enquiry and the EARC Enquiry, it is disappointing that the ALP should now abandon commitment to those findings and adopt an apparently opportunistic approach.

The ALP submission does, however, support some aspects of the LNP's submission concerning an east/west alignment for Mount Isa, Warrego and Gregory and I quote, *"The ALP submits that the south west districts of the electorate of Mount Isa should be transferred to the electorates of Warrego and Gregory. These districts have no direct transport route to Mount Isa but are serviced by transport routes running east to the coast. The electorate of Mount Isa should follow the east-west transport route towards the east, in a similar fashion to the Federal Division of Kennedy."*

I would also comment on the submission of the Local Government Association of Qld (S41), which contends that electorate boundaries wherever possible should follow Local Government boundaries; and that Large country electorates should run east-west rather than north-south. I believe that to be sound advice from an apolitical body that has good, first hand knowledge of the state through its advocacy role for Local Government.

Yours faithfully

Bruce Collins  
8 Wilson Street  
PO Box 490  
WINTON.Q.4735.

**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** qrcsubmissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Kenn zerner  
**Date:** Tuesday, 16 August 2016 6:38:24 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Kenn zerner**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Kenn zerner
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2 Bowtell Drive Highfields Qld 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I would see this simply as a govt trying to change boundaries so as to advantage them it has been in Nth Toowoomba all these years and it works well If it is not broken do not try and fix it
- File Upload: No file uploaded

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Submission ID: 63376

Time of Submission: 16 Aug 2016 6:38pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88





**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [queenslandredistribution.com.au](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Katrina  
**Date:** Tuesday, 16 August 2016 9:20:21 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Katrina**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Katrina
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: Currawong drive Highfields

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
  - Text: No change Thankyou to the Highfields district.
  - File Upload: No file uploaded
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Submission ID: 63377

Time of Submission: 16 Aug 2016 9:20pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Gavin Wilson  
**Date:** Tuesday, 16 August 2016 10:02:59 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Gavin Wilson**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Gavin Wilson
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2 Ashwood Avenue Highfields QLD 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

I object strongly to the proposal for Highfields to be removed from the Toowoomba North electorate. There are no benefits to the Highfields region to be administered from Nanango. If you are so determined to move our administrative centre, I would much prefer to be administered from Brisbane. Whilst this is fractionally further, its facilities and services are infinitely superior and it is far nicer to visit. From where I stand, there is one, and only one beneficiary to this proposal - Queensland labor. Given the exceptionally high voter support our LNP MP receives from the area, moving Highfields from Toowoomba North would give labor a much improved chance of winning any future election. In short, this is nothing less than naked gerrymandering by a state labor government which has already broken its word to the electorate, has signally failed to rein in its spending and is on the nose with the electorate. I, and no doubt many others, recognise what is going on and will not forget. I can only hope that the media also see what is really going on. And report it.

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Submission ID: 63378

Time of Submission: 16 Aug 2016 10:02pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** qecsubmissions  
**Subject:** All Districts, Nanango, Toowoomba North - Ainsley Hardie  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 3:40:43 AM

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Online submission for **All Districts, Nanango, Toowoomba North** from **Ainsley Hardie**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Ainsley Hardie
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 12 Pioneer Way Gowrie Junction

#### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts, Nanango, Toowoomba North  

I live in between Gowrie Junction and Highfields. I own two businesses both located in the Toowoomba North electorate yet I live in Nanango. My closest electoral booth at Gowrie Junction State School 4km from my house is in yet another electorate. I shop in Highfields, my children attend school in Toowoomba north. It is certainly where I feel at home. I understand the importance of keeping numbers within electorates equal but having a representative in Nanango is too far removed from our daily needs and wants as a community. We are part of Toowoomba economically. Socially and spiritually and should remain so. Or in our case be included in.
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Submission ID: 63379

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 3:40am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** [re-submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Gerard Thom  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 7:17:20 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Gerard Thom**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Gerard Thom
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11 Berghofer Drive Highfields QLD 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I do not support the redistribution of electoral boundaries to remove Toowoomba North to Nanangao
- File Upload: No file uploaded

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Submission ID: 63380

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 7:17am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** Redistribution  
**Subject:** All Districts, Toowoomba North - Fiona O'Dea  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 7:31:56 AM

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Online submission for **All Districts, Toowoomba North** from **Fiona O'Dea**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Fiona O'Dea
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 4 Joann St Highfields Qld 4353

#### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts, Toowoomba North
- Text: Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights are much more closely aligned with Toowoomba. We utilise the services of Toowoomba and have similar goals. The needs of the Nanango Electorate are very different. With the population base in Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights we would have the ability to unfairly skew the voting results to suit an urban electorate rather than a country one.
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Submission ID: 63381

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 7:31am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** are submissions  
**Subject:** Albert - Cherylynn Horosko  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 9:57:55 AM

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Online submission for **Albert** from **Cherylynn Horosko**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Cherylynn Horosko
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 18 Belair Drive Yatala Qld.

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Albert

- Text: 

We have lived here for 24years. We live on acreage. Since the the boundaries were amalgamated years ago we have found as we live on the Northern end of the Gold Coast that we do not seem to be listened to about what we need for our area. We believe that as we live near the Albert River that our area seems to be in limbo. We need our own area back and to have someone to be prepared to listen to what their constituates need in this area. Yatala has become the hub for companies and businesses yet we have one of the worst internet failures in this area. Very poor transport facilities for both business and the local community. The tree clearing in this area is beyond belief. If you drive along Stanmore road or Peachy road you will see for yourself that it is like a moon scape. We think the boundaries should be changed so our area stops being neglected and to have the concerns of the community listened to. Yours sincerely, Cherylynn Horosko

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Submission ID: 63388

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 9:57am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [on submissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts - Michael Kelly  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 12:31:36 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts** from **Michael Kelly**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Michael Kelly
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11 Coolibah Court Highfields Q 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: Highfields should not be removed from the Toowoomba North Electorate. This push is a damaging politically based initiative by the labor Party and its supporters. Highfields is a part of Toowoomba and should remain there. Clearly Highfields is able to leverage its relationship with Toowoomba to attract funding for public spaces including sports grounds, parks etc and to remove this link would see a reduction in services because of a particular parties wish to punish voters. A large number of the residents of Highfields work in Toowoomba (including my wife and I) and we see a need to ensure we are part of the Toowoomba community.
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Submission ID: 63582

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 12:31pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts, Toowoomba North - Donna Campbell  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 12:34:14 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts, Toowoomba North** from **Donna Campbell**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Donna Campbell
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 8Angus St. Highfields 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts, Toowoomba North
- Text: Please leave Highfields in the North Toowoomba Electorate. We want/need local representation.
- File Upload: No file uploaded

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Submission ID: 63583

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 12:34pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87





**From:** Bernadette  
**To:** bernadette@qrc.qld.gov.au  
**Subject:** All Districts - Bernadette Smith  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 12:37:07 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts** from **Bernadette Smith**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Bernadette Smith
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 5 / 7 Cecil Street.

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: Kindly leave the Boundaries right where they are.
- File Upload: No file uploaded

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Submission ID: 63584

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 12:37pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88




**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Jodie Geoghegan  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 12:39:54 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Jodie Geoghegan**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Jodie Geoghegan
- Email: 
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 72 Ruthven Street Toowoomba

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: We have an investment property and have previously lived in Highfields. It would be appreciate that it remains a part of Toowoomba North. Many thanks
- File Upload: No file uploaded

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Submission ID: 63585

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 12:39pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88





**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [re submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Ben Gouldson  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 12:58:32 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Ben Gouldson**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Ben Gouldson
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 142 Mackenzie Street East Toowoomba Qld 4350

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

I am concerned about the proposed change to electoral boundaries for Toowoomba North because it will result in a significant population being further away from their local representative in State Parliament. The current arrangements see residents of the Highfields and Blue Mountain communities able to access their local member within close reach of their likely employment or schooling (ie. within Toowoomba). If the boundaries change and they become part of a rural electorate it seems unlikely this ready access would continue, depriving them of access to their local representative, to their detriment.
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Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 12:58pm

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**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Michael Jaeger  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 1:01:36 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Michael Jaeger**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Michael Jaeger
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 24 Clarke Road Highfields QLD 4352



#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

Toowoomba North Electoral Boundary A great many residents of Highfields, such as myself, moved to this area from within Toowoomba because Highfields is, effectively, an outer suburb of Toowoomba. The local council has recognised the strong community ties between Highfields and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities, Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play across Toowoomba and Highfields – not Highfields and rural areas to our North. Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Another important point that must be considered is that the existing electorate is a source of workforce and small business for both Highfields and Toowoomba areas. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region. Highfields local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields stops on a regular basis throughout the day. There is no such correlation with buses and routes from here to other centres outside of long-range bus routes. Highfields has poor mobile phone reception as well as a lack of NBN. My methods of fast access and communication with my member if they are remotely located are limited, whereas I can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently in Toowoomba North. Also many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication or access to private transport in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This

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situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields residents. The redistribution of Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate will financially and socially isolate and deny this community equal and appropriate access to their elected representative. In the event Highfields is redistributed to another electorate this will isolate a significant proportion of this community and deny equal and appropriate access to their elected representative resulting in the following:- Need to travel a greater distance to meet with their elected member No public transport available to areas other than to Toowoomba for those without private transport Cost of telephone calls will financially impact the residents Electronic communication connectivity unreliable Inability to access or use of computer Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba / Highfields into a vast rural electorate. All school children in Highfields attend public or private schools in Highfields or Toowoomba with all teens in Grade 10 to 12 attending High School in Toowoomba. The typical Highfields resident rarely travels north of Highfields. All hospitals, local, state and federal services, private enterprise, entertainment, events, shows and the like are either in Highfields or, more commonly, in Toowoomba. The Toowoomba Region includes both Highfields and Toowoomba – with similar rating levels, requirements for new developments, shared social events and reciprocal membership rights at the council pool and gymnasiums of each. Restoring the “unique historical identity” to the former Crow’s Nest Shire, as mentioned in the ALP submission, no longer bears any relevance to Highfields. The submission notes “many long term residents hold a special affinity to the old shire” but fails to give regard to the reality that the totality of “long-term residents” is a very small fraction of total residents of Highfields due to the very significant growth of new developments and new homes with the accompanying influx of new residents. The submission refers to something which cannot be restored, a rural community... which Highfields is not and will never be again. I would ask that the Commission disregard the ALP submission with respect to removing Highfields from Toowoomba North – we belong where we are.

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [prosubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Chris Protheroe  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 1:04:35 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Chris Protheroe**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Chris Protheroe
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 17 Federation Drive, Highfields, QLD, 4352.

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution of the Toowoomba North Electorate. I am a resident of Highfields and strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove it from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in Queensland and is only a short distance from Toowoomba. In fact Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields are essentially outer suburbs of Toowoomba. To redistribute these areas into a rural seat will alienate the residents who greatly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, educational and shopping needs. The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have affinity with a rurally based seat. I also

- Text: believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option. The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate would disadvantage the residents of these areas thus we would NOT be provided with equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to our elected representative. Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary. I thank you for your consideration.

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Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 1:04pm

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts - Eric jerichoo  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 1:07:34 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts** from **Eric jerichoo**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Eric jerichoo
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: Unit 53/109 high fields road High fields 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: Don't change the electorate for high fields - we are part of Toowoomba, not some rural electorate !
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Submission ID: 63589

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 1:07pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Matt McLeish  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 1:12:06 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Matt McLeish**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Matt McLeish
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 32 Equestrian Drive Yamanto 4305

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I object to the reclassification of boundaries for Toowoomba North. The districts of Highfields etc. are conjoint with Toowoomba on all levels - govt,(local state and federal), services(Health, public service departments and associated services, Police, Transport, Development and economic considerations. the region needs to be integral to Toowoomba as part of the electoral system just as all other systems supporting the City and region for constituents, business and services.
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [enquiries@elections.qld.gov.au](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Steven Paull  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 1:20:26 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Steven Paull**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Steven Paull
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 27 Reis Road Highfields

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Like many people I know, I live in Highfields but I own and operate a business based in Toowoomba. I do not want my business represented by one electorate and myself by another – it is not truly representative of my community.
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Submission ID: 63592

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 1:20pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [wccsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Annamaria Zuccoli  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 1:26:00 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Annamaria Zuccoli**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Annamaria Zuccoli
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 5 Anna-Maria Street Blue Mountain Heights 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Please do NOT change the electorate boundaries. I do not like the idea of my representative living far from this area. Thank you.
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Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 1:25pm

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**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** re-submission  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Bill Simmons  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 1:36:24 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Bill Simmons**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Bill Simmons
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 5 Ashley Court HIGHFIELDS Q 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:

Dear Chairperson, I write to express my utter disbelief of the rationale behind the ALP's proposed redistribution submission for Highfields & Blue Mountain Heights. Highfields & Blue Mountain Heights have a close relationship with the Toowoomba North community and should remain as such. The idea of changing the boundary of an area that is within 13km of the Toowoomba area and all residents within this area access and use the facilities of the Toowoomba area absolutely amazes me and begs the question as to the motivation. My daughter attends St Ursula's College and my wife works at Toowoomba East State School. Toowoomba & Highfields are intimately intermingled in the sporting and social culture of the area and Highfields should be seen as another suburb of Toowoomba rather than a rural area outside Toowoomba. With the current work on the Toowoomba 2nd range by-pass under construction at present will bring Highfields and in particular Blue Mountain Heights into a closer relationship with the Toowoomba area with the main through fare going right through the middle. Therefore, it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary. I thank you for your consideration.
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [presubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - David Melandri  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 1:48:31 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **David Melandri**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: David Melandri
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 12 Cecil Crescent Highfields QLD 4352



**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

My family and I have lived at this address, which is in the Toowoomba North electorate, for in excess of 25 years. I have watched this area expand and grow from a semi-rural township under the Crows Nest Shire, to become part of the greater Toowoomba Area under the current Toowoomba Regional Shire. There are now in excess of 5,000 homes in Highfields. This is no longer a semi-rural area and should not be the subject of an electoral boundary change which, in effect, moves our political representation further away. I live in Highfields but volunteer in a community based organisation in Toowoomba. As part of a team, I represent over 700 Widows most of whom are in the electorates of Toowoomba North and Toowoomba South. The local council has recognised the strong community ties between Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities, Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play across Toowoomba and Highfields – not Highfields and rural areas to our North. Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Another important point that must be considered is that the existing electorate is a source of workforce and small business for both Highfields and Toowoomba areas. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region. Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights stops on a regular basis throughout the day. There is no such

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correlation with buses and routes from here to other centres outside of long-range bus routes. Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights has notoriously poor mobile phone reception as well as a lack of NBN. My methods of fast access and communication with my member if they are remotely located are limited, whereas I can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently in Toowoomba North. Also many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication or access to private transport in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents. The redistribution of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will financially and socially isolate and deny this community equal and appropriate access to their elected representative. Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate. All school children in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights attend public or private schools in Highfields or Toowoomba with all teens in Grade 10 to 12 attending High School in Toowoomba. The Toowoomba Region includes both Highfields and Toowoomba – with similar rating levels, requirements for new developments, shared social events and reciprocal membership rights at the council pool and gymnasiums of each. Restoring the “unique historical identity” to the former Crow’s Nest Shire, as mentioned in the ALP submission, no longer bears any relevance to Highfields. The submission notes “many long term residents hold a special affinity to the old shire” but fails to give regard to the reality that the totality of “long-term residents” is a very small fraction of total residents of Highfields due to the very significant growth of new developments and new homes with the accompanying influx of new residents. The submission refers to something which cannot be restored, a rural community... which Highfields is not and will never be again. I would ask that the Commission disregard the ALP submission with respect to removing Highfields from Toowoomba North – we belong where we are.

