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Online submission for **Kallangur** from **Robert Macintosh**

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The Secretary / Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Dear Sir

Re: Redistribution State seat of Kallangur

As a resident at the above address and having seen the area develop over the last forty years, I wish to make the following submission regarding the proposed redistribution of the Queensland State seat of Kallangur.

Submission to Qld Redistribution Commission regarding the State seat of Kallangur

- The dynamic of the electorate of Kallangur will change dramatically over the next 5 years due to the new University of Southern Qld (USQ) being built in the electorate on the old Amcor Paper Mill site.
- Anzac Avenue starts at the Petrie Roundabout and continues to Redcliffe and is a tourist attraction as a war memorial. This Avenue will become the heart of the community as it stretches from the university through the middle of Kallangur bringing restaurants and associated businesses to this new education precinct.
- The current boundary of Kallangur continues past Petrie along the eastern side of Old Gympie rd. to Four Mile Creek and I propose that the boundary extends along the eastern side of Old Gympie rd. to the South Pine River which would bring Strathpine into the electorate and include Pine Rivers High School as they will be a major feed in to the University as it incorporates STEM learning. This community of interest would enhance both the University precinct and the school.
- I acknowledge that this would put the electorate well over its quota and to compensate for this, I propose that Kallangur retreats from the North, back to Oakey Flat Rd. This part of Narangba is coupled with Narangba Valley already and would be better suited being part of the Morayfield electorate.
- To the East of the Railway line, I propose that the electorate retreats to Boundary Rd, allowing this semi-rural part of Narangba and Burpengary to be part of the community of Burpengary.
- Finally, the electorate should then follow Boundary Rd to the highway, which allows the Narangba Innovation Precinct (formerly the Narangba Industrial Estate) to be in the electorate of Murrumba. This industrial hub straddles the highway with the bulk of it on the Western side of the Bruce Highway in the Murrumba Electorate. This often leads to confusion regarding issues and events within the precinct and it would be better served being in the one electorate.

Yours Sincerely

Robert Macintosh C.M., JP (Qual)
25th July 2016

The Secretary
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BRISBANE QLD 4000

25 July 2016

To whom it may concern,

I wish to put forth a submission regarding the planned redistribution by the electoral commission with regard to the Chatsworth Electorate.

As a resident of Carindale I would urge you to consider my suggestions and thoughts in your decision making process.

I have lived in 9 Kenilworth Place, Carindale for Seventeen years and have been very involved in the local community. For the past Seventeen years my household and our local community have fallen within the Chatsworth Electorate.

As part of this electorate we see the Pacific Golf Club, our local meeting place for many community events.

Our State Local Members throughout the years have paid us great attention and provided immense support to this club as well as to the local community and we greatly appreciate the hard work of these members irrespective of their political parties.

This club, moreover is a great community place for our local area and in turn the electorate of Chatsworth and I feel moving this area of Carindale to any other electorate would be a great loss to Chatsworth and would see a disintegration of our sense of community and the relationship we have built with other community groups.

I know I am not alone in my thoughts, as many of my neighbours and ultimately community friends feel much the same way, which is why I feel compelled to write a submission with regard to the upcoming redistribution.

Finally, I wish to reaffirm the comments I have made in that we do not wish to be broken away from our Carindale neighbours and moved into a new electorate, as we have always and wish to remain in the Chatsworth electorate, and no other.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my submission and I hope we may remain as we are.

Kind Regards,

Lawrence John Horton
9 Kenilworth Place,
Carindale Q 4152



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Dear Commissioner, As a Political Consultancy firm for right of centre political candidates and parties, we are proud to put forward a submission to this redistribution. This redistribution is one of the largest redistributions in Queensland's history with the addition of four new seats and we are glad to put forward our submission. Our submission is based on the following principles: 1. The submissions from the LNP, Labor and the Greens are going to be politically biased to give the party in question a perceived political advantage. 2. There are large corridors of growth that need to be managed and this redistribution needs to set up future redistributions which will be impacted by large scale housing developments which will significantly impact on the future direction of a number of seats (eg. Caloundra South for Caloundra, Mount Peter for Mulgrave and Cairns). 3. Major developments should be balanced out in the new seats with 'stabiliser' regional SAs which are low growth. 4. The old 'pillars' of redistributions such as former LGA boundaries should be dispensed with to allow for communities of interest to be focussed on and demographically similar seats should be united together. It is with these concepts for the that we base our submission and we look forward to engaging with the ECQ more through out this process. Yours sincerely Tegan Goodridge Director Winning Political Technologies. (file attached)
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Tegan Goodridge
Director
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The first new seat we propose to create is Tamborine. This is a seat that is coming out of Coomera, Albert and Beaudesert. This will allow for the realignment of Albert and Coomera easily and allow for Beaudesert to come back into tolerance. This will also allow for the re-distribution required in the other seats inside the Gold Coast LGA which will require it. We also believe that the commission has under-cooked the growth projections in Southport and Surfers Paradise which we will argue need to be bought largely under-quota to allow for large scale population growth due to developments under construction and approved but not yet started.

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The third seat we propose is a seat called Highfields based on the major new development corridor in the Toowoomba corridor. This is a major new development which is growing rapidly and should be based on this development. In order to balance this development up we propose moving a number of quotas from a number of different seats to balance out this growth. Firstly, we propose to move Tarrington, Gowrie Junction, Wellcamp, Biddeston, Aubigny, Oakey and Jondaryn all move from Condamine into the new seat. Then we propose to go along the Brisbane Valley Highway and Warrego Highway in Ipswich West and excise that section of the seat into this new seat. We then also propose taking components of Toowoomba South, Glass House and Pine Rivers in order to equalise the seat out and bring it back to quota. Whilst many will see these components as odd, we believe that taking the rural, low growth components of urban seats to allow them to shrink into their main communities of interest and balancing out a high growth seat is the optimal scenario for the ECQ to consider. This is why it is the principle we are using to underpin all of our new seats in this submission. We also believe that as Highfields grows, this seat is a very easy seat for the commission to shrink in future redistributions.

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Tamborine

Firstly, there is no way that anyone making submissions to this redistribution can overlook the massive projected over quotas in Coomera and Albert. Furthermore, we believe that with the Flagstone and Yarrabilba Priority Development Areas (PDA) set down, these must be factored in. Our proposal links these together with low growth 'stabiliser' SA1s.

We believe that when it comes to the ECQ's growth figures for Flagstone and Yarrabilba, we believe they are too low. This is because Flagstone doesn't exist in terms of the Census of 2011/12 and therefore has no growth record. However, the aim is to build this seat on the back of this growth corridor and to add in other 'stabiliser' suburbs from Waterford and Albert to make the seat. We believe that the commission has not taken into account the 700 new home-sites which are under construction right now to begin the Flagstone development as a part of the Greater Flagstone Development Area, which by 2041 will hold 50,000 homesites and 120,000 people. By this ratio, we believe that the 700 home sites will hold 1707 voters right now and this will grow to 2100 home sites that will hold 5121 voters.

In relation to the Yarrabilba development, by the commission's arithmetic, this development will only go from 434 dwellings to 2734 dwellings in the 6 years covered by the redistribution period. This makes no sense considering that the development will grow to 20,000 dwellings. This means that only 383 homes will be built per year by the commission's projections. One Nation believes an estimate of more like 500 homes being built per year is more reasonable. This would take the projected number of dwellings from 2734 to 3434. This would also see the projected population rise from 6836 to 8585. We note though that this seat fits inside the quota on what ever figuring is used.

Tamborine will inherit the 7028 voters from Albert that live inside the Logan LGA. This means that Eagleby from Coomera will join the suburbs of Bucca, Bahrs Scrub, Windaroo, Bannockburn, Belivah and Wolffdene will go to the new seat. The idea then is for stabilising rural/semi-rural suburbs to 'balance' the growth in the Flagstone/Yarrabilba corridor. In order to do this and achieve quota we propose that Tamborine, Tamborine Mountain, Boyland, Mundoolan, Veresdale Scrub and Witheren all transfer from Beaudesert to Tamborine. We also propose Guanaba and Mount Nathan transfer from Gaven, Clagiraba transfers from Mudgeeraba to Tamborine and Beenleigh from Waterford to Tamborine.