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Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 1:48pm

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**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Brett Lyons  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 1:56:56 PM

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## Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Brett Lyons**

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### Contact Details

- Name: Brett Lyons
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 9 McLachlan Dr Highfields QLD 4352



### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

Dear Chairperson, I have recently become aware of a submission to review the state electorate boundaries of Toowoomba North. The proposal to exclude the Highfields region from the Toowoomba North electorate makes absolutely no sense and reeks of political gamesmanship. I have lived in the Highfields and Cabarlah areas for over 15 years. Through this time I have traveled to Toowoomba almost every day for work, education, sporting and many other reasons. In the same time period I have been to Kingaroy twice (once with a school trip and once for work purposes) and probably passed through Nanango on both occasions to get there. I want my local parliamentary representative to be local, not some hundreds of kilometers away. I strongly consider Highfields to be an outer suburb of Toowoomba and I suspect most Highfields residents would agree. Toowoomba is widely known as one Australia's fastest growing regions and the growth of Highfields is a big part of that. The many many people moving into the Highfields area doing so because of its proximity to Toowoomba, not because of the small country towns to the north. The submission suggests a reason for the boundary change is to help restore Highfields history as part of the Crows Nest Shire area. Sure, this is a reason, but it isn't a very good one. As mentioned, Highfields is an extremely fast growing suburb. The number of long term residents

- Text: who have an affinity with Crows Nest Shire would be extremely low and, as growth continues, will proportionally lessen. Newer residents to Highfields will hold no affinity with the Crows Nest Shire. At the last state election the votes cast in Highfields polling booths heavily favoured one political party over the others.

Irrespective of my personal voting preferences, I can't help but feel that this is a maneuver to counter that trend by simply removing those booths from the seat of Toowoomba North. In your consideration of this issue I ask that the commission makes the appropriate decision to keep Highfields inside the Toowoomba North electorate boundary. Kind Regards, Brett Lyons

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Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 1:56pm

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**To:** [ircsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Paul Webb  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 2:00:10 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Paul Webb**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Paul Webb
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 5(b) David St Toowoomba Q 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text: 

Hello, Suggested changes to Toowoomba North to exclude Highfields and to include Harristown make no sense based on social structures and logistics. Highfields is closely integrated into the Toowoomba Community. The only long term residents I know who lived in Highfields prior to its urbanisation are now happy to engage with Toowoomba for any needs not filled locally in Highfields. The historic links with rural towns such as Crows Nest are now obsolete. In fact, I would suggest that areas to the immediate North and West of Highfields could be included in Toowoomba North as residents are more closely connected with Toowoomba for services and shopping needs. Moving the boundary South of James St for only the section West of Ruthven can only lead to confusion and frustration. Such a move could only be regarded as blatant Gerrymandering given the demographic of Harristown lending to Labor Party affiliation. If the line was to shift to South St it should be shifted to South St all the way east to the eastern boundary to allow clarity for residents. This would, however significantly alter the Toowoomba South Electorate as it would remove a significant number of "inner city" residents from both East and West of Ruthven St. Sincerely, Paul Webb
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [getsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - David Caswell  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 2:00:11 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **David Caswell**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: David Caswell
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 60 New England Highway Mount Kynoch 4350

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: If the boundary of North Toowoomba is shifted will I still be in the Toowoomba North electorate. I pay rates for Toowoomba Council. Trevor Watts has been very helpful as the local member.
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [occsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Paul and Pamela RICHTER  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 2:03:22 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Paul and Pamela RICHTER**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Paul and Pamela RICHTER
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 13 Highgrove Drive, HIGHFIELDS 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: It is strategic and practical that Highfields stays in present district and not be changed. We have for years relied on strong commitments and personal connections with Toowoomba CBD for medical, dental, schools and many other reasons to REMAIN as part of Toowoomba North. We do not want change and consider Highfields instrumental to Toowoomba's economic growth in many ways. Please keep us in our present located area and not change.
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**From:** [mford25 mford25](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** Electoral boundary changes  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 2:42:15 PM

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I consider that the idea of moving Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights to a rural electorate wrong. These two areas have long considered themselves as part of Toowoomba and rely on that city for most of their major services such as health, education and retail shopping. They are not rural but urban and are classified statistically as part of the Toowoomba Urban Area.

Rod Ford  
1/4a Wyndham St  
North Toowoomba Qld 4350



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [pre-submissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts - Pat Beattie  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 2:49:42 PM

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## Online submission for All Districts from Pat Beattie

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### Contact Details

- Name: Pat Beattie
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 82 Jellicoe St North Toowoomba



### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts

A great many residents of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights, moved to this area from within Toowoomba because Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is, effectively, an outer suburb of Toowoomba. The local council has recognised the strong community ties between Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities, Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play across Toowoomba and Highfields – not Highfields and rural areas to our North. Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Another important point that must be considered is that the existing electorate is a source of workforce and small business for both Highfields and Toowoomba areas. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region. Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights stops on a regular basis throughout the day. There is no such correlation with buses and routes from here to other centres outside of long-range bus routes. Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights has poor mobile phone reception as well as a lack of NBN. Methods of fast access and communication with the local member if they are remotely located are limited, whereas people can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently in Toowoomba North. Also many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication or access to private transport in which to

- communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. Residents are only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents. The redistribution of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will financially and socially isolate and deny this community equal and appropriate access to their elected representative. In the event Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is redistributed to another electorate this will isolate a significant proportion of this community and deny equal and appropriate access to their elected representative resulting in the following:-
- Text: Need to travel a greater distance to meet with their elected member No public transport available to areas other than to Toowoomba for those without private transport Cost of telephone calls will financially impact the residents Electronic communication connectivity unreliable For seniors who resides in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights and are the recipients of home care that comes from Toowoomba. Those who are too old to drive, rely on the public transport system to get to Toowoomba along with those who visit the Centrelink office, go to the base hospital. For those who might pay friends a visit who live in nursing homes Transport becomes a real problem as all of these places are in Toowoomba. Practically everything they need is in Toowoomba. People want to stay in their own home and don't want to be isolated from the services they need including direct access to their elected representative to do this. Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate. All school children in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights attend public or private schools in Highfields or Toowoomba with all teens in Grade 10 to 12 attending High School in Toowoomba. The typical Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights resident rarely travels north of Highfields. All hospitals, local, state and federal services, private enterprise, entertainment, events, shows and the like are either in Highfields or, more commonly, in Toowoomba. The Toowoomba Region includes both Highfields and Toowoomba – with similar rating levels, requirements for new developments, shared social events and reciprocal membership rights at the council pool and gymnasiums of each. Restoring the “unique historical identity” to the former Crow’s Nest Shire, as mentioned in the ALP submission, no longer bears any relevance to Highfields. The submission notes “many long term residents hold a special affinity to the old shire” but fails to give regard to the reality that the totality of “long-term residents” is a very small fraction of total residents of Highfields due to the very significant growth of new developments and new homes with the accompanying influx of new residents. The submission refers to something which cannot be restored, a rural community... which Highfields is not and will never be again. I would ask that the Commission disregard the ALP submission with respect to removing Highfields from Toowoomba North – we belong where we are.
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [gr-submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Geoff Adams  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 2:58:36 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Geoff Adams**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Geoff Adams
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 7 Crestview Crescent Blue Mountain Heights Toowoomba

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

The Chairman, State Electoral Boundaries Review 17/8/16 Dear sir,  
The communities of Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields have a community of interest with Toowoomba City, not with other localities, and certainly not the former Crow's Nest Shire. These two communities are for all intents and purposes, part of a conurbation with Toowoomba. Residents here do business and retail activities in Toowoomba, and social activities are centred around Toowoomba.
- Text: Local government has been centred on Toowoomba for over a decade, and generally speaking, the aforesaid communities have benefited by improved planning from a better coordinated approach (such as water reticulation and supply issues). More than 5000 vehicle movements per day occur on the Toowoomba to Highfields section of the New England Highway, attesting to the community of interest - education and employment in particular. It would therefore appear logical to retain local and state government representatives in close proximity because of this community of interest, as it would be for the balance population of rural dwellers.
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Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 2:58pm

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**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** or submissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Maria Sloane  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 2:59:05 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Maria Sloane**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Maria Sloane
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 66 Hume Street Toowoomba

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I have recently become aware that the State Government has put in an application to change the boundaries of my electorate without any consultation to its constituents. The idea to change some residents in North Toowoomba to Crows Nest is impractical as their reprehensive would not be based in Toowoomba and for residents of Highfields they are more inclined to travel into Toowoomba as that is where most resident will shop and attend to medical appointments as Toowoomba is a big medical hub. To have our member based out of an area accessible by all constituents is impractical.
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Submission ID: 63604

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 2:59pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** [presubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Lesley Smith  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 3:06:29 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Lesley Smith**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Lesley Smith
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 24 Berghofer Drive Highfields 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I certainly do not agree with the change of electrical boundaries for Highfields or Blue Mountains Heights. We are classed as suburbs of Toowoomba so should remain in Toowoomba North - I think we have had enough of governments making changes for the sake of change.
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Submission ID: 63605

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 3:06pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** [en-submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Peter Wicks  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 3:19:53 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Peter Wicks**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Peter Wicks
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 66 Debra Street, CENTENARY HEIGHTS. QLD 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Dear Commisioners, There is no logical basis for removing the districts of Highfields and Blue Mountains Estate from the electorate of Toowoomba North. These districts identify with the urban settlement of Toowoomba rather than outlying rural areas. I understand most of the adults who live there work and shop in Toowoomba. Both the districts have benefitted considerably from the energetic representations of the present Mp for Toowoomba North, especially in euicational provision. I respectfully urge you to retain the present electoral boundary for Toowoomba North.
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Submission ID: 63606

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 3:19pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87





**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [resubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Lynette Zuccoli  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 3:24:21 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Lynette Zuccoli**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Lynette Zuccoli
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11033 New England Highway Blue Mountain Heights Qld. 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I expect our local member representing our residents to have a firm and wide knowledge of the area they are representing. It is not possible to do this if they are living at a distance which would preclude personal and involved contact with the people in a vast area.
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Submission ID: 63612

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 3:24pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** [ircsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Peter Fisher  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 3:43:17 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Peter Fisher**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Peter Fisher
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2 Honeyeater Dr Highfields QLD 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

My submission is that Highfields remain part of the Toowoomba North electorate. Rationale The Australian Labor Party submission to the review of State electorate districts recommends in part: "Highfields area being removed from the Toowoomba North electorate ..." and that "Doing so will help restore the Highfields Region's unique historical identity as part of the former Crows Nest Shire Council Local Government area." I contend that the Labor Party submission is in error. Highfields is a large, predominantly urban, outer suburb of Toowoomba, being only 10km from the current northern edge of the city. The residents of Highfields have little or no connection to Crows Nest and most rarely visit the town as it is 30km in distance and offers no facilities that are not available closer. Highfields as an urban community would also have little in common if moved to a rural electorate as proposed by the Labor party.
- Text:
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Submission ID: 63613

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 3:43pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [circsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Vanessa Moore  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 3:43:26 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Vanessa Moore**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Vanessa Moore
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 15 Holly Avenue Highfields Q 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

Please keep the Toowoomba North Electoral boundaries as they are. To change will only be confusing given that residents are now familiar with the local council boundaries (Toowoomba Regional Council). Access to MP's is also important and they would not easily be available to residence in Blue Mountains/Highfields if boundaries change. We love our semi-rural living but it is vital to be apart of an urban electorate. Keep things as they are - if it's not broken why change it.....
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Submission ID: 63614

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 3:43pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Rhonda Theodosia  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 4:15:16 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Rhonda Theodosia**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Rhonda Theodosia
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 1A James Street Redwood 4350

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

Hello. I am so sick of everyone who has no knowledge of the workings of this town and the people and everything that goes with it sticking their noses in and screwing up what has been achieved so far. If we didn't have Trevor Watts in our electorate who has achieved so much for the city of Toowoomba inclusive of Highfields and the Blue Mountains nothing would get done. Now you want to take these suburbs out of his electorate and give it to some????????? who probably wouldn't have the gusto, intelligence, forethought, knowledge of how to get things done etc. It is only when someone makes an impression and puts these areas on the map that someone takes notice of all of a sudden and wants to screw it up. Highfields is a suburb of Toowoomba and the Blue Mountain Estate I can see from my house. They are not in the middle of nowhere but they are attached to Toowoomba where families can have the luxury of bigger blocks, views, tranquility and still work and school their children in Toowoomba. Leave it alone. It works as it is.

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Submission ID: 63615

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 4:15pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** redistribution  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Graeme Ratcliffe  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 4:29:15 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Graeme Ratcliffe**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Graeme Ratcliffe
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 39 Macfarlan Street Birkdale QLD

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights are part of greater Toowoomba. The Queensland Redistribution Commission has a responsibility to maintain, as much as possible, the geographical and community integrity of all divisions, including Toowoomba. It would be strange to separate the residents of these neighbourhoods from the rest of the city. It would be cruel to put the voters therein so far away from the offices of their local member of state parliament. Thank you for your time.
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Submission ID: 63617

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 4:29pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** [greggall@qrc.org.au](mailto:greggall@qrc.org.au)  
**Subject:** All Districts, Toowoomba North - Greg Gall  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 4:45:41 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts, Toowoomba North** from **Greg Gall**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Greg Gall
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 12 Woolmer Road Highfields

#### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts, Toowoomba North
- Text: Changing the Highfields are from an electoral association with Toowoomba would be completely ridiculous, and would severely restrict my political rights. I need a member who would understand my political needs, and with whom I can discuss my needs. This would not happen if my member was hundreds of kilometres away.
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Submission ID: 63619

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 4:45pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** are submissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Ian Feeney  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 4:51:59 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Ian Feeney**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Ian Feeney
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2 Blue Meadow Ct., Blue Mountain Heights, Qld 4350

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Blue Mountain Heights is a suburb of Toowoomba. It contains the water reservoir and overlooks Toowoomba. Access to our State member is good at present. If the boundary were shifted the people of Blue Mountain Heights and the rapidly expanding area of Highfields would be removed from the close immediate access to our elected representative.
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Submission ID: 63620

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 4:51pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** circoban@qld.gov.au  
**Subject:** All Districts, Toowoomba North - Leanne Andrews  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 5:42:56 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts, Toowoomba North** from **Leanne Andrews**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Leanne Andrews
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 Garvan Court Highfields Qld 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts, Toowoomba North
  - Text: I don't wish for our electorate to be changed.
  - File Upload: No file uploaded
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Submission ID: 63621

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 5:42pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88





**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [pre-submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Jacob Carlile  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 6:49:17 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Jacob Carlile**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Jacob Carlile
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 1 Rosewall Court Mount Kynoch QLD 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text: 

Hi there, I feel very strongly that Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields should remain a part of the Toowoomba North electorate. As a resident of these areas I believe that these areas play an integral role in the Toowoomba community and splitting these off to another electorate simply wouldn't make sense as they so easily feed off of one another. I urge the commission to rethink this proposal, a majority of residents from both Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights travel into Toowoomba for work, shopping and schooling every day as a part of their daily routine. By splitting these two electorates a wedge would be driven between the people of Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights, people may reconsider bringing their business into Toowoomba as it no longer achieves anything for their 'home'. I believe that the member for Toowoomba North Trevor Watts is a fantastic representation of the people of Toowoomba North and knows what is right for this electorate, given he doesn't agree with this proposal it says something about how the residents feel too. Once again I strongly urge the commission to rethink their decision and listen to our local member as we elected him as he knows what is best for the people of Toowoomba North. Thank you for the opportunity to bring this concern forward.  
Kind Regards, Jacob Carlile
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Submission ID: 63624

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 6:49pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Redistribution](#)  
**To:** [elections](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Greg Borger  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 6:53:23 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Greg Borger**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Greg Borger
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 10 Currawong Drive, Highfields. Qld. 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I would like to submit that the suburbs of Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights should remain part of the Toowoomba North electorate. These suburbs are an integral part of the wider Toowoomba community with the majority of workers living in these suburbs actually commuting to Toowoomba for work. As such it makes sense for these areas to maintain their association with the Toowoomba North electorate and allow residents ready access to their local member of parliament.
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Submission ID: 63625

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 6:53pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Michael Ward  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 7:09:44 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Michael Ward**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Michael Ward
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2 Berghofer Drive Highfields 4352



**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

1. A great many residents of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights, such as myself, moved to this area from within Toowoomba because Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is, effectively, an outer suburb of Toowoomba. 2. Like many people I know, I live in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights but own and operate a business based in Toowoomba. I do not want my business represented by one electorate and myself by another – it is not truly representative of my community. 3. The local council has recognised the strong community ties between Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities, Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play across Toowoomba and Highfields – not Highfields and rural areas to our North. 4. Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. 5. Another important point that must be considered is that the existing electorate is a source of workforce and small business for both Highfields and Toowoomba areas. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region. 6. Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights stops on a regular basis throughout the day. There is no such correlation with buses and routes from here to other centres outside of long-range bus routes. 7. Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights has poor mobile phone reception as well as a lack of NBN. My methods of fast access and communication with my

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member if they are remotely located are limited, whereas I can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently in Toowoomba North. Also many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication or access to private transport in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents. 8. The redistribution of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will financially and socially isolate and deny this community equal and appropriate access to their elected representative. 9. In the event Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is redistributed to another electorate this will isolate a significant proportion of this community and deny equal and appropriate access to their elected representative resulting in the following:- 1. Need to travel a greater distance to meet with their elected member 2. No public transport available to areas other than to Toowoomba for those without private transport 3. Cost of telephone calls will financially impact the residents 4. Electronic communication connectivity unreliable 5. Inability to access or use of computer 10. I am a senior who resides in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights. I am the recipient of home care that comes from Toowoomba. As I am too old to drive, I rely on the public transport system to get to Toowoomba. I visit the Centrelink office every now and then, I go to the base hospital, I might pay some friends a visit who live in nursing homes and I am a member of the Senior Citizens Association. All of these places are in Toowoomba. Practically everything I need is in Toowoomba. I want to stay in my home and I don't want to be isolated from the services that I need including direct access to my elected representative to do this. 11. Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate. 12. All school children in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights attend public or private schools in Highfields or Toowoomba with all teens in Grade 10 to 12 attending High School in Toowoomba. 13. The typical Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights resident rarely travels north of Highfields. All hospitals, local, state and federal services, private enterprise, entertainment, events, shows and the like are either in Highfields or, more commonly, in Toowoomba. 14. The Toowoomba Region includes both Highfields and Toowoomba – with similar rating levels, requirements for new developments, shared social events and reciprocal membership rights at the council pool and gymnasiums of each. 15. Restoring the “unique historical identity” to the former Crow's Nest Shire, as mentioned in the ALP submission, no longer bears any relevance to Highfields. The submission notes “many long term residents hold a special affinity to the old shire” but fails to give regard to the reality that the totality of “long-term residents” is a very small fraction of total residents of Highfields due to the very significant growth of new developments and new homes with the accompanying influx of new residents. The submission refers to

something which cannot be restored, a rural community... which Highfields is not and will never be again. I would ask that the Commission disregard the ALP submission with respect to removing Highfields from Toowoomba North – we belong where we are.