We then propose to take the section of Mount Warren Park between the Pacific Motorway, Martens St, Mount Warren Boulevard, Beaudesert-Beenleigh Road and where the Albert River meets the Pacific Motorway. In other words, the outside edge of Mount Warren Park goes to Tamborine and the inside edge stays in Logan. This means SA1s 3131909, 3131911, 3131912, 3131904, 3131904, 3131913, 3131907, 3131914, 3131906 and 3131905 leave Logan for Tamborine. This sees 2375 voters leave Waterford to join the seat of Tamborine at the beginning of the period growing to 2438 voters. Therefore, the seat has 29, 562 voters at the start of the period which means it will be -8.21% under quota and then at the end of the period the seat will have 38,622 voters in it which makes the seat +6.72% over quota which therefore puts the seat in tolerance.



Springfield

The Greater Springfield Corridor is the major driver of growth inside the Ipswich-Logan corridor and will, in time, be one whole state seat and at completion, will warrant more seats in the region to deal with the size of the development. This is the largest master-planned development in Australia. We have proposed this seat in such a way that it links up with low-growth, stable SA1s that provide a good buffer between the growth in the west of Logan LGA and allows this seat to become a true representation of a 'connector' seat between Ipswich and Logan in much the same way that the Federal Electorate of Oxley acts as a connector between the Centenary Suburbs of Brisbane, Inala and the BCC Ward of Richlands and components of the Ipswich LGA.

We also draw our inspiration for this proposal from the Western Corridor NRL bid which has a catchment area of Ipswich, Logan and Toowoomba LGAs. This region is structured this way because of the massive growth in the corridor outlined. Springfield is the driver of that growth.

This seat will be one that takes in all of Springfield, Springfield Central, Springfield Heights, Brookwater and Augustine Heights from Bundamba as well as South Ripley. Then the seat would remove all of Greenbank which is currently contained within the seat of Logan and Algester, New Beith, Deebing Heights and Spring Mountain which is contained inside the over quota Lockyer and Flinders View, Ripley and Yamanto between Deebing Creek, Cunningham Highway, Warwick Rd and the northern boundary being the Bremer river. Then the eastern boundary will be formed along the Mount Lindesey Highway and take the western sides of Munruben, Park Ridge South, North Maclean and South Maclean.

This is a seat that whilst it crosses over the boundary line between the Ipswich and Logan LGAs, it ensures that the growth of the Springfield Corridor (Springfield, Springfield Central, Springfield Lakes, Augustine Heights, Brookwater) which is the driving force behind the 17.44% over quota status as of now and the projection of 41.46% at the end of the period is balanced out by like-demographic populations. That is, rural and semi-rural populations balancing out the other urban localities in this seat.

It should also be noted that this is a seat which is over 70% built from over quota seats (Lockyer and Bundamba). The removal of suburbs from Logan will also allow for the 'Logan' seats to be realigned to be more reflective of Logan City and provides a buffer between the growth in Jimboomba and Beaudesert from the large growth in Yarrabilba and Flagstone (which in our opinion the commission has underestimated).

This seat will have a population to start of 29,055 which will grow into a population of 39,923. Therefore, this seat will start at -9.78% on the quota and will finish at +8.9% over quota. This seat is inside the tolerances outlined by the commission.



Highfields

Highfields is one of the fastest growing residential communities in the Toowoomba region. This growth corridor has been reflected by the decision of the Queensland Government to invest in a new High School in the area. The need to highlight this corridor in a new seat is based on the logic used in our other two seats in this corridor; development in the Ipswich to Toowoomba to Gold Coast corridor will be the driving force behind the growth in the South East corner outside of the Brisbane LGA. Our proposal is about linking this corridor to 'stabiliser' suburbs from a variety of other seats as a means of balancing the seat into one of steady growth for the future of this growth region.

This proposal will bring together a seat for a corridor of semi-rural and rural suburbs which don't fit demographically in the seats that are currently allocated to and bring them into one 'home' seat and attach them to a growth corridor. Some may say that this proposal is 'too soon'; however, we believe in managing growth in this process and believe that Toowoomba and the Lockyer Valley's growth means it deserves this attention and the seats we propose. Highfields itself at the beginning of this redistribution period has 4028 voters and finishes the period with 5249 voters. However, we would also note that the Highfields website projects much higher population growth than the ECQ projection. We also propose SA1 3145024 and 3145022 goes to the seat goes to the new seat of Highfields. This means in total Toowoomba North loses 4987 at the start of the distribution process and 6495 voters at the end of the redistribution process to Highfields.

This proposal sees Tarrington, Gowrie Junction, Wellcamp, Biddeston, Aubigny, Oakey and Jondaryn all move from Condamine into the new seat of Highfields. This will see a total of 3230 voters at the start of the process moving to the new seat of Highfields and this will rise 3696 voters at the end of the redistribution period. We also propose to remove SA1s 3144713, 3145813, 3145814, 3145812, 3145813, 3145816, 3118205, 3144714, 3144717, 3144620, 3144712, 3144605, 3144608, 3144607, 3144603, 3144604 and 3144607 from the section below what is currently Toowoomba South. This will see a total of 7045 voters at the start of the process moving to the new seat of Highfields and this will rise 8192 voters at the end of the redistribution period.

Furthermore, we propose that Glenaven, Haven, Peranga, Crossdale, Wivenhoe Pocket, Patrick Estate, Coominya, Mount Hallen, Ravensbourne, Hampton, Groomsville, Gehan, Goombungee, Quinalow and Acland leave the seat of Nanango and join the new seat of Highfields. These towns are represented by SA1s 317911, 3117919, 3117923, 3127814, 3127121, 3127115, 3128111, 3128110, 3128109, 3127808, 3127909, 3117924, 31117918, 3145025, 3117917, 3117915, 3117916, 3117921 and 3117922. This will see 4558 voters leave at the start of the redistribution period and 4672 voters leave the seat at the end of the redistribution period based from the ECQ growth projections.

This seat is also proposed to go along the Brisbane Valley Highway and Warrego Highway and take in a population of 6222 voters from Ipswich West at the start of the redistribution process and 7427 voters at the end of the process. This wedge is represented by SA1s 3128114, 3128104, 3128218, 3128222, 3128231, 3128129, 3128106, 3128123, 3128105, 3128129, 3128106, 3128123, 3128105, 3128122, 3129133, 3128108, 3138118, 3138130, 3138102, 3138103, 3138104, 3138132 and 3138107.



Highfields (2)

Toowoomba South needs shrinking in order to help to facilitate the new electorate of Highfields. This sees SA1s 3145825, 3145805, 3145806, 3145314, 3145313, 3145312, 3144709 and 3144711 go to Highfields. This sees 3234 voters go to Highfields at the start of the process and 3602 voters at the end of the process.

We also propose to take 3542 voters from the rural parts of Pine Rivers which will rise to 3815 voters at the end of the redistribution period. This allows the seat condense around the more urban components of the seat. This makes the final population of Pine Rivers 30395 voters at the start of the redistribution period.

The final element of this redistribution package is to remove the voters from the electorate of Glass House west of the D'Aguilar Highway to the new electorate of Highfields. This means SA1s 3137112, 3137110, 3137102, 3137113, 3137101, 3137109, 3137108, 3137114, 3136901, 3136903, 3136905, 3136907, 3136906 and 3136902. This removes 3615 voters from Glass House to Highfields at the start of the redistribution process and ends at 4116 voters at the end of the period. This means Glass House will have 32418 voters at the start of the redistribution period and 36547 voters at the end of the period.

To deal with the inevitable question about why we would propose to take voters from Pine Rivers and Glass House to balance a seat based on a housing estate in Toowoomba, it is our view that those SA1s in the rural parts of Glass House and Pine Rivers are best connected to a rural based seat such as Highfields (or Nanango) as opposed to urban based seats such as Pine Rivers and Glass House. We also believe that in future redistributions, Pine Rivers will need to become a more urban seat to pick up the growth in more urban seats inside the Moreton Bay LGA. Glass House will also need to head more towards Caloundra as Caloundra South grows and develops as housing construction in that PDA gets underway.

This seat will have a population of 30,186 voters at the start of the redistribution period and 37073 voters at the end of the redistribution period; which puts the seat straight into the tolerance.

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North Lakes

The new seat of North Lakes comes out of the new parts of Murrumba electorate into its own new seat. This means that Murrumba and Redcliffe become a more traditional set of 'Redcliffe Shire' type seats based on suburbs in the old Redcliffe Shire and places such as Deception Bay and Rothwell. In other words, the seat of Murrumba will become more of a connectors seat between the old Redcliffe Shire and the beginning of the old Caboolture Shire. For the main, the suburbs of Rothwell and Kippa-Ring share a common community of interest despite their division in terms of state electorates.

It should also be noted that for the purposes of Local Government elections Deception Bay is split between 3 seats, only of which is connected to North Lakes. The new Division 5 in Moreton Bay LGA now goes into Deception Bay despite being originally formed at the point of amalgamation as a 'Redcliffe North' division. This means that the ECQ has broken down the barrier before between the 'community of interest' test as it pertains to the old Shire boundaries in this region.

When you remove North Lakes, Griffin and Mango Hill 16200 voters at the start of the redistribution period which rises to 23042 voters at the end of the redistribution period.

It is our intention to link this seat with common voters which means voters from Kallangur electorate and Morayfield electorates. From the Kallangur electorate, the only logical place to move voters into a new electorate is the place where Morayfield and Kallangur border and share common physical boundaries.

To bring the seat to tolerance, we need to bring the seat to tolerance is to take voters from Kallangur to North Lakes; this means taking everything north of the Dakabin Railway Station. This means the removal 3132352, 3132505, 3137511, 3137510, 31317216, 3137206, 3137313, 3137206, 3137313, 3137216, 3137210, 3137217, 3137224, 3137235, 3137234, 3137233, 3138813, 3138823, 3138822, 3138824, 313824, 3138841, 3138842, 3138843, 3138821, 313819, 3138820, 3138812, 3138810, 3138814, 3138811, 3138808, 3138807, 3138809 and 3137232. This sees 7680 votes move at the start of the redistribution period which goes to 9634 voters at the end of the redistribution period.

This will take Kallangur below the tolerance, however, we will move the seat of Kallangur into Morayfield.

We will be proposing the move of 5499 voters from where the Burpengary Creek meets the Burpengary rail line and meets the current border of the Morayfield electorate. This number of voters rises 5856 voters at the end of the redistribution period. This means that we are suggesting that SA1s 3137210, 3137206, 3137216, 3137205, 3137202, 3137203, 3137204, 3137229, 3137219, 3137228, 3137226, 3137225, 3137221, 3137220, 3137207, 3137227, 3137230, 3134224, 3134235, 3134234, 3134232 and 3137231.

This means that the final population of North Lakes goes to 29,379 voters at the start of the redistribution period and that rises to 38,682 voters at the end of the period.

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The Scenic Rim Local Government area should be included when considering and any redistribution, as its boundaries are already well defined, eg. The Great Dividing Range, NSW/QLD boarder Ranges. If it is necessary to increase the number of electors, the boundaries could be expanded on the northern end eg. Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly. This would fit with their historical connection as well as primary industry similarities and life-style. Likewise there are communities in the southern end of the Logan area which were part of the old Beaudesert Shire, and still have community interest with the Scenic Rim. Re a proposed name change. Rather than the electorate being called after one particular town, I propose that it be known as Border Ranges, as it encompasses the whole region.
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ELECTORATE OF BEAUDESERT

This submission argues for an amendment to the electoral boundary of the Electorate of Beaudesert shared with the Electorate of Lockyer and a name change.

(a) Electoral Boundary Realignment

State Electoral boundaries have traditionally coincided with Queensland Local Government boundaries. Proven advantages in this practice have been:

- simplification and ease of recognition by electors having a common local government identity tied to common family origins and history;
- orderly administration where there are links between local and state government functions.

The boundary of the Electorate of Beaudesert coincides with the State border with New South Wales to its south, and a mix of former and current local government boundaries to its north. This is the result of a local government boundary change, about a decade ago, which placed outside the Electorate of Beaudesert, those parts of the former City of Ipswich now part of the new Scenic Rim Regional Council area, the townships of Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly.

Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly, generally located within a district locally recognized as the Fassifern Valley, and geographically within the Warrill Creek catchment, share a community of interest with other Fassifern Valley townships such as Kalbar, Roadvale and Aratula, located within the Beaudesert Electorate.

Common economic interests which unite these six communities are agriculture, dairying and grazing. Residents within Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly, along with Kalbar, Roadvale and Aratula, contribute to the human and physical capital of rural industry required to sustain the towns' economic wellbeing. State government electoral representation of these industries could be facilitated were they to be located within the same electorate. A realignment of the Beaudesert electoral boundary to contain the townships of Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly is therefore desirable for this outcome.

The community of interest of residents in Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly with other townships within the Beaudesert Electorate, all sharing common State government services, is fractured by their being located in separate State Electorates of Beaudesert and Lockyer. This causes confusion and inefficiencies in the delivery of certain government services, particularly:

- a lack of awareness by residents of their political representative;
- duplication and overlap in the provision of government and volunteer emergency services e.g. fire, police and ambulance services;
- cooperation between state controlled schools; school student enrolment catchments ; use of public infrastructure by students; administration of student travel subsidies;
- the administration of police and emergency services across electoral boundaries confusing political accountability within communities;
- the administration of state controlled roads traversing the electoral boundary of adjoining electorates.

Land use management, planning and administration are generally the responsibility of local government through town planning instruments under State government legislation. Land uses in Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly are administered by the Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC) at Beaudesert under the 2006 Ipswich Planning Scheme as amended. Were submissions on planning matters necessary to the State representative, these would be to the

Member for Lockyer's office in Gatton. They may also involve SARA (State Assessment and Referral Agency) located in Ipswich (outside the Beaudesert electorate). This is very dysfunctional, inefficient, time consuming and confusing to the public. Having Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly within the Beaudesert Electorate, with its office in Beaudesert, along with Scenic Rim Regional Council, would eliminate much inefficiency and public confusion.

Due to the history of early settlement within the former Boonah Shire, we submit that there are stronger socio-demographic ties between the communities of Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly and communities of the now Scenic Rim Regional Council, within the Beaudesert State Electorate, and that there is a widening gap with the principal communities of the Lockyer State Electorate. This is further exacerbated by currently occurring urban settlement along the separate transport corridors of the Warrego Highway into the Lockyer, and the Cunningham Highway and Ipswich-Boonah Road, linking Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly with its neighbouring townships in the Electorate of Beaudesert. Given their separation and the tyranny of distance between each of these transport corridors, it is an onerous trip for residents wishing to exercise their democratic right and to visit their Member of Parliament in Gatton.

In summary, justification for inclusion of the townships of Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly within the Electorate of Beaudesert are:

- these townships are a casualty of historical local government boundary change which their inclusion would in part rectify;
- these townships share a strong community of interest through commerce , education, community services and lifestyle with other adjoining towns in the Electorate of Beaudesert such as Kalbar, Boonah, Roadvale, Aratula;
- these townships share common government services e.g. urban utilities, infrastructure, common arterials roads, and local government administration;
- these townships share strong cultural links through families, school ties and history.

(b) Name of Electorate

In the 1991 electoral boundary redistribution the Beaudesert Electorate was formed, following the Shire of Beaudesert boundaries. Later, in 1999 the Shire of Boonah was added without any name change. This serves to confuse residents of the former Boonah Shire who don't share a 'Beaudesert identity'.

This submission argues for a name change to the electorate eliminating the name Beaudesert. Its chosen name should better represent its geographic and cultural characteristics. It should not be parochial or socially divisive but serve to unite and identify the uniqueness of the area and its people. In particular it should be unambiguous and not replicate the names of local governments or towns within its area.

It is proposed the Electorate be renamed the *State Electorate of the Border Ranges*.

"Border Ranges" is the name of the NSW National Park that adjoins Queensland and is a commonly used term to describe the ranges which form the southern boundary of the present Electorate. The name is acknowledged by communities within the vicinity of the Border Ranges, on both sides of the State border. It would bring ready recognition to the Electorate in both States.


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As a Councillor for Scenic Rim Regional Council, I am keen to see the whole of Scenic Rim maintained in the Beaudesert Electorate under the upcoming redistribution. I have no political affiliations and am doing this not only as a Councillor but as a resident in the State seat of Beaudesert. Over the past eight years, the Scenic Rim has become a more integrated region and by all being part of Beaudesert district has led to a more cohesive group. With parts of Lockyer District taking in part of Scenic Rim, it adds to confusion and doesn't help our overall community. If there is a need for a small part of Logan City Council to be included in Beaudesert, that is far more beneficial rather than not including all of the Scenic Rim and with that area having previously been a part of Beaudesert former Council, has some linkages to the Beaudesert area. Regards, Cr Duncan McInnes
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Dear Secretary,

My submission relates to representation for my region, the Scenic Rim Regional Council LGA.

At present, the vast majority of the Scenic Rim of approximately 27,000 out of 28,000 electors, live in the State Electorate of Beaudesert.

From my perspective, I believe all of the Scenic Rim should continue to be represented by a single State Member of Parliament (MP). It would be practical also to include Harrisville, Peak Crossing and Mutdapilly. These Scenic Rim localities are not presently in the same Electorate as the rest of Scenic Rim and should be included.