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Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 7:09pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88

**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Holly Sheehan  
**Date:** Wednesday, 17 August 2016 11:58:44 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Holly Sheehan**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Holly Sheehan
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: Dunbar court Highfields

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
  - Text: I don't believe that the boundary should be changed. Highfields should have a LOCAL member.
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Submission ID: 63627

Time of Submission: 17 Aug 2016 11:58pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87





**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [presubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Steven Ronald Dudley  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2016 4:35:34 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Steven Ronald Dudley**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Steven Ronald Dudley
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 4 McLachlan Drive HIGHFIELDS 4352



#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

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Submission ID: 63628

Time of Submission: 18 Aug 2016 4:35am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87


**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts - Eric  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2016 8:10:58 AM

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## Online submission for **All Districts** from **Eric**

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### Contact Details

- Name: Eric
- Email: 
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2a Fernside street Toowoomba Q'ld 4350

### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: I object to changes to the electoral boundary proposed for the Toowoomba North Electorate. I would like Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights to remain in the Toowoomba community
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Submission ID: 63629

Time of Submission: 18 Aug 2016 8:10am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [re:submissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Judith Mills  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2016 8:20:44 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Judith Mills**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Judith Mills
- Email: [\[redacted\]](#)
- Phone Number: [\[redacted\]](#)
- Residential Address: 8 Kettle Street Rockville Q 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: As a past resident of Highfields and with family living in Highfields I feel strongly about leaving the control of Highfields in the North Toowoomba district. It is no further away than some suburbs in Toowoomba. The community services are accessed by most residents in Highfields
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Submission ID: 63630

Time of Submission: 18 Aug 2016 8:20am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** gresubmissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Lindsay Southwell  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2016 8:39:56 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Lindsay Southwell**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Lindsay Southwell
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 9 Northland Street Newtown 4350



**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

Mr H. W. H. Botting Chairperson Queensland Redistribution Commission Level 6, Forestry House 160 Mary Street Brisbane Q. 4001 Dear Chairperson, Thank you for considering my submission regarding the review of State electorate boundaries. I wish to comment regarding Highfields which is a township currently in the electorate of Toowoomba North and is regarded as part of the City of Toowoomba on the Great Dividing Range. I am concerned that the commission may consider moving the northern boundary of Toowoomba North to the south of my community effectively placing us in a rural electorate. My family has lived in Highfields for eight years having moved here to a new estate from Newtown which is also in Toowoomba North. My wife works in Toowoomba each day and drops our 6 year old off at school to Toowoomba North State School as it is close to her workplace allowing less disruption to her work day to collect him after school. Our middle daughter attends high school at Downlands College, a private school midway between Highfields and Toowoomba's town centres. The eldest finished school last year at Toowoomba State High School and is now studying at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba, living at home with us still and working weekends at a local café as well as some times in a Toowoomba City bar. I work operate a plumbing business covering Toowoomba and Highfields with my depot in central Toowoomba. On weekends we attend public and community events across Toowoomba and Highfields. Our son is a member of the Toowoomba Rugby League and plays regularly. We are members of the Toowoomba Sports Club and Toowoomba Hockey Club. We rarely travel north of Highfields and feel a close community connection as part of the wider Toowoomba community. I believe we are quite typical of the family residents of Highfields and I trust you will note that our lifestyles place us firmly in metropolitan Toowoomba as opposed to a rural

- Text:

electorate. It would be a great shame to detract from the strong community mindedness of the region by cutting our common representation by Toowoomba North. Thank you again for considering my submission. 2) I write to express my opinion that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is part of the wider community of Toowoomba and should remain part of the Toowoomba North electorate to ensure we continue to receive representation that reflects our community of social and economic ties. All my children attend school in Toowoomba. My husband and I work in Toowoomba, as well as socialise, attend events and have friends within Toowoomba. Most children living here attend school either in Highfields or Toowoomba. Currently year 11 and 12 have no choice but to attend in Toowoomba and primary students have the option to attend schools in Toowoomba where their parent's work nearby. Our children also largely have their social connections, sporting events and more all within Toowoomba and Highfields, between which I do not really draw any distinction. Highfields is a thoroughly metropolitan area within Toowoomba and I believe it would be to the detriment of those strong community ties to move boundaries to include Highfields anywhere other than Toowoomba, especially where we became part of a rural electorate. 3) I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission. I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia. To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Highfields is located a short distance of 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for this suburb to remain part of Toowoomba. The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rurally based seat. I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option. The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative. Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary. I thank you for your consideration. 4) As a local resident of the Toowoomba North electorate for many years, I feel strongly against the redistribution boundaries proposed by the Australian Labor Party. It lacks any real understanding of my local community and its needs. The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will create great confusion and disruption for this community which is strongly linked both culturally and geographically to the city of Toowoomba. To redistribute Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights to a rural electorate will cause significant isolation and concerns for the residents needing to access the services of their elected representative. Many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic

communication in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents should their elected representative be located hundreds of kilometres away due to the difficulty of accessing available transport and the ongoing connectivity shortfalls regularly affecting this area. To avoid the isolation of this community I suggest that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate. I thank you for your consideration.

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Time of Submission: 18 Aug 2016 8:39am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87

**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Margot Douglas  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2016 10:55:58 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Margot Douglas**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Margot Douglas
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 45 Blue Gum Drive Highfields 4352.

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: We need to keep Highfields in the Toowoomba North boundary as it would suffer greatly due to lack of the availability of our local member. I personally am not able to travel to Nanango to talk to anyone if there is a need, at least having our local member "local" he/she is accessible all the times. Highfields is such a wonderful place to live & it would be a travesty if we were removed from the Toowoomba North region, so please, please DO NOT PUT US IN ANOTHER REGION. Yours Margot Douglas
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Time of Submission: 18 Aug 2016 10:55am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [gicsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Danielle Stephens  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2016 11:26:04 AM

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## Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Danielle Stephens**

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### Contact Details

- Name: Danielle Stephens
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 26 Patricia St Mount Lofty

### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

REASONS WHY CHANGING THE TOOWOOMBA NORTH ELECTORAL BOUNDARY SO THAT HIGHFIELDS AND BLUE MOUNTAIN HEIGHTS BECOMES PART OF A DIFFERENT ELECTIVE IS A BAD MOVE • The local council has recognised the strong community ties between Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities, Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play across Toowoomba and Highfields – not Highfields and rural areas to our North. • Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. • Another important point that must be considered is that the existing electorate is a source of workforce and small business for both Highfields and Toowoomba areas. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region. • Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights stops on a regular basis throughout the day. There is no such correlation with buses and routes from here to other centres outside of long-range bus routes. • Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights has poor mobile phone reception as well as a lack of NBN. My methods of fast access and communication with my member if they are remotely located are limited, whereas I can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently in Toowoomba North. Also many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication or access to



private transport in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents. • The redistribution of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will financially and socially isolate and deny this community equal and appropriate access to their elected representative. • In the event Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is redistributed to another electorate this will isolate a significant proportion of this community and deny equal and appropriate access to their elected representative resulting in the following:-

- o Need to travel a greater distance to meet with their elected member
- o No public transport available to areas other than to Toowoomba for those without private transport
- o Cost of telephone calls will financially impact the residents
- o Electronic communication connectivity unreliable
- o Inability to access or use of computer

• I am a senior who resides in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights. I am the recipient of home care that comes from Toowoomba. As I am too old to drive, I rely on the public transport system to get to Toowoomba. I visit the Centrelink office every now and then, I go to the base hospital, I might pay some friends a visit who live in nursing homes and I am a member of the Senior Citizens Association. All of these places are in Toowoomba. Practically everything I need is in Toowoomba. I want to stay in my home and I don't want to be isolated from the services that I need including direct access to my elected representative to do this. • Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate. • All school children in Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights attend public or private schools in Highfields or Toowoomba with all teens in Grade 10 to 12 attending High School in Toowoomba. • The typical Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights resident rarely travels north of Highfields. All hospitals, local, state and federal services, private enterprise, entertainment, events, shows and the like are either in Highfields or, more commonly, in Toowoomba. • The Toowoomba Region includes both Highfields and Toowoomba – with similar rating levels, requirements for new developments, shared social events and reciprocal membership rights at the council pool and gymnasiums of each. • Restoring the “unique historical identity” to the former Crow’s Nest Shire, as mentioned in the ALP submission, no longer bears any relevance to Highfields. The submission notes “many long term residents hold a special affinity to the old shire” but fails to give regard to the reality that the totality of “long-term residents” is a very small fraction of total residents of Highfields due to the very significant growth of new developments and new homes with the accompanying influx of new residents. The submission refers to something which cannot be restored, a rural community... which Highfields is not and will never be again. I would ask that the Commission disregard the ALP submission with respect to removing Highfields from Toowoomba North – we belong where we are.

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Submission ID: 63634

Time of Submission: 18 Aug 2016 11:26am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87

**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** [ECQ] (ECQ-13392) OBJECTION TO Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2016 11:30:02 AM

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ECQ-13392:

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Summary: OBJECTION TO Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission

Key: ECQ-13392

Reporter: Sara Ann Ryan

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission.

I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia.

To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs.

Highfields is located a short distance of 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for this suburb to remain part of Toowoomba.

The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rurally based seat.

I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative.

Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary.

I thank you for your consideration.

Regards  
Sara Ryan  
10 Buena Vista Crescent, Blue Mountain Heights QLD 4350

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**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Patricia Gall  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2016 12:50:00 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Patricia Gall**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Patricia Gall
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 12 Woolmer Road, Highfields. 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
  - Text: I object to the proposal of joining Highfields and Blue Mountains with a neighbouring rural electorate. I wish these areas to remain with the North Toowoomba electorate. My political rights, and those of my electorate, would be denied if my local member was not a local resident of the area in which I reside.
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Submission ID: 63644

Time of Submission: 18 Aug 2016 12:49pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [pre-submissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts, Toowoomba North - Douglas and Judith Hemmings  
**Date:** Thursday, 18 August 2016 5:12:23 PM

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**Online submission for All Districts, Toowoomba North from Douglas and Judith Hemmings**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Douglas and Judith Hemmings
- Email: [\[REDACTED\]](#)
- Phone Number: [\[REDACTED\]](#)
- Residential Address: 12 Harvey Road Glenvale Toowoomba 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts, Toowoomba North

We do not wish to have Highfields and Blue Mountains put into another electorate zone. Sick of Labor shifting posts when they feel like it. They caused all the havoc changing zones in Council. Have destroyed Queensland. Want to practice what they preach. I have written to several ministers with regards to Me doing School Crossing and had to give it away for safety reasons. They didn't care when you complained you got kicks. Look at Sonya Kupfer who went to police lying that I stalked her. I wasn't around was travelling Australia. I also got told to return my Jacket, raincoat ect. No one else did. Also was seen spying on me. No support given by QT and Main Roads. That was when labor was in power including Anastacia premier now was a minister. Anna Bligh etc. Rachel Nolan was minister for QT. Cannot trust any of your ministers. Had a gut full and cannot trust you lot. You will just do what you want and they will say yes sir yes sir Jump how high. No one has balls anymore. Look at Shorten ripping off money from CFMEU. That minister that hit put into jail and just last year released. He was a terrible person whilst in lock up. So he could get points. Gee never hear anymore what happens after. I should have got police to take further action with Sonya Kupfer but stupid me. They got her out and got her another govt. job in Relationship Australia. Toowoomba. Still not too late to take action. Judith Hemmings

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Time of Submission: 18 Aug 2016 5:12pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87





**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Adam Garvin  
**Date:** Friday, 19 August 2016 7:40:43 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Adam Garvin**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Adam Garvin
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 2 Traves Court Highfields Qld 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: In relation to any proposal to remove Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights from Toowoomba North, I would like to lodge my objection.
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Submission ID: 63708

Time of Submission: 19 Aug 2016 7:40pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87





**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** [presentations](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Michael Blakeney  
**Date:** Saturday, 20 August 2016 2:27:23 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Michael Blakeney**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Michael Blakeney
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 2 Rannerdale Close Toowoomba Q 4350

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate.

- Text: Restoring the "unique historical identity" to the former Crow's Nest Shire, as mentioned in the ALP submission, no longer bears any relevance to Highfields. The submission notes "many long term residents hold a special affinity to the old shire" but fails to give regard to the reality that the totality of "long-term residents" is a very small fraction of total residents of Highfields due to the very significant growth of new developments and new homes with the accompanying influx of new residents. The submission refers to something which cannot be restored, a rural community... which Highfields is not and will never be again. I would ask that the Commission disregard the ALP submission with respect to removing Highfields from Toowoomba North – we belong where we are.
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Submission ID: 63709

Time of Submission: 20 Aug 2016 2:27pm

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [presubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Albert, Broadwater, Coomera, Gaven - Christopher Johnson  
**Date:** Saturday, 20 August 2016 8:11:51 PM

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Online submission for **Albert, Broadwater, Coomera, Gaven** from **Christopher Johnson**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Christopher Johnson
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 120 River Meadows Drive Upper Coomera, Q 4209

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Albert, Broadwater, Coomera, Gaven

Dear Commissioner, An interesting read of all 41 submissions. I would like to comment with regards to my own area around the Coomera/Upper Coomera area. Having lived at this address for the past 13 years, we have seen the bewildering growth in our area in this time. The current seat of Albert has become well over numbers and it is appropriate that redistribution, at this time look at moving the boundaries in the highlighted electorates. Having looked at previous redistributions, the seat of Albert encompassed local areas which are presently cut off by the M1. This is also noted in my own local area, and would suggest the southern boundary of Albert be moved north to the Albert River and the east boundary moved east to capture the Beenleigh/Mt Warren Park communities. Like wise, the seat of Coomera would benefit the Coomera /Upper Coomera community if it was to move west to to capture both Coomera and Upper Coomera with the north boundary of the Albert River and the south boundary of the Coomera River. East & west boundaries with the currently existing boundaries of Broadwater and Beaudesert.. Gaven would then reclaim the area north to the Coomera River.

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Submission ID: 63710

Time of Submission: 20 Aug 2016 8:11pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88







**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [presubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Vicki Howard  
**Date:** Saturday, 20 August 2016 10:05:12 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Vicki Howard**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Vicki Howard
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 6 Pamela Ct Highfields Qld 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: As part of Toowoomba Regional Council, Highfields should remain within the boundaries of Toowoomba North electorate. Highfields is a residential suburban area strongly connected to Toowoomba city.
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Submission ID: 63711

Time of Submission: 20 Aug 2016 10:05pm

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**From:** Saunders  
**To:** qrs-submissions@qld.gov.au  
**Subject:** Callide - Terence Cleary  
**Date:** Saturday, 20 August 2016 10:50:59 PM

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Online submission for **Callide** from **Terence Cleary**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Terence Cleary
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 47 Lilyvale Rd Gayndah Qld 4625

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Callide
- Text: 

I wish to comment on the LNP submission relating Callide/Nanango boundary, in and particular the township of Gayndah. I feel it is better for the township of Gayndah and its immediate surrounds to be naturally associated with the electorate of Nanango and the South Burnett. Gayndah is in an area known as the Central Burnett. The rest of the North Burnett shire is suitable to be within the Callide electorate, which then extends further into the Callide and Dawson valleys. Gayndah has little association with these areas. Whilst Gayndah is located within the North Burnett local government boundary, being Centrally within the Burnett region it can fit in better demographically with the South Burnett state issues and therefore be a natural part of the Nanango Electorate.
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Submission ID: 63712

Time of Submission: 20 Aug 2016 10:50pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88





**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** All Districts - Melanie  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:14:25 PM

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## Online submission for **All Districts** from **Melanie**

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### Contact Details

- Name: Melanie
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: Merrol Street Highfields

### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
  - Text: I disagree with the change to have Highfields and Blue Mountain heights changed to another electorate. It took more than 20 years for their to be progress for a high school in this area and now we have 2. If were we to go back to the previous electorate we would be left behind the times again.
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Submission ID: 63724

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 6:25pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87




**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [recsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Edward John Shoesmith  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:14:25 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Edward John Shoesmith**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Edward John Shoesmith
- Email: 
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 7 Jenika Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

I write to express my opinion that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is part of the wider community of Toowoomba and should remain part of the Toowoomba North electorate to ensure we continue to receive representation that reflects our community and economic ties.
- Text: Highfields is a thoroughly metropolitan area within Toowoomba and I believe it would be to the detriment of those strong community ties to move boundaries to include Highfields anywhere other than Toowoomba, especially should we were to become part of a rural electorate. The association of Highfields with the previous Crows Nest Shire is a historical fact; however the future development and expansion of Highfields is dependent on its economic and community ties to Toowoomba.
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Submission ID: 63713

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 1:48pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Selena Protheroe  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:19:45 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Selena Protheroe**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Selena Protheroe
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 17 Federation Dr Highfields Q

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission. As a local resident of the Toowoomba North electorate for 10 years, I feel strongly against the redistribution boundaries proposed. I would like to be represented by someone who is local - to Toowoomba/Highfields. Although Highfields is well equipped I spend a lot of my week in Toowoomba at the shops, with my friends and for appointments etc. We have no connection to the outer rurally based proposed electorate. Thank you Selena Protheroe 21.08.16
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Submission ID: 63722

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 5:24pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [pre-submissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts, Stafford, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South - Gail Ward  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:24:25 PM

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**Online submission for All Districts, Stafford, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South from Gail Ward**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Gail Ward
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 29 Palmer Drive Highfields 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts, Stafford, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South
- Text: I strongly oppose the suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba north electorate. Highfields is located only a short distance from Toowoomba and most of our schools and services are located in Toowoomba. The removal of Highfields and blue mountain hights from the north Toowoomba electorate will create great confusion and disruption for this community. We all love being part of Toowoomba.
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Submission ID: 63718

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 4:15pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Albert - marlene ward  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:24:45 PM

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Online submission for **Albert** from **marlene ward**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: marlene ward
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 45 eagle drive eagleby

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Albert

- Text: 

To whom it may concern. My name is Marlene Ward, I am 71 years old, I have lived in Eagleby for the last 20 years. The reason I have decided to write this is because I feel the present boundaries have severely disadvantage my self and other residences of Eagleby. Our current member has his office at Hope Island in the Gold Coast. There is no public transport available too this area, and as a senior citizen I am unable to drive too that location. In the past Eagleby was in the Electate of Albert, and we had easy access to our Member, I respectfully ask that Eagleby be once again become part of the Electate of Albert.
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Submission ID: 63723

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 5:26pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [orcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts - Karen Lindsey  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:29:25 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts** from **Karen Lindsey**

**Contact Details**

- Name: Karen Lindsey
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2 Avonlea court

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts  
I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission. I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia. To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Highfields is located a short distance of 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for this suburb to remain part of Toowoomba. The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rurally based seat. I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option. The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative. Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary. I thank you for your consideration.
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [resubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South - Derek ward  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:34:25 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South** from **Derek ward**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Derek ward
- Email: [\[redacted\]](#)
- Phone Number: [\[redacted\]](#)
- Residential Address: 29 Palmer drive, Highfields. 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South
- Text: As a resident of Highfields I strongly object to the suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba electorate. Highfields is located only a short distance away from Toowoomba and is a natural progression for this suburb to remain part of Toowoomba. Most of the working population of Highfields work in Toowoomba, shop in Toowoomba and we all rely on our medical needs there too. I am strongly against the removal of Highfields from the Toowoomba electorate.
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Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 4:27pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88







**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** at-submissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Peter & Janice McGrath  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:34:36 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Peter & Janice McGrath**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Peter & Janice McGrath
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 10 Bronzewing Drive Highfields, Qld. 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

We have been living in Highfields for almost 8 years now and consider ourselves part of Toowoomba as all of our services are in Toowoomba - hospitals, doctors, specialists, solicitors, accountants, shopping centres, etc., not to mention most of our family. We would be very very disappointed if the electoral boundary was to be moved north of our district and we would feel very alienated from our communities which we have supported for many many years now, having lived and worked almost all our lives on the Darling Downs near Toowoomba. We have no need to ever travel north of Highfields and if the boundary was moved we would be many many hours drive away from our electoral office. Please we beg you to consider us in this regard and the loyalties we have towards our community. Regards, Peter & Janice McGrath
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Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 2:50pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** submissions  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Pamela Brogan  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:39:35 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Pamela Brogan**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Pamela Brogan
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 28/8 Highfields Rd HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

I live in Highfields which is to the north of Toowoomba & in the Toowoomba North electorate. Since I have lived here the area has grown & is fast becoming a part of Toowoomba city where we shop, do business, medical specialists, sporting etc. It does not make sense for this area to be connected to another rural area. The local council has recognised the strong community ties between Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities. Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play in both areas. Local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights stops on a regular basis throughout the day. I moved here from Brisbane because of its close relationship to Toowoomba & the Darling Downs, where I was born & grew up. This is NOT a good idea.
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Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 1:59pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88





**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Robert Mitchell  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:44:36 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Robert Mitchell**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Robert Mitchell
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 12 Cristina Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

I strongly believe Highfields should remain in the State Electorate of Toowoomba North. I live in the suburb of Highfields. Highfields is both a town and a locality north of Toowoomba along the New England Highway. It is situated on the Great Dividing Rangeslightly north of Mt Kynoch. It serves as a satellite town to the City of Toowoomba and houses many Toowoomba business employees. The people of Highfields regard Toowoomba as their main centre for health, business and social activities. We do not want our local member living in a town which is not at the heart of the electorate.
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Submission ID: 63717

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 3:26pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** Boundaries  
**To:** [enquiries@qrc.com.au](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Dr. Denise Spencer  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:54:35 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Dr. Denise Spencer**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Dr. Denise Spencer
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 130 Harch rd Highfields QLD, 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: To whom it may concern We are in a Highfields. We do not want to be removed from the Toowoomba North electorate. We want to be able to visit our local electoral office without driving great distances. Yours sincerely Dr. Denise Spencer
- File Upload: No file uploaded

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Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 2:24pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87





**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts - Karen Antuar  
**Date:** Sunday, 21 August 2016 11:59:25 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts** from **Karen Antuar**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Karen Antuar
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 7 Garvey Street Mt Lofty

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: I would like to register my protest at the suggested change of electoral area for Toowoomba North. The areas of Toowoomba North are within the boundaries of the city of Toowoomba or the council regional boundaries and I feel it would be very detrimental to change them to a rural electorate.
- File Upload: No file uploaded

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Submission ID: 63725

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 7:13pm

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - R M Campbell  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 12:09:25 AM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **R M Campbell**

#### Contact Details

- Name: R M Campbell
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 1/5 Sidney st Mt Lofty Toowoomba 4350

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I request that my representation remain Unchanged within the current boundaries of Toowoomba North . Thank you
- File Upload: No file uploaded

Submission ID: 63726

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 7:23pm

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Brian Alderton  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 12:14:25 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Brian Alderton**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Brian Alderton
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 14 Merrol Street Highfields

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
  - Text: The boundary should not be changed for any reason.
  - File Upload: No file uploaded
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Submission ID: 63727

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 7:27pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Andrew Maxwell  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 12:14:25 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Andrew Maxwell**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Andrew Maxwell
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 28 Diosma Drive, Highfields, Q, 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North  
Summary: I do NOT support this change. I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission. I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in Queensland and Australia. To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. High fields is located a short distance of 12.9 km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for this suburb to remain a part of Toowoomba. The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientation seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rurally based seat. I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the may "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option. The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative. Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remain with the Toowoomba North electorate boundary. Thank you for your consideration. In summary. There is virtually no community connection between Highfields and a rurally based electorate. Highfields is a northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate. I live in Highfields but work in Toowoomba, as do a majority of my neighbours. Many of my friends are Toowoomba and Highfields residents. We consider ourselves to be part of the same region and community.
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Submission ID: 63728

Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 8:36pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88





**From:** [Dana McCarthy](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North re-distribution  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 12:14:35 AM

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<http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/have-your-say/make-a-submission/submission>

I filled in the form submission at the above link but there was no where to submit, so maybe lost in space.

I want to disagree with the move of Highfields from Toowoomba North to a rural electorate to the north of the current Toowoomba North. I am concerned we will lose current services, especially public transport as limited as it is. Being a non-driver it is important to me.



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Denis Hathaway  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 12:19:25 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Denis Hathaway**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Denis Hathaway
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 19 Hendra Court Kleinton 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North  

Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate. We need common and consistent management of all infrastructure and services - public transport, bicycle paths, rubbish collections etc. Kleinton is at the northern extremity of Highfields and is part of an unbroken suburban area with Highfields. I consider it essential that Highfields and Kleinton should be part of the Toowoomba North electorate. Denis
- Text:
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Time of Submission: 21 Aug 2016 5:11pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Anna Maria Heron  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 1:48:23 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Anna Maria Heron**

#### Contact Details

- Name: Anna Maria Heron
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 1 Azalea Close, Highfields Qld 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

I have been very disappointed to find out today about a proposed redistribution of the Toowoomba North Electorate. My local member's office will no longer be within easy reach i.e. approx 15-20 minutes by road if the redistribution goes ahead. Highfields is a near northern satellite suburb of Toowoomba and all our major amenities like Hospitals, major Banks, sporting-entertainment facilities and larger shopping centres are all in Toowoomba. Most of us access Toowoomba on a daily basis for work, education etc. We have poor internet facilities at the moment and NBN has barely touched our suburb. It does not make common sense to move us to another Electorate area where the representative would have to travel vast distances to visit our area, does not have their finger on the Toowoomba pulse and is not fully aware of the needs of our Highfields community. I would be very grateful for due consideration be given for us to remain in the Toowoomba North Electorate and no changes to be made at this time to our boundary. Kind regards Anna M Heron
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Time of Submission: 22 Aug 2016 1:48pm

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**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Kenneth Geoffrey Pankhurst  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 3:01:23 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Kenneth Geoffrey Pankhurst**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Kenneth Geoffrey Pankhurst
- Email: @
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 53 Murphys Creek Road, Blue Mountain Heights 4350.

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: One positive thing to come out of the previous amalgamation of shires was that Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights were linked with Toowoomba instead of Crows Nest. People who live in Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights go to Toowoomba for medical services, entertainment, shopping, educational facilities... in fact, just about anything you can think of. There is no natural association with centres farther north. It would seem to make no sense at all to change the present electoral division of Toowoomba North. The present situation serves us well. Any change would result in a less effective and completely unnatural situation.
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Submission ID: 63733

Time of Submission: 22 Aug 2016 3:01pm

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Elisabeth Palmer  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 5:26:51 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Elisabeth Palmer**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Elisabeth Palmer
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 6 Traves Court HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text: 

I live in the suburb of Highfields. Highfields is both a town and a locality just north of Toowoomba, along the New England Highway. It is situated on the Great Diving Range, slightly north of Mount Kynoch. It serves as a satellite town to the city of Toowoomba, accomodating many of Toowoomba business's employees. Highfields had a population of just over 8000 at the 2011 census, however it is the fastest growing area in Queensland and as such the population will be much larger by now. The houses and land currently being built are mainly on smaller blocks of land and therefore the former Crows Nest Shire no longer bears any relevance to the residents of Highfields and the changing Highfields community. It is no longer a rural community but instead has become an outer lying suburb of Toowoomba, which is the reason my family and I moved to Highfields, just over 2 years ago. We rarely travel further north than Highfields instead quickly drive into Toowoomba for anything we want. Many of the residents consider that Highfields is a part of Toowoomba and it would not make sense for us to have a representative that is not from our local area of Toowoomba. I ask that the Commission disregard the submission that argues this case with respect to removing Highfields from Toowoomba - we belong where we are.
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Submission ID: 63734

Time of Submission: 22 Aug 2016 5:26pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South - Paul Church  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 7:16:39 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South** from **Paul Church**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Paul Church
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 2 Shiraz Court Wilsonton Heights Toowoomba 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South  

My submission relates to certain changes that other parties have proposed in their submissions, particularly changes to the boundaries of Toowoomba North and Toowoomba South. Submissions to move certain areas of Toowoomba North particular streets located in the Wine estate precinct to an Electoral seat which is essentially a rural area is not in the best interest of residents of the area or indeed Toowoomba as a whole. Toowoomba is a City with a population approaching 115 000, the population live and work within the boundaries of the city , to move part of this population to a rural seat with rural issues would not allow the proper representation that the population require. Any changes to the Boundary of Toowoomba North would also have a significant and adverse effect on Toowoomba South.
- Text:
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Submission ID: 63735

Time of Submission: 22 Aug 2016 7:16pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Fiona Starky](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** possible redistribution  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 7:25:56 PM

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I am writing in response to Aust. labor party's proposed redistribution.  
Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in Australia and is part of Toowoomba. We are aligned to Toowoomba in all ways for schools, social cultural, financial and all shopping. Toowoomba has excellent medical facilities and caters well for the elderly - that is partly why we settled here when we were forced off the land by the banks. There is no community connection between Highfields and a rually based electorate - we would all suffer !!  
We were moved out of Crow's Nest some years ago , this then would be a retregrade step !

(Mrs) Fiona Starky,  
28a Clarke Rd. Highfields. 4352. 22.08.16



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grecsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - John Byrnes  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 7:30:28 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **John Byrnes**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: John Byrnes
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 4 Jackson Close Highfields

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

The current electoral boundaries are, in my opinion, correctly drawn. Highfields is in close proximity to Toowoomba and serves as a major residential suburb of Toowoomba. It makes for the majority of Highfields residents to belong to an electorate that does not represent our community. Highfields is a fast growing suburban area more linked to a city than a rural town. Our current representative works for the best interests of Highfields. To change the boundaries would mean a representative that is more concentrated on rural needs than those of a fast growing town. Additionally the representative would be placed too far way to make any meaningful connection with Highfields residents. I submit that the boundaries should remain as they are and the submission by the Labour Party to change them be rejected.
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Submission ID: 63736

Time of Submission: 22 Aug 2016 7:30pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88





**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Abby Pilcher  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 8:39:00 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Abby Pilcher**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Abby Pilcher
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 31 Mitchell Road Highfields QLD 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

I'm writing to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba North. It is my view that there would be a significant outcry from this fast growing community of Highfields if the residents were forced to travel to a distant locality to access the services of their local representative. Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate. Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. I rarely travel north of Highfields. All services such as hospitals, entertainment, events, shows and employment are mostly in Toowoomba. It would be far more logical to retain the existing boundaries due to the direct relationship and immediate need to connect with Toowoomba. A great many residents of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights, such as myself, moved to this area from within Toowoomba because we are effectively residing in an outer suburb of Toowoomba. Therefore I ask, that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as is and not undergo any boundary changes as part of the 2016 redistribution. I thank you for your consideration.