Scenic Rim is only a small local government area, population-wise, when compared with neighbouring areas of Ipswich, Logan, Gold Coast and Brisbane. Having a single MP to represent the area ensures they are focussed looking after the interests of the Scenic Rim as their electoral success depends on their consistent representation. Dividing the Scenic Rim between various State Electorates would only serve to undermine the representation and the quality of service delivery by our elected MP.

I note that the Commission is able to take into account local government boundaries in forming boundaries for Electorates. On that premise, I therefore submit that for consistency sake and practicality, the Scenic Rim Regional Council boundary should form the boundary of a State Electorate, except where it is necessary for another boundary to be formed to ensure enough electors reside in the Electorate in accordance with the Electoral Act 1992 (see below).

Additionally, the Scenic Rim is unique and diverse in its makeup as it encompasses a region of small, rural, residential and commercial communities. Farming is a significant economic driver in all areas of the Scenic Rim, as is tourism and cottage industries. Where this is in great contrast to the neighbouring regions of the Gold Coast, Ipswich and Logan LGAs which are more city centric.



There is a tremendous amount of trade, sport and community interaction between various sections of the region; something that has benefitted the community at large since the creation of Scenic Rim Regional Council in 2008 when Boonah and Beaudesert Shires were merged (the present Beaudesert Electorate incorporated basically all of the old Beaudesert and Boonah Shires).

There are clear communities of interest between all parts of the Scenic Rim, as exemplified by the Council's "Eat Local Week". This has been a huge success in co-ordinating the divergent commercial interests of the area and showcases all aspects of agriculture, food and wine in the Scenic Rim. South of Beaudesert and Boonah lies some of the richest agricultural land in Queensland which accommodates a significant dairy industry as well as a growing poultry and beef industry throughout the region. The region is connected by the Boonah-Beaudesert Road, and Beaudesert-Nerang Road.

Suffice it to say, the communities of interest for this region lie within the Scenic Rim area. I ask therefore that all the aspects I have mentioned, be considered by including these communities in the same State Electorate.

To ensure this Electorate has adequate electors, a suggested deviation from the Scenic Rim boundary for this State Electorate, would be to include some mainly rural localities that are presently part of Logan City. These localities were previously part of the old Beaudesert Shire, and still to this day have strong community connections with Scenic Rim. This is especially the case with rural production and acreage living prevalent in the areas of Woodhill, Veresdale, Veresdale Scrub, Mundoolun, Cedar Grove and Cedar Vale. To include these communities would not only be consistent with the area but would complete the overall Scenic Rim amenity.

All of these localities are within the present Beaudesert Electorate, and so addresses another factor the Commission is required to consider, that being the present boundaries of Electorates.

A further aspect to consider, would be to change the name of the electorate to better represent the identity of those living in areas such as Tamborine Mountain, Canungra, Boonah and Kalbar. One suggestion would be perhaps Border Ranges, Southeastern Highlands or Southern Hinterland as an alternative to better include the diversity of the electorate.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Colin Lagoon

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Submission on Queensland Electoral Boundary Redistribution 2016

Thanks you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Queensland redistribution. While there will be a number of submissions that detail the exact boundary changes, I believe it is best to outline a set of guidelines that all submissions should meet.

I have started with a statement of principles, outlining my thoughts on the underlying principles that should guide the submissions and their evaluation.

I have then outlined my views on where the four additional seats should be created, with comments on how that might be best approached.

Following that I have looked at seats where minimal boundary changes could achieve a balanced result. In some cases that is comparatively easy, in others I have accepted that the seats may contain variances but will still be in quota. In other cases more seats may need to be drawn in to fix quota problems.

The issue of community of interest guidelines is a vexed one, and there are a number of current seats in Queensland where this has not been a priority. I have looked at some examples, and I am sure that many other submissions will raise their own local concerns.

And finally I have looked at a few instances where seats would benefit from renaming.

Statement of principles

1. Boundaries must respect physical limits to borders
 - a. Natural geographic boundaries – coastlines, rivers, mountain ranges, national parks
 - b. Existing physical boundaries – main roads, railway lines
 - c. Boundaries must not cross SA1 boundaries, unless there is no other choice.
 - d. Existing administrative boundaries – Local Government boundaries, including internal boundaries, and Federal electorate boundaries .
2. Boundaries must demarcate “community of interest”, and not unduly place areas together that do not share common interests. If the population can be contained within one seat then major urban areas should not be split.
3. Boundaries must not create seats that become excessively difficult to maintain, such as creating excessively large seats and seats that do not follow transport corridors.
4. Changes to electoral boundaries should minimise the effect on existing States seats wherever possible.
 - a. If two (or more) existing seats can be realigned on a common boundary then this should be the preferred method.
5. New seats should be formed from seats which are significantly oversized, in areas where the surrounding seats are also significantly over sized.

New seat creation

Legislation passed by Parliament provides for the creation of four additional seats. In accordance with the principles above I propose the seats be created from these existing seats.

1. Coomera – Coomera is 29.37% over quota and is surrounded by seats also significantly over quota. In order to minimise the boundary changes, I suggest that The seat of Coomera be split, and the new seat be formed by maintaining the Pacific Highway as the regional boundary, moving the southern boundaries of Albert, Gaven and Mudgeereeba north, bringing the seat of Currumbin further west and moving the northern and southern boundaries of Burleigh, Mermaid Beach, Surfers Paradise, Southport and Broadwater further south.
2. Bundamba – The seat of Bundamba is 26.406% over quota, with almost all of the growth occurring in the Springfield area. The Bundamba section of the seat can pick up the over-quota proportions from the seats of Ipswich and Ipswich West, with additional population gained by adding the excess from the seats of Waterford, Beaudesert and Albert transferred through Logan, Woodridge and Inala. To maintain the community of interest requirements the seat of Bundamba should add additional voters at the boundary with the seats of Inala and Ipswich, while the new seat proposed as Springfield should take additional population at the boundary with Beaudesert.
3. Glass House – The Sunshine Coast and Moreton Bay regions are a less extreme version of the growth pressures faced by the Gold Coast. Although the most significant growth has been in the seats of Murrumba (+29.672%) and Pumicestone (+18.322%), there has been growth along the coastal corridor and the hinterland. In past redistributions the M1 has been crossed a number of times (Caloundra and Pumicestone) resulting in issues with community of interest. This can be fixed by
 - a. transferring the northern, mostly unpopulated, section of Bribie Island to Pumicestone from Caloundra
 - b. transferring the section of Pumicestone west of the M1 in Caboolture into Morayfield
 - c. adjusting the boundary between Murrumba and Pumicestone to maintain quota
 - d. Transferring the areas west of the M1 around Landsborough from Caloundra to Glasshouse

This allows the seat of Glasshouse to be split into a northern and southern seat, picking up the transferred excess from the current seat of Pine Rivers and allowing the seat of Morayfield to form around the urban area of Caboolture.

Additionally the seat of Nicklin should form around the core areas of Nambour, bounded by the M1. This would require a realignment of the coastal and rural seats on the Sunshine Coast. However I do suggest that the seat of Noosa could align within the boundaries of the Noosa Shire Council.

4. Barron River – The seat of Barron River is 20.638% over quota and there is no easy way to transfer the additional quota without adjusting the seat boundaries along the Queensland coast to Marybough. However this could be addressed by first “filling up” the under quota non-coastal seats to ensure they meet a quota, and then adjusting the boundaries along the coast. Although this would mean some disruption to current seat boundaries, it is potentially the least intrusive.

“Paired” seats

There are a number of seats which share a common boundary where the quota differences can be cancelled out quite easily. These include

- Mount Isa (-6%) and Cook (+5.94%)
- Whitsunday (+15.046%) and Mackay (-10.622%)
- Callide (-6.578%) and Nanango (+6.94%)
- Mansfield (-8.236%) and Chatsworth (+7.658%)
- Sunnybank (-6.944%) and Yeerongpilly (+5.492%) – although this doesn’t fix the over-quota situation in the seat of South Brisbane. However, if we take the combined South Brisbane and Yeerongpilly over quota amounts (+14.474%) we can bring it down by adjusting the boundaries at Greenslopes, Sunnybank, Algester, Stretton, Algester and Inala (-12.222%) and transferring the remainder to the new seat of Springfield.
- Indooroopilly (-8.002%) and Brisbane Central (+8.12%) – this will also require an extended change to address the over-quota amount in Clayfield (+7.864%). This can be done by balancing the seats of Mount Coo-tha and Mount Ommaney (-6.012%) against it.
- Nudgee (+10.162%) against Aspley, Ashgrove, Stafford and Everton (-5.208%). Adding the slightly over-quota seats of Sandgate (+2.29%), Ferny Grove (+0.042%) and Moggill (+1.77%) allows an average seat population to remain in quota.