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Submission ID: 63737

Time of Submission: 22 Aug 2016 8:38pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Max and Dina](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** State Redistribution 2016/2017 - Toowoomba North Electorate  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 9:33:59 PM  
**Attachments:** [Toowoomba North Electorate - Redistribution of Boundaries.pdf](#)

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Attached please find my letter opposing the redistribution of boundaries in the Toowoomba North Electorate which would see Highfields become part of the Nanango Electorate.

I did try several times to send my letter via the online form on the Electoral Commission Queensland website but I am unsure that it went through so I am emailing my letter as per the suggestion on your website.

Annie Dina Ralph



1/1 Kay Street  
HIGHFIELDS. QLD 4352

21<sup>st</sup> August, 2016

Mr H. W. H. Botting  
Chairperson  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Level 6, Forestry House  
160 Mary Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Chairperson,

Re: State Redistribution 2016/2017 – Toowoomba North Electorate

As a local resident of the Toowoomba North electorate for the past 4 years, I feel very strongly about and object to the redistribution boundaries proposed by the Australian Labor Party in asking that Highfields become part of the Nanango electorate. It lacks any real understanding of the Highfields local community and its needs.

Restoring the “unique historical identity” of Highfields to the former Crow’s Nest Shire as mentioned in the Australian Labor Party’s submission no longer bears any relevance to Highfields. The ALP’s submission mentions that “many long term residents hold a special affinity to the old shire” but fails to take into consideration that the number of “long-term residents” is a very small fraction of the number of residents now living in Highfields due to the very significant growth of new developments and new homes with the accompanying influx of new residents.

Highfields is the fastest growing area in Queensland and is effectively a suburb of Toowoomba at the northern end of the Toowoomba North Electorate and is linked both culturally and geographically to the city of Toowoomba. Highfields is only 13 km from Toowoomba and the vast majority of people who live in Highfields work, shop, dine out go to the movies and access medical services including three major hospitals in Toowoomba and a lot of children from the Highfields area attend schools in Toowoomba and play sports in Toowoomba on the weekends.

Should any resident of Highfields wish to meet with our current Local Member whose office is in Toowoomba it is only a 13 km drive or there is a bus service or a taxi service that both operate from Toowoomba which those who don’t drive can use. Should Highfields become part of the Nanango Electorate it will be a 284 km round trip to Kingaroy (a 3 hour plus return trip) to meet with the Member for Nanango and there is no bus service to Kingaroy from Highfields for those who don’t drive. Having to travel this distance for an appointment would also mean that people who need to see their Local Member about an issue and who work would need to take the day off to travel to Kingaroy as opposed to taking an hour of work to see our current Local Member in Toowoomba.

We have a retirement village in Highfields – how do these residents get to Kingaroy should they need to meet with their Local Member, if their health isn't good or they don't drive anymore?

Highfields does not have NBN yet and phone services are not the best. Most people these days only have a mobile phone and where I live my mobile phone constantly drops out whilst I am talking on the phone, so our communications options become limited when we cannot drop in to visit our member of State parliament. The cost of making calls either on one's mobile or land line would become an added expense that people don't need.

Finally our current Local Member, Trevor Watts MP, has worked tirelessly for the Toowoomba North Electorate over the years and knows the area and its needs very well. Mr. Watts worked very hard to have a high school built in Highfields which came to fruition when the school was built and started taking students in 2015.

I would also like to add that Highfields is not a rural area anymore. It is an urban area and therefore should stay within the Toowoomba North Electorate as part of Toowoomba's northern urban area.

Again I would like to stress my strong belief that Highfields needs to remain a part of Toowoomba North Electorate and thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Annie Dina Ralph'.

Annie Dina Ralph

**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Madonna Prestridge  
**Date:** Monday, 22 August 2016 9:53:40 PM

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## Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Madonna Prestridge**

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### Contact Details

- Name: Madonna Prestridge
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 Grey Gums Dr Blue Mountain Heights Q 4350

### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text:
 

I have lived in Blue Mountain Heights for 14 years (having moved from Toowoomba in 2002). I was quite dismayed when I heard a submission had been made to change the electoral boundaries which would see Blue Mountain Heights & Highfields moved from the Toowoomba North electorate to the Nanango electorate. The northern boundaries of Toowoomba are a mere 5 minutes from our home, whilst Nanango is 90 mins drive! Our local member, (both previous Labor member Kerry Shine and current Liberal member Trevor Watts), has always set up by the roadside on the northern boundary of the city once per month to allow electors easy access to discuss any pertinent matters. A member living in Nanango would be hard pressed to emulate this dedication to their constituents. My husband and I both work in Toowoomba, along with the majority of working residents in Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields. The ritual 'mass migration' from Blue Mountain Heights & Highfields into Toowoomba can be witnessed on the New England Highway between 7 and 9 am on any given workday. A large percentage of secondary students still travel to Toowoomba for their education. The Blue Mountain Heights post code is the same as Toowoomba as we are in such close proximity to the city. The submission referred to the restoration of the 'unique historical identity' to the former Crow's Nest shire as many long term residents of Highfields hold a special affinity with the old shire. What they failed to acknowledge was that, comparatively speaking, there are very few long-term residents in this rapidly expanding area. Whilst Highfields was once a rural area, recent population and infrastructure growth has dictated this is no longer a rural community and would therefore be out of place in the Nanango electorate. Thank you for considering my submission.
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Cr Nancy Sommerfield  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 5:09:29 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Cr Nancy Sommerfield**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Cr Nancy Sommerfield
- Email: Nancy.sommerfield@tr.qld.gov.au
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 7 Bridget Court, Middle Ridge 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Highfields is a suburb of Toowoomba and whilst in Brisbane suburbs are divided up into seats, they are not isolated from their MP. Highfields is a long way from the rest of any urban areas and in particular from the office of the Nanango MP. To move Highfields into the seat of Nanango you would be dumping one of the fastest growing suburbs in Australia down at the bottom of a seat, into isolation where it would be difficult to service. Added to that, because of its high growth rate, consideration to boundary change would have to occur again very soon. If the seat of Toowoomba North requires a boundary change, it would be better to make that adjustment within Toowoomba where there is much more stable residential growth.
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Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 5:09am

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Sandra McCarthy  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 8:04:13 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Sandra McCarthy**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Sandra McCarthy
- Email: 
- Phone Number: 
- Residential Address: 1/2 Coverack Street KLEINTON Q4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I strongly object to Highfields & Blue Mountain Heights being part of a redistribution. We have strong ties to Toowoomba, none at all to Nanango, Yarraman, etc. Highfields & Blue Mountain Heights do not share any of the unique historical identity of Crow's Nest. We have our own history. The redistribution should not go ahead.
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Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 8:04am

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Jan Granfield  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 8:53:08 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Jan Granfield**

#### Contact Details

- Name: Jan Granfield
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 5 Liam Dr

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: I am very opposed to a proposed electoral boundary change for the North Toowoomba electorate. It seems to be a submission on the part of the Labour Party to obtain more Labour votes by restricting Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields from that current boundary. I do not want to be part of Nanango as I don't identify with that area at all - all our business, social, medical needs etc. are in Toowoomba - not north in Kingaroy. I am asking that the boundaries remain unchanged.
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Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 8:53am

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Jayne Tyrrell  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 9:07:24 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Jayne Tyrrell**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Jayne Tyrrell
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 Oakdale Place Highfields Qld 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs.
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [qrcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Dinah Haswell  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 10:05:45 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Dinah Haswell**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Dinah Haswell
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 1 Hitzke Cres Highfields, 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North  
23/8/16 Dear Commissioner, I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission. I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. To redistribute this fast growing urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs and lacks any real understanding of my local community and its needs. I live in Highfields and work in Toowoomba as do the majority of my neighbours. This suggested redistribution would seem to CONTRADICT THE REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES a few years ago where the whole of Crows Nest Shire was changed to become part of The Toowoomba Regional Council as the shire was seen to be part of Toowoomba from employment, business, social, educational view point. All the reasons used to justify that change apply today, actually more so since residents of Highfields now have even less association with areas north of us, so why would the commission now choose to go against that reasoning in a new redistribution. If the proposed redistribution is allowed to take place an issue of access to our elected representative will be created. The elected representative could potentially reside and have their office over a hundred km away from the greatest density of population and fastest growing area that they represent. It is therefore my recommendation that Highfields/ Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary I thank you for your consideration Yours Faithfully Dinah Haswell
- Text:
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Submission ID: 63748

Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 10:05am

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Ted Starky](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** redistribution  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 11:56:05 AM

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NO.....NO.....NO.....WE ARE TOOWOOMBA—NORTH, AND THAT IS THAT SHE THE  
PREMIER IS TRYING TO PULL



**Ted Starky**

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**From:** "Ted Starky"  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 4:59 PM  
**To:** "Ted Starky"  
**Subject:** Re: redistribution

**From:** [Ted Starky](#)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2016 11:42 AM  
**To:** [boundaries@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:boundaries@ecq.qld.gov.au)  
**Subject:** redistribution

NO.....NO.....NO.....WE ARE TOOWOOMBA—NORTH,' AND THAT IS THAT SHE THE PREMIER IS TRYING TO PULL A SWIFTY ON THE VOTERS.

I STRONGLY REFUTE THE ALP SUGGESTION TO REMOVE HIGHFIELDS FROM THE TOOWOOMBA ELECTORATE. HIGHFIELDS IS THE FASTEST AND BEST GROWING SUBURB IN THE WHOLE OF AUSTRALIA/ GOOD PEOPLE WHO DO NOT WANT TO BE PUSHED AROUND BY POLITICIANS.

28A CLARKE Rd.  
 HIGHFIELDS. Qld  
 4352.



F. B. STARKY

**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts - Deryck Thomas  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 12:15:43 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts** from **Deryck Thomas**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Deryck Thomas
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 59 Mackenzie Street, Mount Lofty, TOOWOOMBA, 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: Highfields has been steadily growing on its southern side which coincides with Toowoomba's growth to the north. The second range crossing goes beneath Mt Kynoch, not really making anything but a landscape marker, certainly not a demographic boundary. Toowoomba and Highfields should remain an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem logical nor practical to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate as proposed by the Queensland Redistribution Commission.
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Submission ID: 63749

Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 12:15pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Joe Korts  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 12:43:41 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Joe Korts**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Joe Korts
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 14 Blue Gum Drive Highfields 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

My wife and I strongly protest against the Labor Part submission to change the electoral boundaries from Toowoomba North. You need to know that this area is literally attached to Toowoomba City and has a defined social, cultural, employment, services, transport and education marriage to the district of Toowoomba. The affinity" to this area shared by an unknown number of persons is historical and no longer relevant as the landscape has changed dramatically over the past 45 years. I was brought up in Toowoomba during the fifties and sixties and it was commonplace for many people to picnic, camp regularly in this area and Cooby Dam. It was always thought of as part of the Toowoomba scene even if the Crows Nest Shire Council managed the area. Strong North Toowoomba representation is essential to help manage the expanding needs in housing, transport,

- Text: services, employment and education. We need to have convenient access to our local member and promote a balanced progress of this area and the Toowoomba precinct as a whole. There is a serious shortfall in representation on the Darling Downs as of now and the last thing needed is an unacceptable change to the boundaries as proposed by the Labor Party. There is nothing in this proposal which can benefit this region. It affords the temptation for a distant power base to plunder wealth generated from this area and fail to reinvest back in our region. It makes no sense and I am sure will not be supported by the vast majority of Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields residents. The rural landscape barely exists from here to Cabarlah and Goombungee. PLEASE REJECT THE SUBMISSION TO CHANGE THE BOUNDARY AS IT STANDS.
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Submission ID: 63750

Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 12:43pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.87



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Kylie Lee  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 12:46:03 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Kylie Lee**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Kylie Lee
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 14 Cecil Crescent Highfields, QLD 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text: 

I am writing to express my extreme disapproval to the proposed redistribution boundaries for Toowoomba North. I am a long term resident of Highfields which is 10 mins drive north of Toowoomba. I work in Toowoomba, my children go to school in Toowoomba and Highfields is part of the Toowoomba Regional Council meaning all our community services, linkages and connections are with Toowoomba. It is completely ridiculous to move Highfields to a northern electorate where my local member is 2 hours drive away. Highfields is now considered to be a northern suburb of Toowoomba and there is only a small amount of lightly developed land between Toowoomba and Highfields. This is mostly being developed into rural residential blocks and soon there will be very little delineation between the two areas. I rarely travel north of Highfields, but I regularly travel to Toowoomba (sometime 2-3 time a day). Hospitals, schools, retail shopping, events, shows and enterprises are all located in Toowoomba. I do not feel part of a rural electorate and as such do not want to be represented by a rural member. For these reasons, I would request that Highfields remains a part of the Toowoomba North Electorate . Thank you for your consideration.
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Submission ID: 63751

Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 12:46pm

Submission IP Address: 103.1.192.88



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Bulimba - Robert Longland  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 1:28:12 PM

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Online submission for **Bulimba** from **Robert Longland**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Robert Longland
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11 Dorothy St Camp Hill Qld 4152

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Bulimba

- Text: 

I wish to comment on some suggestions relating principally to the District of Bulimba. Suggestion 3. Mr Jeff Waddell. Mr Waddell makes a suggestion for change on the southern boundary of Bulimba (page 79) by excising part of the area between Perth St / McIlwraith Avenue and Old Cleveland Rd on the basis that the current boundary is "untidy". As a long-time local resident and electoral practitioner, I would dispute this view and offer the observation that Mr Waddell has produced a comprehensive, academic suggestion in which he has had to "squeeze" a number of Districts in order to make his current and projected enrolment numbers seem equitable. The existing southern Bulimba boundary using Wiles Street, Old Cleveland Road and Bennetts Road uses major roads and is quite clear and well understood. Suggestion 4. Mr Martin Gordon. While Mr Martin urges general agreement with Mr Waddell, he makes no specific suggestion for Bulimba. Suggestion 28. Liberal National Party. This party sees no need for any change to Bulimba boundaries. Suggestion 38. Australian Labor Party. This party is in agreement with the LNP suggestion 28 in suggesting that there is no case for change to the Bulimba boundaries. Conclusion. I advocate no change to the existing Bulimba boundaries as they are particularly clear and meet all the redistribution criteria. And, importantly, no change adds to minimizing the scale of change which is necessary due to uneven enrolment growth across the State as well as the change arising from the creation of four new Districts.
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - David Hurst  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 1:32:48 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **David Hurst**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: David Hurst
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 18 Stringybark Street Highfields Q 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: We consider ourselves to be an outer suburb of Toowoomba, and therefor believe that to be part of the Toowoomba North electorate is the correct fit. Highfields is no longer a small rural community, and our needs are more in line with those of Toowoomba. Thankyou for taking this submission into consideration. Regards, David Hurst
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Submission ID: 63753

Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 1:32pm

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From: [Alan Doulin](#)  
 To: [Boundaries](#)  
 Subject: Toowoomba North - Electoral Boundary Review  
 Date: Tuesday, 23 August 2016 1:42:35 PM



The Secretary  
 Queensland Redistribution Commission  
 GPO Box 1393  
 Brisbane QLD 4001.

I am writing about the proposal to remove Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from Toowoomba North division - Submission 38; para 3.15.

The submission as written should be dis-allowed on the basis of being INCOMPLETE. It proposes removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from Toowoomba North division . . . but gives no indication as to which division these areas should be moved to.

In any event the proposed change is illogical as it's based on a false premise in para 3.15

*Doing so will help restore the Highfields Region's unique historical identity as part of the former Crows Nest Shire Council Local Government area. Many long term residents of Highfields hold a special affinity to the old shire and the Crows Nest area.*

I am a relatively long-term resident of Blue Mountain Heights ( 25 years). I would contend that 80% + of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents have NO special affinity to the old Crows Nest Shire and related area. All our significant services are provided from Toowoomba. Most residents work in/around Toowoomba. Many new-er residents have relocated to Highfields/Blue Mountain heights which they regard as a convenient "outer suburb" providing an improved environment and lifestyle. Any affinity that us "longer term residents" may have felt towards the old Crows Nest Shire area was extinguished by the forced local council amalgamations instigated by a previous State government.