Community of Interest considerations

Previous redistributions have created situations which have not been grounded in community of interest considerations. The following changes will allow these considerations to be addressed.

1. Cook and Mt Isa – The seat of Cook should include the local indigenous councils currently located in the northern areas of the seat of Mount Isa around the Gulf of Carpentaria. These areas share common concerns with the Torres Strait region. While this will increase the over-quota amount for Cook, the seat can lose Port Douglas and the Cairns hinterland to Cairns, Barron River or the proposed new seat. Mount Isa can add additional population by extending eastwards.
2. Caloundra – the seat of Caloundra currently crosses the M1 to add Landsborough and also takes in the northern section of Bribie Island. Both of these actions significantly disrupt local communities.
3. Cook – Cook contains a large number of indigenous communities as well as the Cairns regional areas of Mareeba and Port Douglas.

4. The Whitsunday electorate maintains significant populations at its northern and southern ends, with very little in the middle. This creates a “dumbbell-shaped” electorate, with two distinct and separate communities.

Renamed seats

1. Murrumba to North Lakes – although this seat's history dates back to 1912, the multiple changes to boundaries have disconnected the seat from its roots. It is now more universally recognised as North Lakes and should be renamed as such.
2. Morayfield to Caboolture – the inclusion of the whole Caboolture area within one seat makes the renaming of the seat to the largest urban area a sensible change.
3. Nicklin and Cook – the seats of Nicklin and Cook are anomalies in Queensland Parliament as they are the only seats named after people and not localities. I suggest that Nicklin should be renamed Nambour and Cook should be renamed Torres Strait or Carpentaria.
4. Depending on the boundary changes there are a number of seats which may have to be renamed – either because the suburb is no longer in the seat or because the seat now contains a major population centre.

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 25 July 2016 The Secretary Queensland Redistribution Commission
 GPO Box 1393 BRISBANE QLD 4001 Dear Commissioners, RE:
 REDISTRIBUTION OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES This submission is in relation to the redistribution of boundaries to the north-west of Brisbane, with the purpose of creating a new electorate in the rural and semirural areas around the D'aguilar ranges and incorporating the major lakes. Suggested names: D'aguila, Dayboro or the Lakes. Merits of this submission in creating a new electorate include: i. Removing electors from a large area of the region between the CBD and the Sunshine Coast will allow for lesser boundary changes for over quota electorates through that area, ii. Rural and semi-rural communities of interest along the eastern side of the D'aguilar ranges will be separated from the urbanised electorates. This will ensure more appropriate representation for communities within the rural and semi-rural areas of Ferny Grove, Pine Rivers, Kallangur and Morayfield, Suggestion Please refer to the attached map for details. Note: the proposal follows SA1 boundaries but could be amended to follow the council boundaries. I suggest to create a new electorate of primarily rural and semi-rural areas and townships. The southern boundary would take in Mount Nebo, Camp Mountain and Samford. The eastern boundary would include Draper, Clear Mountain, Whiteside, Moorina, Wamuran and Bracalba, and would follow the eastern edge of Lake Samsonvale and Lake Kurwongbah. The northern boundary would include Stanmore, Villeneuve, Glenfern and Kilcoy. The western boundary would follow the western edge of Lake Somerset and Lake Wivenhoe. Key features of the electorate would include: - predominantly rural and semi-rural areas and townships - the 4 major lakes and dam's northwest of Brisbane - while

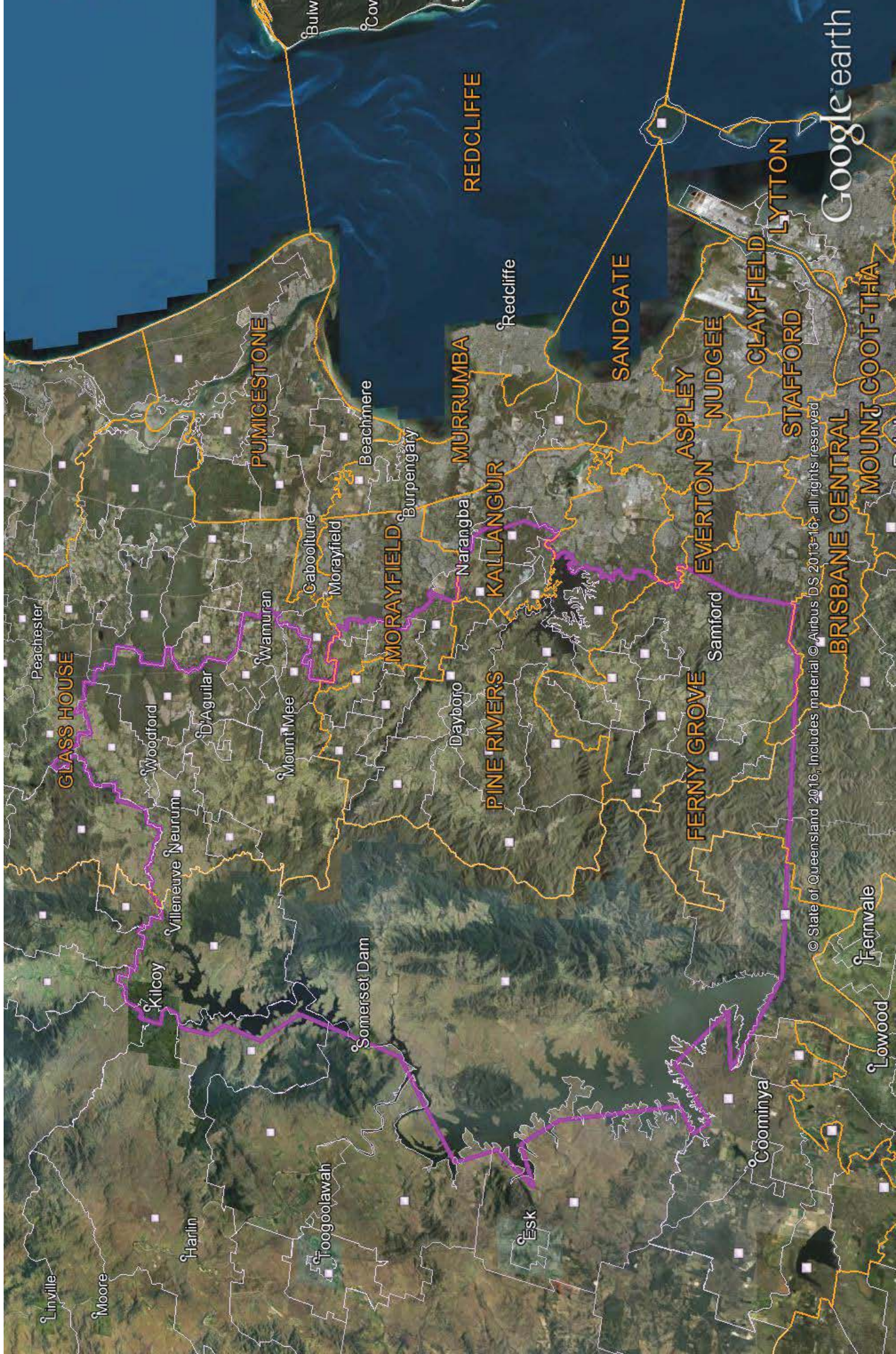
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large in size, a significant proportion would be the D'agular National park and other state forests along the Great Dividing Range, as well as the 4 dams. Key Points 1. Quotas Modify the boundary to remove electors from the following districts that are above or over-quota: - Glass House - Pine Rivers - Kallangur - Morayfield - Nanango – allowing eastern Condamine to move into Nanango Take electors from the following districts that are not materially over-quota: - Ferny Grove - Moggill This will assist in reducing the overall number of electors in the over quota electorates in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area and reduce significance of boundary changes in that area. 2. Demographic trends There are no areas currently identified for high growth in the proposed new electorate, which will create longevity of this electoral boundary. 3. Community of interest There is a distinct community of interest for the rural and semi-rural communities from Samford through to Dayboro, Woodford and Kilcoy. Many of these communities are proportionally underrepresented in their electorates due to dense urban populations; particularly in the Ferny Grove, Pine Rivers, Kallangur and Morayfield electorates. Removing and combining the rural and semi-rural areas will foster more focused representation for the differing urban and semi-rural electorates. These communities share many economic, social and lifestyle interests. 4. Communication and travel; Travel times in to traverse the proposed electorate from farthest population centres, Samford to Kilcoy, is 1 hour and 18 minutes. By comparison, the Electorate Office for the electorate of Nanango, in Kingaroy, is 1 hour and 27 minutes to Kilcoy. The majority of the population resides in the areas between Samford and Kilcoy. 5. Existing boundaries of local government areas The new electorate is substantially within Moreton Bay Regional Council and Somerset Regional Council. Note: small changes to relatively unpopulated areas at the north and south ends of the proposal would ensure that only Moreton Bay and Somerset councils are included in the proposed electorate. Should you wish to contact me to discuss the proposal, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0428 844 083 or via email to paul@auditsmith.com.au.
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Dear Chairperson

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the review of State electorate districts by the Queensland Redistribution Commission.