If this proposal were pursued the topic that is not addressed in Submission 38 is " to which division would these areas be moved to ? ". Contiguous divisions to Toowoomba North are Condamine to the

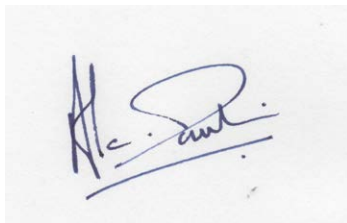
west; Nanango to the north; and Lockyer Valley to the East. These can hardly be considered "local" to Highfields/ Blue Mountain Heights. A visit to a local member would then entail a 3 hour round trip as opposed to the current 15 mins into the current local member's office in Toowoomba. Also . . . a local member based in Dalby/Nanango/Gatton could not be expected to have a full understanding of issues and opportunities in our local area.

Any adjustment to electoral boundaries should, amongst other factors, have some benefits for the affected community with minimal down-side; and of course ensure electoral size remains manageable and within tolerance. A relocation into either of the three contiguous areas ( Condamine or Nanango or Lockyer Valley ) meets none of these criteria.

In summary I contend this submission should be discounted on the basis that it -

1. is incomplete i.e. does NOT propose an alternative
2. is based on a false premise
3. does not provide any benefit to the community

Thank you for the opportunity for local residents to have input into this important process.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Doulin', with a horizontal line underneath.

Alan Doulin  
5 Rangeview Road  
Blue Mountain Heights  
QLD 4350

**Your Reference:**

**Our Reference:** RG:jma (File ID 2347)

**Contact:** Ray Geraghty

17 August 2016

The Secretary  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Electoral Commission Queensland  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 40001

Dear Secretary

**Re: Written comments or suggestions - Redistribution of the State into  
93 electorates**

I refer to the above and thank the Commission for the opportunity to comment on the suggestion received by the Commission.

After reviewing the suggestions and giving careful consideration to the same, Council wishes to fully endorse the suggestion put forward by the Local Government Association of Queensland.

Council considers it critically important in rural and regional areas for State electoral boundaries align with Local Government boundaries and where practical the State electoral boundaries run east – west along lines of communication rather than north – south.

This proposition is supported by the inextricable link between the interest of Local Government and State Government in rural, regional and remote areas.

Should you wish to discuss the matter further please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely



Ray Geraghty  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**



**From:** [Karen](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba north electoral boundary  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 3:47:51 PM

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I am writing to voice my objection to the proposed changes we have lived in Highfields for 11 years but worked and educated our children in Toowoomba. If we require any government services we travel to Toowoomba. This district is best serviced by an elected member of parliament who lives close by and understands our demographics

Yours sincerely  
Karen Pearce

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Glenis Batten](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Letter of objection to changes to Toowoomba North Boundaries.  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 4:06:16 PM  
**Attachments:** [Letter to Qld Redistribution Commission..doc](#)  
**Importance:** High

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23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016.

Mr. H. W. H. Botting,  
Chairperson,  
Qld Restribution Commission,  
Level 6, Forestry House,  
160 Mary St,  
Brisbane. Qld. 4001

Dear Sir,

Please find attached copy of a letter I posted to you today in case it gets lost in the unreliable mail system we have now.

Yours faithfully,

Glenis Batten.



**MS.GLENIS JEAN BATTEN**

**1/97-127 Hogg St  
Cranley. Qld. 4350**

23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016.

Mr H. W. H. Botting,  
Chairperson  
Queensland Redistribution Commission,  
Level 6, Forestry House,  
160 Mary Street,  
Brisbane Q. 4001

Dear Chairperson,

As a local resident of the Toowoomba North electorate for many years, I feel strongly against the redistribution boundaries proposed by the Australian Labor Party. It lacks any real understanding of my local community and its needs. I believe it was submitted solely for the purpose of electing a Labor Parliamentarian to Toowoomba North. It has not considered the needs of either the Toowoomba North people or the people who live in Highfields. In fact, it is ridiculous and hurtful.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate will result in chaos and disruption for this community which is working very well and is both culturally and geographically in tune with the city of Toowoomba.

To redistribute Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights to a rural electorate will cause significant isolation and concerns for the residents needing to access the services of their elected representative. It makes absolutely no sense.

Many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative.

This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights residents should their elected representative be located hundreds of kilometres away due to the difficulty of accessing available transport and the ongoing connectivity shortfalls regularly affecting this area.

I also believe that no members of Highfields will travel so far away to vote and that they will still go to Toowoomba North to lodge their returns. Is that sensible or desirable?

To avoid the isolation of this community I suggest that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate.

Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary.

I thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully,

G.J. Batten



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Julie McKerrow  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 4:12:42 PM  
**Attachments:** [JMcKerrow.pdf](#)

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Julie McKerrow**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Julie McKerrow
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 6 Janelle Court, Highfields, Queensland, 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
  - Text: Please see attached document
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# Julie McKerrow

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6 Janelle Court, Highfields, Queensland, 4352 |

**August 22, 2016**

**Mr H. W. H. Botting  
Chairperson  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Level 6, Forestry House  
160 Mary Street  
Brisbane Q. 4001**

**Dear Commissioner,**

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission.

I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia.

To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and Toowoomba for shopping needs.

Highfields is located a short distance of 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for this suburb to remain part of Toowoomba.

The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rurally based seat.

I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative.

Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary.

I thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,



**Julie McKerrow**

**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Angus McKerrow  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 4:14:08 PM  
**Attachments:** [AMcKerrow.pdf](#)

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Angus McKerrow**

#### Contact Details

- Name: Angus McKerrow
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 6 Janelle Court, Highfields, QLD, 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Please see attached document.
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# Angus McKerrow

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6 Janelle Court, Highfields, Queensland, 4352 |

**August 22, 2016**

**Mr H. W. H. Botting  
Chairperson  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Level 6, Forestry House  
160 Mary Street  
Brisbane Q. 4001**

**Dear Commissioner,**

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission.

I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia.

To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs.

Highfields is located a short distance of 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for this suburb to remain part of Toowoomba.

The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rurally based seat.

I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative.

Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary.

I thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,



**Angus McKerrow**

**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Colin and Ann Weston  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 4:20:46 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Colin and Ann Weston**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Colin and Ann Weston
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11 Zuccoli Drive, Blue Mountain Heights, Qld 4350

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

We are writing to express our disapproval of the proposed redistribution boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba North. We recently moved to Blue Mountain Heights from within Toowoomba city because we are still effectively living in a suburb of Toowoomba. All our hospitals, local, State and Federal services, private enterprise, entertainment, events, shows and the like are either in Highfields or mostly in Toowoomba. We strongly suggest that the existing boundaries should be retained, particularly the northern section that clearly has a direct relationship and immediate need to connect with Toowoomba. Therefore we ask that the Toowoomba North electorate remain as is and not undergo any boundary changes as part of the 2016 distribution. Thank you in anticipation of your consideration of our request.
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Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 4:20pm

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Jessica Perfrement  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 4:58:10 PM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Jessica Perfrement**

#### Contact Details

- Name: Jessica Perfrement
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 3 Angus St

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#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

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- Text:

I was horrified to hear that our representative will be hundreds of kilometers away! Highfields is absolutely a part of Toowoomba. I live in Highfields however I work, go to University and my children go to school all in Toowoomba. I would be very disappointed if this proposed boundary change goes ahead! The local council has recognized the strong community ties between Highfields and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities, Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play across Toowoomba and Highfields – not Highfields and rural areas to our North. Also, Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Another important point that must be considered is that the existing electorate is a source of workforce and small business for both Highfields and Toowoomba areas. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region. Also, Highfield local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights stops on a regular basis throughout the day. There is no such correlation with buses and routes from here to other centres outside of long-range bus routes. It is important to note that Highfields has poor mobile phone reception as well as a lack of NBN. My methods of fast access and communication with my member if they are remotely located are limited, whereas I can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently in Toowoomba North. Also many people, particularly the elderly do not

have access to any form of electronic communication or access to private transport in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of communication which is telephone and face-to-face meetings. I am only too well aware that the reliance on both of these forms of communication will cause significant difficulties for the Highfields residents.

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Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 4:58pm

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Charles Johnson  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 5:19:59 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Charles Johnson**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Charles Johnson
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11 Nioka Drive Highfields Qld 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text: 

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission. I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia. To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Highfields is located a short distance of 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and is considered by most who live here as an outer suburb of Toowoomba. We fall within the local government area of the Toowoomba Council. The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rurally based seat. I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rurally based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many "time poor" residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option. The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative. Therefore it is my strong recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary. I thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Charles Johnson
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Alexander C Smith  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 6:02:15 PM  
**Attachments:** [Alexander C Smith + Electoral Review.docx](#)

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Alexander C Smith**

#### Contact Details

- Name: Alexander C Smith
- Email:
- Phone Number: 07 4630 8220
- Residential Address: 30 Kratzke Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: See attached File
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Alexander C Smith

30 Kratzke Road  
HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

The Secretary  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir

RE: **TOOWOOMBA NORTH ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW**

I object most strongly to any changes to the Electoral Boundary of Toowoomba North resulting in Highfields being removed from the present Toowoomba North Electorate.

Highfields is a satellite 'suburb' of Toowoomba and is totally reliant on Toowoomba for Hospital, Specialists Medical services, tertiary education and cultural, social, shopping and major sporting activities etc.

As Highfields grows, more residents will look to Toowoomba as their main business and shopping-center. This is being recognized by business leaders and is confirmed by construction of large scale shopping centers, expanding hospital and specialist facilities, university and manufacturing. All these, apart from providing services, will also provide employment for Highfields present and future residents.

It is inconceivable to me that it is not recognized that Highfields, whilst a separate community, is an integral part of Toowoomba and that's where its future lies.

This viewpoint is further supported by Crows Nest Shire becoming part of Toowoomba Regional Council amalgamation – the reason why this amalgamation was desirable is still valid today.

Highfields must remain a part of the Toowoomba North Electorate.

Yours faithfully

Alex Smith

**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Helen M Smith  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 6:12:55 PM  
**Attachments:** [Helen M Smith.docx](#)

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Helen M Smith**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Helen M Smith
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 30 Kratzke Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
  - Text: A copy of my attached submission will also be forwarded by mail to the Commission.
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Helen M Smith

30 Kratzke Road  
HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352

24<sup>th</sup> August, 2016

The Secretary  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir

RE: **TOOWOOMBA NORTH ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REVIEW**

I feel strongly that the redistribution boundaries proposed by the Australian Labor Party totally lacks any understanding of my local community and its needs. I have lived in the Highfields area since 1988 and in that time have seen Highfields grow from a small country town into a vibrant thriving new Suburb of Toowoomba Regional Council

Highfields is located 12.9 kms from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for the suburb to remain part of Toowoomba North Electorate. At amalgamation – the reason why the Labor Party (under Peter Beattie) decided that Highfields become part of Toowoomba Regional Shire is as relevant today as it was when that decision was made.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North Electorate makes no sense and will cause great disruption to our community who are totally reliant on Toowoomba for work, hospital, medical and specialist, business, university and private school education – not to mention, shopping, sport and cultural events.

Therefore, it is imperative that Highfields remain within the Toowoomba North Electorate.

Regards

Helen Smith

**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Margaret Nugent  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 6:18:30 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Margaret Nugent**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Margaret Nugent
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 33 Wigan Avenue Highfields Qld 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Highfields is growing to the south while Toowoomba is growing to the north. All indications point to Toowoomba and Highfields becoming an unbroken metropolitan area. It does not seem representative of such circumstance to place part of Toowoomba (Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights) into a vast rural electorate. All hospitals local, State and federal services, private enterprise, entertainment, events, shows and the like are either in Highfields or more commonly in Toowoomba and the typical Highfields resident rarely travels north of Highfields. A great many residents of Highfields, such as myself, moved to this area from within Toowoomba because we are effectively residing in an outer suburb of Toowoomba. Please leave the boundaries alone and keep Highfields as Toowoomba North.
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Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 6:18pm

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Judy Ellingsen  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 6:46:13 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Judy Ellingsen**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Judy Ellingsen
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 1/1 Highgrove Highfields Qld 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

I just saw on TV how it is proposed to change the boundaries and attach Highfields to Nanango. That is ludicrous! I used to live in Withcott and then Murphys Creek and we were attached to Gatton which was not as crazy as what is being proposed but it was inconvenient. Even when I lived down there everything I did was associated with Toowoomba and it was inconvenient to have to go Gatton. Now, in Highfields (which is one of the fastest growing areas) we need to be associated with Toowoomba, I work in Toowoomba and what I can't do in Highfields is done in Toowoomba. It is a 15 to 20 minute trip. I have never been to Kingaroy or Nanango and have no desire to do so. Why would a go ahead area be attached with a country town where the people probably don't even know where Highfields is. We need to have a representative who is familiar with our area and has our interests at heart. I don't know if this kind of thing affects our libraries etc but I am able to order through Highfields books that are at the Toowoomba main library to be picked up here etc and I do not want any of these things to change. I have voted for Trevor Watts and I believe he does a good job for us. We have on one occasion spoken to him about an issue and he was approachable and available, I do not wish to speak to someone a few hours away about an area that they are not familiar with. It is just crazy! Highfields and outlying areas need to stay with Toowoomba, if we wanted to be attached to Nanango or Kingaroy we would have built a house there!

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Linda Job  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 6:57:12 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Linda Job**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Linda Job
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 11 Orange Grove Rd Highfields Qld 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: We wish to remain as part of the Toowoomba North Electorate and not be forced to become part of a Rural Electorate.
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Submission ID: 63763

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts - Katherine Baills  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 7:03:11 PM

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Online submission for **All Districts** from **Katherine Baills**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Katherine Baills
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 19 Mountview court Highfields qld 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: I would like to object to the changing of boundaries for the electorate I am currently part. Our member is close by and very approachable. To have to contact someone miles away is just ridiculous. I can't even begin to understand why the question is even being raised. Once again, tax payers money is being wasted on matters that are not an integral part of building the communities within Queensland. Step outside into the real world and get a reality check and stop wasting time and money!
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Submission ID: 63764

Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 7:03pm

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Michael Edward Robinson  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 7:14:29 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Michael Edward Robinson**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Michael Edward Robinson
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 24 Kingfisher Close, Highfields 4352h

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text: 

Thank you for considering my submission regarding the review of the state electoral boundaries. I wish to comment regarding Highfields which is a township currently in the electorate of Toowoomba North and is regarding as part of the City of Toowoomba on the Great Dividing Range. I am concerned that the Commission may consider moving the northern boundary of Toowoomba North to the south of my community effectively placing us in a rural electorate. My family has lived in Highfields for 7 years having moved from Darling Heights, Toowoomba which is in Toowoomba South. My wife & I both work in Toowoomba with my wife working for the Education Department & myself working for the Queensland Police Service at Toowoomba Police Station. On weekends we often attend community and public events in Highfields & Toowoomba. We rarely travel north of Highfields and feel a close community connection as part of the wider Toowoomba community. I feel that we are quite typical of the family residents of Highfields and I trust you will note that our lifestyles place us firmly in metropolitan Toowoomba as opposed to the rural electorate. It would be a great shame to detract from the strong community mindedness of the region by cutting our common representation by Toowoomba North. Thank you again for considering my submission.

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** All Districts - Craig Baills  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 7:14:35 PM

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## Online submission for **All Districts** from **Craig Baills**

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### Contact Details

- Name: Craig Baills
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 19 Mountview Court, Highfields, Qld, 4352

### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts
- Text: 

To the Electoral commission I would like to object to the changing of boundaries for the electorate I am currently part, being Toowoomba North. Our current member is close by and very approachable due to the locality of his office in this electorate. To change the electoral boundaries and have to contact someone miles away is just ridiculous. I can't even begin to understand why the question is even being raised to alter electoral boundaries, and relocate to an electoral office that is in a completely different region, with completely different priorities to ours . Once again, the use of tax payers money - and my tax dollar - is being wasted on matters that are not an integral part of building the communities / small business / and infrastructure within Queensland. Step outside into the real world and get a reality check and stop wasting my time and money and start performing in the job the government is employed to do. Regards Craig Baills
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Tim Bunch  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 7:20:59 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Tim Bunch**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Tim Bunch
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 50 Pascoe Lane, Harlaxton, Qld., 4359

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Please leave the Toowoomba North boundary AS IS. Highfields is part of the Toowoomba community with many, many families and individuals living and working both in Highfields and Toowoomba. This submission has been presented by someone who is obviously NOT a local and I think smacks of a political agenda, not one that is designed to help our community.
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Time of Submission: 23 Aug 2016 7:20pm

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**From:** [Sharon Manning](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** State electoral boundaries ( Toowoomba North )  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 7:23:06 PM

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To the Secretary. As a resident of Highfields for 6 years, I am appalled at the prospect of our redistribution from Toowoomba North. My wife and myself have lived in Toowoomba for over 45 years, and moved to Highfields to enjoy an acreage lifestyle. Being close to Toowoomba gives us access to quality medical, legal and financial institutions. Eighty percent of our shopping is still done in Toowoomba, and we socialise with family and friends at many Toowoomba venues. Our children were educated at Toowoomba high schools. We consider ourselves as just a northern suburb of Toowoomba, and enjoy the benefits of urban living. We are not a rural community, as can be seen by the amount of locals heading into Toowoomba daily to work. Making this change would surely alienate a lot of locals, and appears to be political bullying.

Sent from my iPad



**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Kelli Backhouse  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 7:26:18 PM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Kelli Backhouse**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Kelli Backhouse
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 9 Owl Court Kleinton Q 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
  - Text: keep Highfields under Toowoomba North, it would be better for our community and businesses.
  - File Upload: No file uploaded
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**From:** [Tadhg Sheehan](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North Electoral Boundaries  
**Date:** Tuesday, 23 August 2016 9:45:00 PM

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Good Evening,

I'm writing as I've discovered that Toowoomba North's boundaries are being considered for a redistribution.

I believe this is an extremely positive move. I believe that Toowoomba North needs to be redistributed, to allow for the growing population of Toowoomba and the areas to its north (Highfields/Cabarlah/Meringandan/Gowrie), west (Kingsthorpe/Charlton/Wellcamp) and south (Westbrook/Wyreema/Hodgson Vale). As it stands, there's two electorates for Toowoomba. This is not enough.

It wasn't that long ago that Toowoomba was served by three electorates. Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South, and Cunningham. But for reasons that remain beyond me, the QEC decided to remove one of those seats. Currently, the Toowoomba District is served by the two local members, and outlying areas must report to Nanango (Meringandan/Gowrie) and Dalby (Charlton/Kingsthorpe). These offices are 1.5 hours and 1 hour away, each, in towns of smaller populations than some of the aggregated outer urban areas. This is unrepresentative, as the people of the satellite communities of Toowoomba have more in common with Brisbane than either Nanango or Dalby.

Given the history of the area, and the growth trends in the area, it is only logical for Highfields to remain in the Toowoomba North electorate. The LGAQ's recommendation is for electorates to be drafted, broadly, along the lines of Local Government Boundaries. The local government boundary for Toowoomba Regional Council is an hour north of Highfields.

The ALP's proposal for Toowoomba North to exclude Highfields, for Highfields to be drafted into Nanango, cites the history of Highfields being a separate area, with a resistance to combining with Toowoomba. This is a half truth, as it doesn't consider Highfields' position on state level politics, only local politics, or time frames. There was resistance from Highfields and Crows Nest Shire for joining with Toowoomba at Council level, but this was ignored by the then ALP Local Member, the State Attorney-General Kerry Shine MLA. So any discussion from the ALP about respecting Highfields as a separate community can only be considered as disingenuous. Further, as a former resident of Harriestown – an area of South Western Toowoomba proposed by the ALP to be included in Toowoomba North – I would state that their proposal is a form of gerrymandering of which the late Sir Joh would have been proud!

Further still, if we look at the history of Highfields and the former Crows Nest Shire, one must remember that prior to 1987, Highfields Shire was its own shire, and between 1987 and 1949 (when the Crows Nest Shire was formed out of the Highfields Shire), it had no ties to Crows Nest. So an electoral boundary to the north of Highfields – but south of Crows Nest – would tie to historical Local Government boundaries.

It's also very important to realize the rate of growth in the Highfields Statistical Local Area (not currently completely contained in Toowoomba North, though I believe it should be). This year's Census data is likely to be inaccurate, but the previous three census findings are significant. 2001, we had 3,200 residents. 2006, it was 5,994. In 2011, the Statistical Local Area had 11,510 residents. Clearly, with five more years of growth, even if it were at only 10% rather than the 94% it had tracked for each of the previous two census periods, a majority of residents in the area have moved here after the Crows Nest Shire Council was merged into the Toowoomba Regional Council, and therefore have no ties to the former shire. It's also worth noting that for well over a decade, Toowoomba Regional Council and its predecessors Toowoomba City Council and Crows Nest Shire Council encouraged Toowoomba residents to develop in Highfields, as a means of growing the region. So the vast majority of new residents in the area are former Toowoomba residents. And whilst they'll proudly say they live in Highfields, if you're talking to anyone from outside the region, you say you're from Toowoomba. The same way that people from Inala or Cleveland say they're from Brisbane. And the same way people from NSW would say that people from Ipswich are from Brisbane (it's only 44km – that's closer than Parramatta to Sydney city! People from Parramatta say they're from Sydney).



Over the past five years, I have held very senior positions in the local Highfields-based Rugby Union Club. So I have had close dealings with a large number of people. I've had dealings with council, and with State Government. I can assure you, no one out here sees themselves as being part of the Burnett. No one feels a tie to Nanango. We feel closer to Brisbane – Nanango's almost like another state. Almost no one out here feels tied to Crows Nest, and most don't acknowledge the existence of Cooyar or Yarraman. Crows Nest is the edge of our region in most minds, and Geham is the northern frontier of civilisation. Business doesn't look to Nanango, it looks to Toowoomba. People in Highfields largely don't work in Highfields, and they certainly don't work out north. They might work at one of Cabarlah or Oakey Army Barracks, but the vast majority work in Toowoomba. Further, the tradition – until the work put in by local members to build our new High School – was for kids to attend school in Toowoomba.

Highfields as part of the Toowoomba North electorate is completely natural. It's not uncommon for me to see my local member out and about on the local roads, often standing at major intersections meeting people, multiple times a week, both at home in Highfields and when in Toowoomba. I have no confidence that we'd have regular personal communication with a local member based in Nanango. Purely because it's too great an area to cover, too great a distance to travel. I really don't see the logic in changing so that a community of 10,000+ people needs to make a long distance phone call to reach their local member's office.

For mine, the logical method of redistributing North Toowoomba would be similar to that proposed by the LNP. However, I'd argue it could be a little better than that. I believe that all of Cabarlah, Geham, and Meringandan should all be part of Toowoomba North. I believe that there should be a new electorate covering Toowoomba's west, similar to the proposal for Ramsay. However, I believe it should take a little more of Western Toowoomba (Glenvale, Wilsonton) than the LNP show, to allow Toowoomba North to extend that bit further whilst remaining within the quota. This would further allow for Ramsay to have an office for the new MLA in the western fringes of Toowoomba, giving the people of Cotswold Hills, Glenvale, Pittsworth, Oakey and Augbiny better access to a local member than they currently enjoy. Because no one from Oakey travels to Dalby to do their major shopping – they all head into Toowoomba.

Any changes that see Highfields isolated from Toowoomba will be considered by the people of Highfields and the greater Toowoomba region as the work of out-of-touch elites in Brisbane making life harder for those of us who live outside the southeast corner yet again. As a political exercise to reduce our voice, most likely whilst also attempting to increase – again – the importance of Brisbane and the electors in there, who have very different perspectives to those I know out here. But a solution that sees the greater Toowoomba region have a third voice restored to represent us would be seen as government working to increase our access and listen to us. And anything that creates a greater engagement of the population with our democracy is a good thing.

If you've any questions, I'm more than happy to respond. But otherwise, thanks for reading my novella. I trust that it will be helpful in the redistribution process.

Thank you and regards,

Tadhg Sheehan  
9 Dunbar Crt  
Highfields Qld 4352

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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [grcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Wil & Nola Braithwaite  
**Date:** Wednesday, 24 August 2016 8:25:00 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Wil & Nola Braithwaite**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Wil & Nola Braithwaite
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: Villa 13 Concept Villas 8 Highfields Road Highfields

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: My wife & I do not want and object to the proposed change of Toowoomba North to Nanango shire.
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**From:** [Boundaries](#)  
**To:** [arcsubmissions](#)  
**Subject:** Toowoomba North - David McFadden  
**Date:** Wednesday, 24 August 2016 9:08:02 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **David McFadden**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: David McFadden
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 8 Jenna Court Highfields Qld 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

Please accept this as my submission to object to the proposed changes to the Toowoomba North Electoral Boundaries. We, as Highfields residents, do not deal with towns to the north of us to any large degree. We mostly work, shop and play in Toowoomba. Therefore the amenities we use are in Toowoomba and our vote should be included in the area that we use. I have no idea what needs are required for the best of the Nanango Shire nor do I believe that Representatives from this shire know what is best for the Highfields district. Please keep our vote where we are more connected to.
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Submission ID: 63770

Time of Submission: 24 Aug 2016 9:08am

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**From:** [Denise Upton](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** re Proposed Boundary change  
**Date:** Wednesday, 24 August 2016 9:25:53 AM

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Hello

I strongly disagree with the proposed change to include Highfields, North Toowoomba , Blue Mountain Heights into the Nanango Shire .

*Denise Upton*

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Licenced Real Estate Agent  
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**Date:** Wednesday, 24 August 2016 9:41:51 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Fiona Taggart**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Fiona Taggart
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 6 Susie Crt Highfields 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

I'm writing to you to express my disapproval of the proposed redistribution of boundaries for the state electorate of Toowoomba North. I have lived & worked in Highfields for over 17 years. I am a business owner in the Highfields area. We ( Highfields) are the northern hub of Toowoomba North electorate. We do business , access employment, sporting, educational, medical & community activities on a daily basis with Toowoomba. To move us to an area that we are hours & kilometres from our representative is ludicrous. Highfields is a suburb of Toowoomba. I propose that there are no changes to the current Toowoomba North Electorate. Thankyou
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Online submission for **All Districts, Toowoomba North** from **Joseph currie**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Joseph currie
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 23 Murphy's Creek Rd, blue mountain heights

#### Submission Details

- Submission: All Districts, Toowoomba North
- Text: I don't think that there is much to say other than that this is an absurd idea, to move Blue Mountain Heights and Highfields to another electorate. We do not want this.
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**Date:** Wednesday, 24 August 2016 10:01:01 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Paula Bowers**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Paula Bowers
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 16 Holly Avenue, Highfields, 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: 

I am a resident of Toowoomba North living in Highfields with concern in regard to the changing of our boundaries. My partner and I moved to this area due to the fact that I was recovering from cancer and, living in Highfields, gave us the close proximity to my surgeon, hospitals, GP, blood tests etc. with only a 12 min. drive into the CBD. Changing our boundaries would alienate us from the hub of Toowoomba, degrading our facilities which are of the highest standard driven also by our Council. Highfields is a thriving, vibrant community, and it would be a shame to see this taken from our area by changing boundaries which would cause hardship for the people who rely on public transport, never mind the fact that our elected member would not longer be available to us but one of not our choosing hundreds of kilometres away. This is a regressive step and not one I would like to see happen in our beautiful progressive Highfields.
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**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Hayley Byrne  
**Date:** Wednesday, 24 August 2016 10:20:32 AM

Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Hayley Byrne**

#### Contact Details

- Name: Hayley Byrne
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 1 Eagle Street Highfields

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Hi there, I am not keen on the proposed electoral boundary changes for the Toowoomba North Electorate. I would like Highfields to remain as part of the Toowoomba Community. Kind regards, Hayley Byrne.
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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Neil Jenkinson**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Neil Jenkinson
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 1 Eagle Street Highfields Qld 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North
- Text: Good morning, I am not keen on the proposed electoral boundary changes for the Toowoomba North Electorate. I would like Highfields to remain as part of the Toowoomba Community. Kind regards, Neil Jenkinson.
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**Subject:** Toowoomba North - Karen Merle Perry  
**Date:** Wednesday, 24 August 2016 10:22:48 AM

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Karen Merle Perry**

#### Contact Details

- Name: Karen Merle Perry
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 6 Cristina Court Highfields. Qld 4352

#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North  

Please reject the submission for changes to the Toowoomba North Electorate. This is now part of Toowoomba City and has no relevance to our northern rural neighbours. Politics and cash grabbing should not be part of your decision. This is our community in every respect and we want strong local representation. Ironically the previous member
- Text: Kerry Shine was our local rep and he was very proactive in supporting the strong growth in this area. Strong growth in housing, transport, education, services and sporting venues. Now we have a Labor submission wanting to change this? We want to vote for things that are relevant to our community and not be attached to a distant, highly questionable support base. THIS IS MADNESS SO DO NOT ALLOW THIS HOLLOW SUBMISSION TO PROCEED.
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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Heather Payne**

#### Contact Details

- Name: Heather Payne
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 52 Palmer Drive Highfields QLD 4352

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- Submission: Toowoomba North

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A great many residents of Highfields, such as myself, moved to this area from within Toowoomba because Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights is, effectively, an outer suburb of Toowoomba. The local council has recognised the strong community ties between Highfields and Toowoomba. Of all its Aquatic and Fitness facilities, Toowoomba Region's memberships to either Milne Bay in Toowoomba and the Highfields Aquatic and Fitness Centres are reciprocal recognising that we live, work and play across Toowoomba and Highfields – not Highfields and rural areas to our North. Highfields is the northern hub of the Toowoomba North electorate and this fast growing urban community is culturally and socially connected with Toowoomba. To redistribute this urban area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs. Another important point that must be considered is that the existing electorate is a source of workforce and small business for both Highfields and Toowoomba areas. Therefore, a failure to see a close relationship between the two districts demonstrates a lack of understanding of this region. Highfields local buses are Toowoomba-based. The bus routes take in Toowoomba and Highfields stops on a regular basis throughout the day. There is no such correlation with buses and routes from here to other centres outside of long-range bus routes. Highfields has poor mobile phone reception as well as a lack of NBN. My methods of fast access and communication with my member if they are remotely located are limited, whereas I can drive a few minutes down the road to visit my local member currently in Toowoomba North. Also many people, particularly the elderly do not have access to any form of electronic communication or access to private transport in which to communicate with their distantly located local representative. This situation leaves only two forms of



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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Michael Payne**

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#### Contact Details

- Name: Michael Payne
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 52 Palmer Drive, Highfield QLD 4352



#### Submission Details

- Submission: Toowoomba North

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Competitor in the Ben Nevis Race 1951

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TOOWOOMBA NORTH ELECTORAL BOUNDARY  
REVIEW.

DEAR SIR. WE CAME TO LIVE IN HIGHFIELD.  
12 YEARS AGO DUE TO ITS CLOSE PROXIMITY  
TO TOOWOOMBA. TO CHANGE TO ANOTHER  
ELECTORATE WOULD BE A VERY  
BACKWARD STEP. PLEASE HAVE A VERY  
HARD LOOK AT THIS STUPID MOVE. PLEASE  
LEAVE WELL ALONE!  
I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TALK TO YOU AT ANY TIME  
yours faithfully

Colin Mathieson

21/08/2016



22-09-16

To The secretary  
Old Redistribution Commission

Dear Sir-Madam

my wife and I have lived in Highfields in the State seat of Mth Toowoomba for about 12 years we are both elderly pensioners, and see no reason for the the electorate to be changed in the redistribution currantly under way.

Highfields has very poor mobile reception and also lacks NBN. Our methods of communication with my member would be very limited if they were in Manago whereas we only need to drive a few minutes down the road to Toowoomba Mth.

many elderly people dont have access or the skills for electronic communication with a distantly located represtative, wherea now we only need to travel a few minutes down the road for a face to face meeting.

In my view there would be significant outcry from this fast growing ~~of~~ community of Highfields and Blue Mountain Hights. if they were forced to travel <sup>many kilometers</sup> to see their elected representatives.

I would ask you to consider keeping Highfields within the Toowoomba Mth electorate

Gauseffe Canto

Antonia Canto





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Chairperson  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
Level 6, Forestry House  
160 Mary Street  
Brisbane Q. 4001.

I am writing in response to the Australian Labor Party's proposed redistribution submission.