The ALP submission is intended to assist the QRC in its redistribution of boundaries to ensure free and fair elections in Queensland.

The ALP submission covers:

1. General Principles for Redistribution
2. Further Matters to be Considered
3. Suggestions to meet Statutory Criteria

If the QRC requires any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. The ALP will participate in the further rounds of consultation in the redistribution.

Evan Moorhead
STATE SECRETARY

Submission of Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland) to the 2016 Queensland Redistribution Commission

1. General Principles for Redistribution

The ALP submits that the fundamental purpose of the redistribution process established by the *Electoral Act 1992* (“the Act”) is to ensure that, as far as practicable, the principle of one-vote, one value is protected in Queensland.

The redistribution provisions of the *Electoral Act 1992* reflect the principles of the *Electoral Districts Act 1991*. It was the *Electoral Districts Act 1991* that:

- removed the zonal system that had seen electoral districts violate the principle of one-vote, one value; and
- introduced an independent Commission for the distribution of electoral boundaries.

The *Electoral Act 1992* provides for:

- Mandatory requirements for enrolments numbers - section 45(1)(a); and
- A special formula for enrolment numbers where electoral districts are more than 100,000km² in area - section 45(1)(b)
- A range of other matters to be considered by the QRC - section 46.

This redistribution also provides for the addition of four additional electorates, taking the Queensland Parliament to 93 members.

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. The reduction of weighted electorates will mean election results that better reflect votes cast by electors and electorates that are smaller in geographical size.

At present, there are 29,589 notional enrolments for the calculation of electorates due to the weighting of large electorates. The notional enrolments combined are almost equivalent to the enrolment of an electorate without weighting.

Given these principles and the addition of four additional electorates, the ALP submits that the Queensland Redistribution Commission should:

- Reduce the number of electorates that are more than 100,000km² and require special weighting; and
- Where electorates of more than 100,000km² are necessary, the area beyond 100,000km² should be limited to reduce the notional enrolment numbers in additional large district numbers.

2. Further Matters to be Considered

Section 46 of the *Electoral Act 1992* provides a list of matters which the QRC must consider in its consideration of electorate boundaries.

2.1 Ways of Communication and Travel - section 46(1)(b)

When considering this factor, the QRC should consider that methods of transport can act in two ways. Roads can provide a spine, bringing together communities connected by a road. Alternatively, roads may also provide physical barriers that separate communities of interest.

The QRC should consider each case on its merits. In some cases, the one road may be a barrier to communities and then further away something that brings a community together. The Pacific Motorway through the Gold Coast is a key example where local variations are significant.

Bringing together communities connected by transport routes is particularly important in regional Queensland.

2.2 Recognition of Existing Electoral Boundaries – Section 46(1)(d)

The ALP submits that, in most cases, electoral boundaries reflect existing communities of interest. It is important that the boundaries determined by the QRC provide, as far as practicable, a continuity of electoral districts for voters.

The ALP submits that the addition of four new districts provides the QRC an opportunity to deal with population growth without making significant changes to electorates, such as abolition of electorates.

2.3 Growth Trends – Section 46(1)(e)

While the projections for enrolment growth to 2022 are important, the ALP submits that this criteria:

- has no more significance than the other four criteria to be considered; and
- is secondary to the enrolment requirements of section 45(1).

3 ALP Suggestions to Assist QRC Meet Statutory Criteria

The ALP submits that the addition of four electorates at this redistribution provides a significant opportunity for the optimisation of outcomes at the redistributions.

First, the addition of new electorates means that the QRC can reduce the number of “additional large district number” notional enrolments.

Second, the QRC can protect the representation of regional Queensland by avoiding the abolition of electorates in regional Queensland.

Third, the QRC can cater for growing communities with four new electorates:

- in Caboolture, in the Moreton Bay local government area; and
- in Nerang, in the northern part of the Gold Coast local government area; and
- in Ipswich, in the Ipswich City local government area; and

- in the Caloundra area, in the southern part of the Sunshine Coast local government area.

3.1 Weighted electorates (Mount Isa, Gregory, Warrego, Cook, Dalrymple)

These electorates are currently within statutory enrolment requirements. Enrolment projections show that, if left unchanged, the electorate of Mount Isa will be outside enrolment requirements by prior to the next redistribution.

The ALP submits that the QRC should limit the number of “additional large district numbers” to preserve the integrity of our electoral system and the principle of one-vote one-value. As well, the Member for Mount Isa has made many public statements that the existing electoral district boundaries make representation of vast areas of Queensland very difficult.

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. The loss of electors to from the eastern seat of Dalrymple and Cook can be resolved either by moving Mareeba to Dalrymple, restoring the community of interest in the Tablelands.

With the greatest of respect to the 2008 Queensland Redistribution Commission, the creation of an electorate of 570,531 km² with 19,304 electors and 11,410 notional electors is an unwarranted deviation from the principle of one-vote, one-value. By comparison, the Federal Division of Kennedy covers many of these electors but has 99,965 electors in a slightly smaller area of 568,993 km².

With the reduction in the size of the Mount Isa electorate, there is then a consequent opportunity to reduce the number of weighted electorates from five to four. With the addition of four new electorates and the consequent reduction in enrolment requirements, there is no longer a need for five electorates to have additional large district numbers.

3.2 Far North Queensland (Hinchinbrook, Mulgrave, Barron River and Cairns)

At present, Hinchinbrook, Barron River and Cairns are significantly above the enrolment quota. All four Far North Queensland electorates will be over enrolment in 2022. Barron River will be almost twice the accepted deviation, while Cairns and Hinchinbrook will be at risk of being 10% outside of the enrolment quota by 2022.

The ALP has previously submitted that Mareeba should move from the electorate of Cook to the electorate of Dalrymple.

This would allow the southern boundary of Cook to move south towards Cairns, taking excess enrolment from Barron River. The electorate of Cook has always had a strong community of interest with Cairns. Limited road transport options have meant that access to much of the Cook electorate is by air and sea routes commencing in Cairns. As well, government offices for service provision to the Cook electorate are located in Cairns. Historically, the electorate office for the Member for Cook has been located in Cairns, despite Cairns not being part of the Cook electorate.

3.3 North Queensland (Townsville, Thuringowa, Mundingburra, Burdekin)

The electorates of Burdekin, Townsville and Thuringowa are within the enrolment quota, both now and in projected enrolments in 2022. Mundingburra electorate will be outside the 10% enrolment number deviation without the addition of further voters.

The ALP suggests that excess voters from the northern beaches suburb of Burdell in Hinchinbrook can be moved to Townsville and Thuringowa electorates, with voters from those two electorates moved to Mundingburra.

These changes would bring North Queensland electorates within the required enrolment numbers and maintain the community of interest within each of Mundingburra, Townsville and Thuringowa as provincial city electorates in the Townsville City local government area.

The ALP submits that any changes to electorate boundaries in Townsville City local government area should recognise the Douglas Arterial Road as a boundary between the urban community of interest in Townsville and the non-urban communities to the South.

3.4 Mackay area (Mackay, Mirani and Whitsunday)

The electorates of Mackay and Whitsunday are respectively under and over the 10% electoral tolerance at present and in 2022. Given their proximity both electorates can easily be brought back into tolerance by a net transfer of electors from the electorate of Whitsunday to the electorate of Mackay from the Mackay suburbs of Mount Pleasant and Glenella.

Electors in the suburbs of Mount Pleasant and Glenella are proximate to the Mackay business district, shop in the electorate of Mackay and send their children to secondary schooling in the Mackay electorate. In comparison, electors north of Slade Point are separated by a large area of mangrove greenspace.

Mirani is currently within electoral tolerance, but will need to pick up electors from Dalrymple and Keppel respectively.