I strongly refute the ALP's suggestion to remove Highfields from the Toowoomba North Electorate. Highfields is the fastest growing suburb in not only Queensland, but Australia.

To redistribute this urban centric area into a rural seat will alienate the residents who strongly rely on Toowoomba for their work, business, and social, educational, medical, community, sport, cultural and shopping needs.

Highfields is located a short distance of 12.9km (Blue Mountain Heights 8.9km) from Toowoomba and it is a natural progression for this suburb to remain part of Toowoomba.


The people of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights are culturally aligned to the urban orientated seat of Toowoomba North and this area would have no connection or affinity with a rural based seat.

I also believe the issue of travel which could possibly necessitate a 3 hour trip for constituents to meet with a rural based local representative would cause a great deal of inconvenience for the many 'time poor' residents who find the convenience of direct access to their local representative in Toowoomba a much better option.

The removal of Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights from the Toowoomba North electorate flies in the face of providing equal and appropriate access, wherever possible to their elected representative.

Therefore it is my recommendation that Highfields/Blue Mountain Heights remains within the Toowoomba North electorate boundary.

I thank you for your consideration.

  
Greg Ingram.

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Online submission for **Toowoomba North** from **Doug Woodcock**

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**Contact Details**

- Name: Doug Woodcock
- Email:
- Phone Number:
- Residential Address: 14 Liam Drive Highfields, Qld, 4352

**Submission Details**

- Submission: Toowoomba North

- Text: I live with Highfields, which is a northern suburb of the current Toowoomba North electorate which is a fast growing urban community, which is not as yet connected to the NBN and with some limitation on mobile phone services. We rely heavily on our connection to Toowoomba for cultural and social activities as well as our medical shopping and other activities. To redistribute this area would alienate the core of of this community and would show a lack of understanding of the importance of retaining the greater Toowoomba area as is. The proposed change would isolate the Highfields and Blue Mountain Heights area is effectiveness of; 1. No public transport available to areas other than Toowoomba 2. Significant travel to meet and get access to our local member 3. Cost of electronic communication and its inherent unreliability. We moved to this area from interstate to have a larger home and land space, but to also be a part of the Toowoomba infrastructure where we have a number of significant friends and need for medical and support services. Thanks for reading. Regards, Doug Woodcock
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To whom it may concern,

As the Submission Form does not function correctly we submit our Submission via Email.

Contact Details:

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Residential Address:

11 Alexander Avenue  
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Qld 4352

Submission Details:

I wish to express my condemnation of any consideration to move the electorate of Toowoomba North to that of placing us in a rural electorate. We are not within the rural environs; we, here in Highfields, are a rapidly expanding suburb of Toowoomba. We feel a close community connection to the wider Toowoomba community which would be ruined if we became part of another electorate, such as that of Crows Nest. Our family moved from interstate to Highfields in 2013 as we felt it was the place for us to retire to. We did not wish to become part of a rural electorate; we could have bought and settled within such an electorate, but we felt the community and environs of Highfields suited our lifestyle. To have to travel anything up to hundreds of kilometres to converse with our local member (who could not reflect our local community needs) would give us a feeling isolation, which is not what we want now or in the future.

I therefore reiterate that it would be totally unfair to cut our representation from Toowoomba North. Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours Sincerely

L & C Bodimeade





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Good afternoon

Please find the attached correspondence from Dale Last MP, Member for Burdekin for your information and attention.

Thank you

Regards

*Julie Lawrie  
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 Office of Dale Last MP/Member for Burdekin  
 Shadow Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry  
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**Dale Last MP**

**Member for Burdekin**

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Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016

The Secretary  
Queensland Redistribution Commission  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the attached submission from Mr Jeff Waddell of 10 Kookaburra Court, Glenbrook Victoria regarding proposed boundary changes to the State Electoral District of Burdekin.

As the current sitting member for the seat of Burdekin I strenuously oppose the changes as proposed by Mr Waddell for the following reasons:

1. There is no community of interest between the coastal communities which currently lie within the Electoral District of Burdekin namely, Townsville, Ayr, Home Hill and Bowen and the communities of Moranbah, Dysart, Mount Britton, Hail Creek, Strathfield, Coppabella and all localities to the NW of these localities in the Broadsound-Nebo area.
2. The communities as proposed by Mr Waddell are all situated in different Local Government Areas and State Government Regions which provides a disconnect in terms of decision making and representation. The areas proposed lie firmly within the broader Central Queensland area and from discussions with affected local governments there is widespread opposition to the proposed changes.
3. The majority of residents living in the communities proposed by Mr Waddell travel to centres such as Emerald, Mackay and Rockhampton to access services including health, education, Centrelink etc. and have no connection with the major regional centres to the North
4. To access the communities proposed by Mr Waddell I would be required to travel to either Mackay (3 hours), which would involve travelling through two other electorates, or via Mt Coolon (5 hours) which would involve lengthy travel over unsealed roads leaving these communities isolated for extended periods during the wet season. To put this into perspective, a trip to Moranbah from Ayr via Mackay would take approximately 5 hours.
5. The Burdekin Electorate has a strong connection with Townsville to the North as evidenced by the increasing numbers of local residents now commuting to Townsville on a daily basis to work, study and engage in leisure activities.
6. The impending commencement of the Rocky Springs Master Planned Community to the south of Townsville will significantly increase voter numbers during the next 2-5 years and this should be factored into any proposed boundary changes.

It is clearly evident that Mr Waddell has no idea or appreciation of road networks and communities of interest in the North of the State and his proposed changes have met with widespread opposition throughout this Electorate. The Burdekin Electorate is predominantly a coastal electorate and to incorporate communities from Central Queensland whose economy revolves around the mineral resource sector is erroneous and problematic.

Should you require clarification on any of the points raised in this submission please contact me at the Burdekin Electorate Office.

Yours sincerely

Dale Last MP  
Member for Burdekin

Burdekin was the first SED that I encountered where there wasn't any obvious solution as to where to acquire the number of electors required to get this SED back within quota. I spent some time deciding on whether to transfer them in from either Mirani or Whitsunday.

I came to the conclusion that Burdekin had already acquired sufficient Whitsunday LGA territory with its existing boundary. To extend further towards the Proserpine - Airlie Beach area would have rendered the SED name Whitsunday virtually obsolete. Besides, there were more electors around the Proserpine - Airlie Beach area than Burdekin required, and it would have been difficult to split this area between the 2 SED's without compromising Section 46(1)(a) of The Act.

So I propose to extend Burdekin south into Isaac Regional LGA, firstly acquiring the part of this LGA that is now surplus to Dalrymple's requirements - including Moranbah, as well as the balance of Clermont SA2 currently divided between Mirani and Gregory. I also propose to transfer the part of Broadsound - Nebo SA2 from Mirani to Burdekin that contains the eastern approach to Moranbah; the Peak Downs Highway. To fulfil that requirement, I propose that the localities of Mount Britton; Hail Creek; Strathfield; Coppabella and all localities to the NW of these localities in the Broadsound - Nebo SA2 be transferred to Burdekin.

I propose this District retain the name Burdekin.

*Table of Transfers: Burdekin*

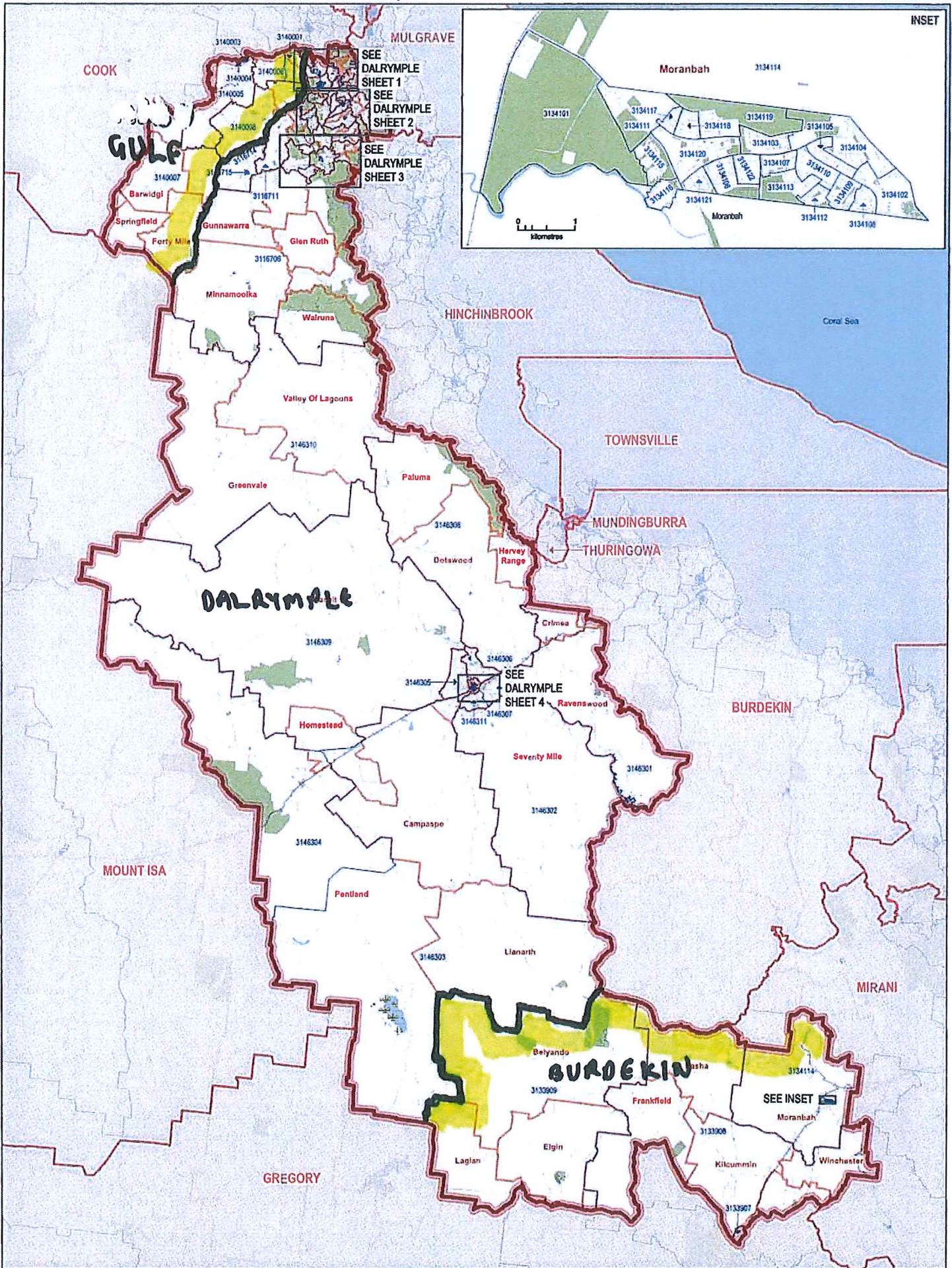
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From Dalrymple	Moranbah SA2 - all	4,661	5,281
From Gregory	Clermont SA2 - balance	1,879	2,012
From Mirani	Broadsound - Nebo SA2 - part	588	648
From Mirani	Clermont SA2 - balance	13	13
To Mundingburra	Annandale SA2 - balance	-632	-671
To Mundingburra	Oonoonba SA2 - all	-4,137	-6,402
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**Mackay:**

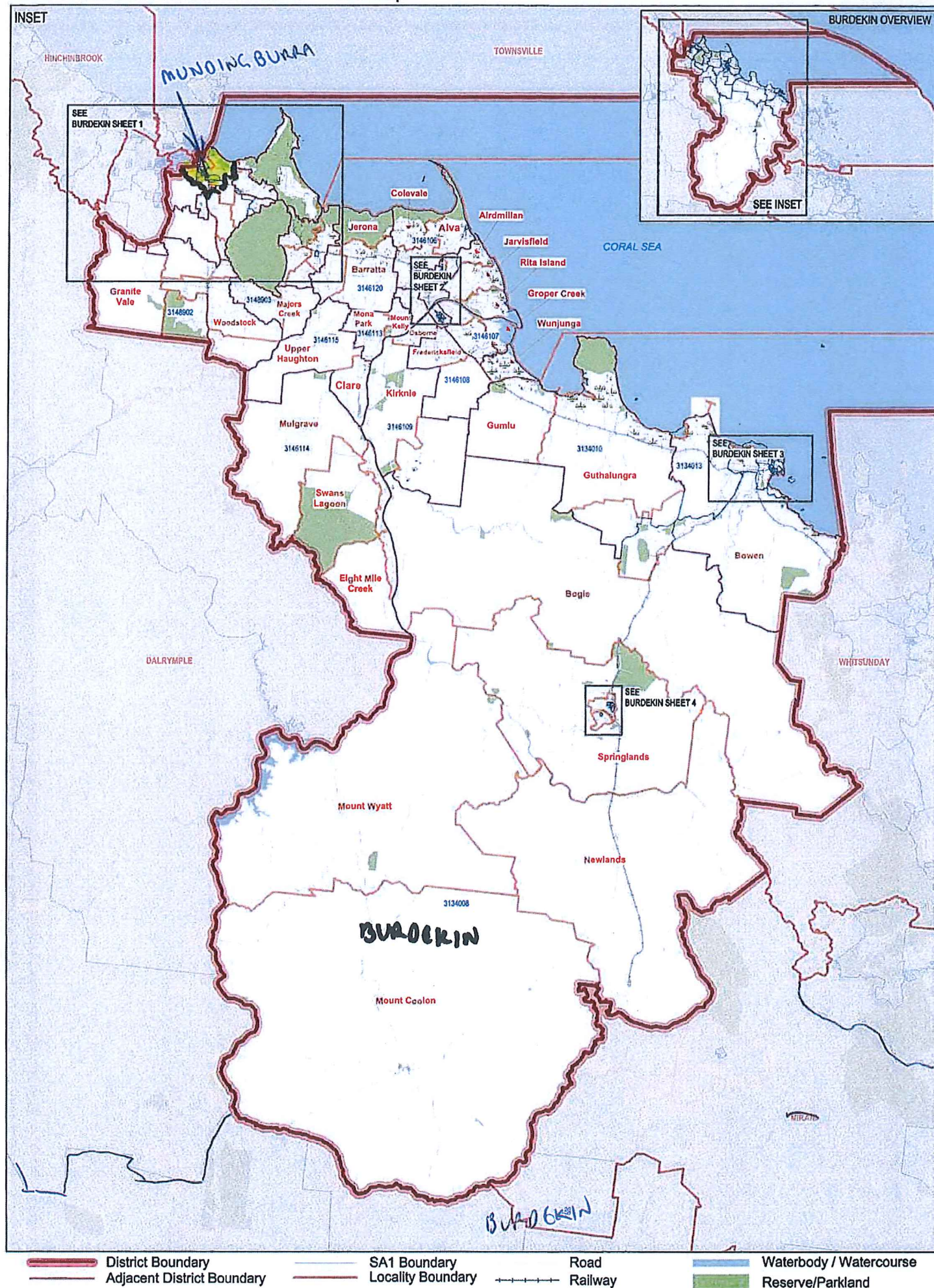
Though Whitsunday was the next logical District to assess, there was a significant numerical shortfall in Mackay that needed to be addressed first. I had declared one of my principles on page 17 of this document to be "Major regional & provincial cities should have their built-up areas in separate Districts from surrounding rural areas to the extent that this is possible in each individual case". Mackay is exactly the type of District that this principle needed to be applied to.

Mackay had to gain somewhere between 1428 and 8666 projected electors to be within quota.











**From:** [Dennis Eslick](#)  
**To:** [Boundaries](#)  
**Subject:** Redistribution involving Toowoomba North.  
**Date:** Wednesday, 24 August 2016 12:37:31 PM

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My name is Dennis Eslick and I live at Palm Lake Resort at 97-137 Hogg Street Cranley.

I wish it to be recorded that I strongly oppose the redistribution on the following grounds:

The owners of Palm Lake Resort have recently been given approval by Toowoomba Regional Council to build a bigger resort adjacent to this one. Construction has recently started. I believe that TRC is in a far better position to follow up the developer than another council.

I attended two of the Development Application Committee meetings at TRC. Council chambers are 5.91km from home. The proposed council is 161.72km (according to RACQ trip planner). I believe that to force people from this area to have to travel that distance to attend council is wrong.

You are asked to re-consider the boundary change.

Thank you,

Dennis Eslick