It is proposed that Mirani should gain the mining community of Moranbah from Dalrymple. This proposal is based on the community of interest Moranbah shares with other Bowen Basin mining communities already included in the electorate of Mirani, such as Glenden, Dysart, Nebo, Coppabella and Middlemount. These communities share a common economic interest and many constituents move between these communities over time.

Electors transferred from Keppel into Mirani are detailed in the next section.

To keep Mirani within quota, the Mackay suburb of Ooralea will need to be transferred to the electorate of Mackay. This transfer of electors combined with the transfer of electors from Whitsunday bring Mackay within the allowed enrolment deviation.

3.5 Rockhampton Area (Keppel and Rockhampton)

The Keppel electorate needs to lose electors to remain within the tolerance for enrolment numbers. The ALP submits that the electorate of Keppel is an electorate that brings together two urban communities in the Yeppoon & Keppel Coast and the northern suburbs of Rockhampton.

The ALP submits that any excess can be remedied with non-urban areas in the north of Keppel moving to the neighbouring electorate of Mirani.

3.6 Central Queensland (Gladstone, Burnett, Callide)

The electorate of Gladstone is currently more than 10 per cent over quota meaning that it must lose electors. The ALP therefore submits that Gladstone lose the western parts of the electorate to Callide, such as Ambrose, Mount Larcom and the Boyne Valley area.

The electorate of Burnett is within quota and therefore no changes are proposed.

Callide is projected to be under quota by 16 per cent and must therefore pick up electors from Gladstone, Nanango and Gregory.

3.7 Fraser Coast and Wide Bay region (Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Gympie)

The Bundaberg electorate is within the allowed deviation for enrolments at present, but projected enrolments show a need for further voters to be moved to the electorate.

The Bundaberg electorate represents a community of interest of the urban areas of the Bundaberg region. There is currently suburban parts of Bundaberg North that are in Burnett that should be moved to the Bundaberg electorate. The Burnett electorate has excess enrolments and can easily sustain this move of voters.

The Hervey Bay electorate is significantly in excess of the allowed enrolment at present, and this is projected to continue until 2022. Hervey Bay sits on a peninsula which provides an anchor for the electorate. The ALP submits that area of Urraween south of Urraween Road should be moved from the Hervey Bay electorate to the Maryborough electorate.

As a consequence, Maryborough will have an excess of voters. The ALP submits that the southern area of the Maryborough electorate that is contained within the Gympie Regional Council area should be moved to the Gympie electorate. These electors have Gympie as their main urban centre for shopping, government services and for local government representation.

The Gympie electorate can then move northward, with Noosa electorate assuming Sunshine Coast hinterland communities such as Pomona.

3.8 Sunshine Coast, Hinterland and South Burnett (Nanango, Glass House, Nicklin, Noosa, Caloundra, Buderim, Kawana, Maroochydore)

The Sunshine Coast region has had significant enrolment growth since the previous redistribution and this growth is projected to continue. The Moreton Bay region to the south also has significant growth.

The ALP submits that the QRC should create a new seat called “Caboolture” includes that part of Caboolture north of the Caboolture River and west of the railway line. This new electorate should also include the southern parts of the Glass House and Caloundra electorates including Elimbah, Landsborough and Beerwah. This new electorate would provide a strong community of interest with the growing communities of the Caboolture-Sunshine Coast corridor along the rail line and the Bruce Highway.

The loss of voters from Glass House to the new electorate would allow the Glass House electorate to absorb extra enrolments from Nicklin, Caloundra and Kawana.

Should a further seat be required in the Sunshine Coast area, the ALP submits that the Caloundra electorate boundary should move north to Kawana beach line and be renamed, providing for a new seat in Caloundra, Caloundra South, Pelican Waters.

3.9 Moreton Bay Region (Pumicestone, Morayfield, Pine Rivers, Murrumba, Redcliffe, Kallangur, Pine Rivers, Everton and Ferny Grove)

The Moreton Bay region has seen significant growth since the last redistribution and this growth is projected to continue. As submitted above, the ALP submits the growth in this area should be resolved with the addition of a new seat in Caboolture.

The Redcliffe electorate remains within the required deviation of enrolments. As an electorate on a peninsula, there is no requirement to alter the boundaries of the Redcliffe electorate.

The Murrumba electorate is projected to be 39.8% over the average quota by 2022. The ALP submits that the QRC should address this above average enrolment by:

- Moving the Burpengary East area to the Morayfield electorate and maintaining the Caboolture River as the northern boundary of the Morayfield electorate; and
- Kallangur losing the Lawnton Pocket Road precinct to provide the NorthPine River as the border between Kallangur and Pine Rivers; and
- Reducing Pine Rivers in an easterly direction towards the urban centre of Strathpine that forms the community of interest for that electorates; and
- Moving the Ferny Grove electorate boundaries in a southerly direction, picking up electors from Everton Hills in the Everton electorate.

The Murrumba electorate has a strong community of interest and historical connections with the whole of Deception Bay being together in one electorate. The ALP's suggestions support the maintenance of this community of interest.

The electorates of Ferny Grove, Pine Rivers and Morayfield currently have significant rural component at its western end. Significant growth in the Moreton Bay Regional Council local government areas provides an opportunity for these electorates to consolidate to urban electorates that better reflect the community of interest in the growing urban areas of the Moreton Bay local government area.

The current below quota enrolment in the Everton electorate is easily resolved by adding the areas of Warner and Cashmere to join Albany Creek in the Everton electorate.

Further, considering Ferny Grove electorate already has most of the suburb of Keperra within its boundaries. The ALP submits that the suburb of Keperra in its entirety be located within Ferny Grove.

3.10 Brisbane North (Moggill, Clayfield, Ashgrove, Nudgee, Sandgate, Aspley, Mount Coot-tha, Indooroopilly, Stafford, Brisbane Central)

The Brisbane North region has only Brisbane Central electorate (+23.18%) and Indooroopilly electorate (-12.09%) outside the 10% deviation in 2022. The Nudgee electorate (+10.1%) is currently outside the allowed deviation, but this situation is remedied by 2022.

The ALP submits that there is no case for significant alteration of electorate boundaries, and there is sufficient enrolments to maintain the existing electorates in this region.

The ALP submits that electors from the Toowong area should move from the Mount Coot-tha electorate to the Indooroopilly electorate to address the significant deficit of enrolment in Indooroopilly.

In turn, the Mount Coot-tha electorate can take excess electors from the electorate of Brisbane Central. Brisbane Central can also lose parts of Albion and Newstead to the neighbouring Clayfield electorate. The Clayfield electorate can then transfer parts of Lutwyche and Kedron to the Stafford electorate.

The deficit in enrolment in Aspley electorate can be resolved by moving the remainder of Bridgeman Downs and Bald Hills that is outside of Aspley to the Aspley electorate. Further, the part suburb of McDowall currently in Stafford should also be moved to Aspley.

3.11 Brisbane South (Algester, Mansfield, Lytton, Chatsworth, Inala, Sunnybank, Stretton, Yeerongpilly, Bulimba, Greenslopes, South Brisbane, Mount Ommaney)

Like Brisbane North, there is no case for significant change in the Brisbane South region. All of the electorates in this region are within the allowed deviation at present. However, by 2022, Mansfield, Sunnybank and Mount Ommaney will have insufficient electors, while South Brisbane will have significant excess of enrolments.

The South Brisbane electorate can lose voters to the Yeerongpilly and Greenslopes electorates.

The suburb of Greenslopes is currently divided between Greenslopes and South Brisbane electorates. The ALP submits that the whole of the Greenslopes suburb should be contained within the Greenslopes electorate.

Annerley is currently divided between South Brisbane and Yeerongpilly electorates. That part of Annerley west of Annerley Road can be transferred to Yeerongpilly.

This would then allow the Norman Creek boundary between South Brisbane and Bulimba to be maintained, minimising disturbance to existing electoral boundaries.

There is no case for alterations to the Bulimba electorate.

With Yeerongpilly gaining electors from South Brisbane, excess electors from the southern area of Yeerongpilly can be shifted to the Sunnybank electorate, joining Nathan with Macgregor and joining Rocklea with Coopers Plains. This then resolves the below quota enrolment for Sunnybank electorate.

The Greenslopes electorate should be expanded south to include the remainder of part suburbs in Mount Gravatt and Mount Gravatt East. This would obviate any risk of the Greenslopes electorate exceeding the allowed deviation.

The Mansfield electorate is significantly below the quota for enrolments and is projected to be outside the allowed deviation by 2022. The ALP submits that there is no excess enrolments to the north of the Mansfield electorate and further electors should be found by:

- Transferring enrolments from the community of interest along the Gateway Motorway in Belmont and Chandler, similar to the Chandler ward in the Brisbane City Council; and
- Transferring the remaining part of Sheldon to the Mansfield electorate.

The ALP submits that maintaining the current southern border at the Logan City-Brisbane City border reflects that strong community of interest and the principles in section 46(1) of the Act.

The Mount Ommaney electorate is in need of more electors to stay within the allowed deviation of enrolment numbers. The ALP submits that the community of interest requires that part of Darra on the northern side of the Ipswich Motorway to be moved from Inala to Mount Ommaney.

Should the Inala electorate need further enrolments, that part of the electorate in the Ipswich City local government area could be expanded to include the significant excess enrolment from Ipswich electorates.

3.12 South of Brisbane (Cleveland, Redlands, Capalaba, Logan, Waterford, Springwood, Woodridge)

In the Redlands local government area, the Redlands electorate needs to have fewer enrolments, while the Capalaba electorate needs to gain enrolments. This can be resolved by moving the portion of Thornlands west of Wellington Road from the Redlands electorate to the Capalaba electorate.

This would also allow the divided suburb of Cornubia to be united in the Redlands electorate, by moving the small part of Cornubia in the Springwood electorate to Redlands.

The Springwood electorate needs to gain electors. The ALP submits that there are a number of communities where the community of interest follows roads that cross the Pacific Motorway through Logan. In this case where the Pacific Highway is not a significant boundary because the Logan River and Slacks Creek forms a more significant boundary. The ALP submits that Tanah Merah is a suburb where:

- Residents shop at the Logan Hyperdome in Loganholme on the eastern side of the freeway; and
- All public transport services are routed through the Logan Hyperdome; and
- Are separated from the remainder of the Waterford electorate by the Logan River and Slacks Creek; and
- Local students are in the Shailer Park High School catchment area.

This transfer would also ensure that the Waterford electorate remains within the allowable deviation on enrolments.

The Logan electorate is projected to be above the enrolment quota in 2022. The ALP submits that the south-west corner of the electorate has a strong community of interest with the Jimboomba township and accordingly should be transferred to the Beaudesert electorate.

3.13 Gold Coast (Mermaid Beach, Mudgeeraba, Coomera, Albert, Gaven, Currumbin, Broadwater, Southport, Burleigh, Surfers Paradise)

The Gold Coast region has seen significant growth since the previous redistribution. Every electorate is over quota.

Electorates at the northern end of the Gold Coast, particularly Coomera and Albert are significant beyond to allowable deviation from the enrolment quota.

The ALP submits that key communities of interest in the northern Gold Coast area run across east-west roads and are divided by east-west waterways. The current rigid use of the M1 Motorway as a rigid electorate boundary ignores the connections between communities reliant on the Motorway.

The Albert electorate should lose the area south of the Coomera, Wongawallan and Cedar Creek. The Albert electorate should gain communities along the Pacific Motorway where the community of interest follows roads across the Motorway:

- Eagleby and the area north of the Albert River, which community has a strong community of interest with Beenleigh and Warren Park; and
- Ormeau, where to two sides of the locality are divided by the Motorway by an M1 interchange.

The proposed Albert electorate already includes Buccan and Logan Village and can so accommodate the neighbouring growth community of Yarrabilba from the Beaudesert electorate.

The ALP submits that the excess enrolment from Coomera and Albert to create a new seat of Nerang. The seat would be defined by the existing southern and western borders of the current seat of Gaven. The eastern border would be defined by the Pacific Motorway, whilst the northern border would be defined by Kopps Road, across to where it joins to the Gaven Arterial. The new seat of Nerang would include the suburbs of Worongary, Highland Park, Nerang, Gaven and Pacific Pines (which is currently split between Gaven and Albert). The existing seat of Gaven should move south east and take on the new name of Carrara.

This still provides Coomera with an excessive enrolment which should be resolved by moving Helensvale and Hope Island to the Broadwater electorate. The Hope Island community is connected by Broadwater Drive to the Broadwater. Coomera would then have a strong community of interest around Coomera, Upper Coomera and Oxenford. The use of Saltwater Creek as a electorate boundary would connect community brought together by M1 interchanges as traffic connectors, particularly Exit 54 and Exit 57 on the M1.

The Southport electorate would then gain the remainder of Labrador from the Broadwater electorate, losing excess electors from Ashmore to the Surfers Paradise electorate.

The new seat and the move of the Gaven electorate to Carrara then provides significant opportunity for southern Gold Coast electorates to lose excess enrolments to electorates to their north.

3.14 Ipswich, Scenic Rim and Surrounds (Beaudesert, Lockyer, Ipswich West, Bundamba and Ipswich)

While at present, Beaudesert and Bundamba are the only two electorates in this region beyond the 10% deviation from average enrolment. However, by 2022, all of these electorates will be significantly over the allowed deviation.

District	Enrolment	Deviation from Average Enrolment (%)	Projected Enrolment	Projected Deviation from Average Enrolment (%)
BEAUDESERT	36515	13.39%	47587	31.50%
BUNDAMBA	39519	22.71%	53491	47.81%
IPSWICH	33523	4.10%	42549	17.58%
IPSWICH WEST	34758	7.93%	42968	18.73%
LOCKYER	33971	5.49%	48541	34.13%

With more than 56,000 new enrolments projected in this region over the next seven years, there is a clear need for a new electorate. The ALP submits that Ipswich should have increased representation, with a further Member of Parliament to represent this growing community.

At present, Ipswich and Bundamba electorates are wholly in the Ipswich City local government area. The Ipswich West and Inala electorates are partly in Ipswich City local government area.

The ALP submits that the three electorates of Bundamba, Ipswich and Ipswich West should become four electorates.

The only means by which these electorates can come within existing enrolment requirements and projected enrolment requirements is to provide electorates that balance existing urban areas of Ipswich with neighbouring growth communities.

This could be achieved by pairing existing urban communities in Ipswich with growth communities to the south such as Springfield, Ripley and Augustine Heights. By pairing these growth communities with existing Ipswich suburbs, the QRC can:

- Provide sufficient enrolments to meet the statutory requirement of section 45(1) of the Act; and
- Allow for the growth of enrolments within allowed deviation as required by section 46(1)(e) of the Act.

The remaining excess enrolment in the Ipswich West electorate can be resolved by losing areas of the Somerset Regional Council. The community of interest for the Ipswich West electorate are the northern and western areas of the Ipswich City Council local government area.

3.15 Toowoomba and Darling Downs (Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South, Southern Downs and Condamine)

With respect to Toowoomba North, we submit that the Northern boundary of the Toowoomba North electorate be moved to Hermitage Road, this will result in the Highfields area being removed from the Toowoomba North electorate and that the Southern boundary be moved to South Street up until the East Creek Reserve.

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.

It would also be consistent with the ECQ's 2008 redistribution determination, namely; moving the southern boundary into parts of the Toowoomba South electorate.

This change would mean Toowoomba South loses electors in terms of enrolments with the movement of the current James Street boundary. This could be remedied by including the communities of Drayton and residential areas around the University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus out of the regional electorate of Condamine and into the more appropriate suburban electorate of Toowoomba South.

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Having examined the 'heat maps' on the ECQ site, it appears clear that 4 additional electorates are required for the areas including the Sunshine Coast and the area that extends south of Brisbane to the Gold Coast hinterland area. In determining such new electorates, I would like to submit the following: 1. the entire area of Bribie Island be included in one electorate 2. Moreton Island remain in the same electorate as the Redcliffe peninsula, but all other Bay islands (including those in the Broadwater) be placed in one electorate. This goes against the 'consideration factor' of having regard to existing local government boundaries, but I believe that this is quite irrelevant for the determination of electoral boundaries, in this case, at least. I am a former Qld public servant who worked closely with LGs for 30 years.
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Please find attached a submission regarding boundaries of the State Seat of Indooroopilly for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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State Redistribution 2016

Submission to the Queensland Electoral Commission Regarding the Boundaries of the

State Seat of Indooroopilly

1. Introduction

The state seat of Indooroopilly currently spans the river and includes the suburbs of Sherwood, Tennyson, Graceville and Chelmer. These suburbs comprise a peninsular which is surrounded by other suburbs north of the river including Fig Tree Pocket and Indooroopilly. (See Figure 1.)

The primary purpose of this submission is to argue that the current boundaries which include areas both north and south of the river accurately reflect communities of interest. The communities currently within the electorate of Indooroopilly should remain within the same electorate. In this area of Brisbane, drawing a boundary based on the Brisbane River would not reflect the communities of interest. Given Indooroopilly's current deviation from the quota, consideration will be needed to expanding the boundaries.

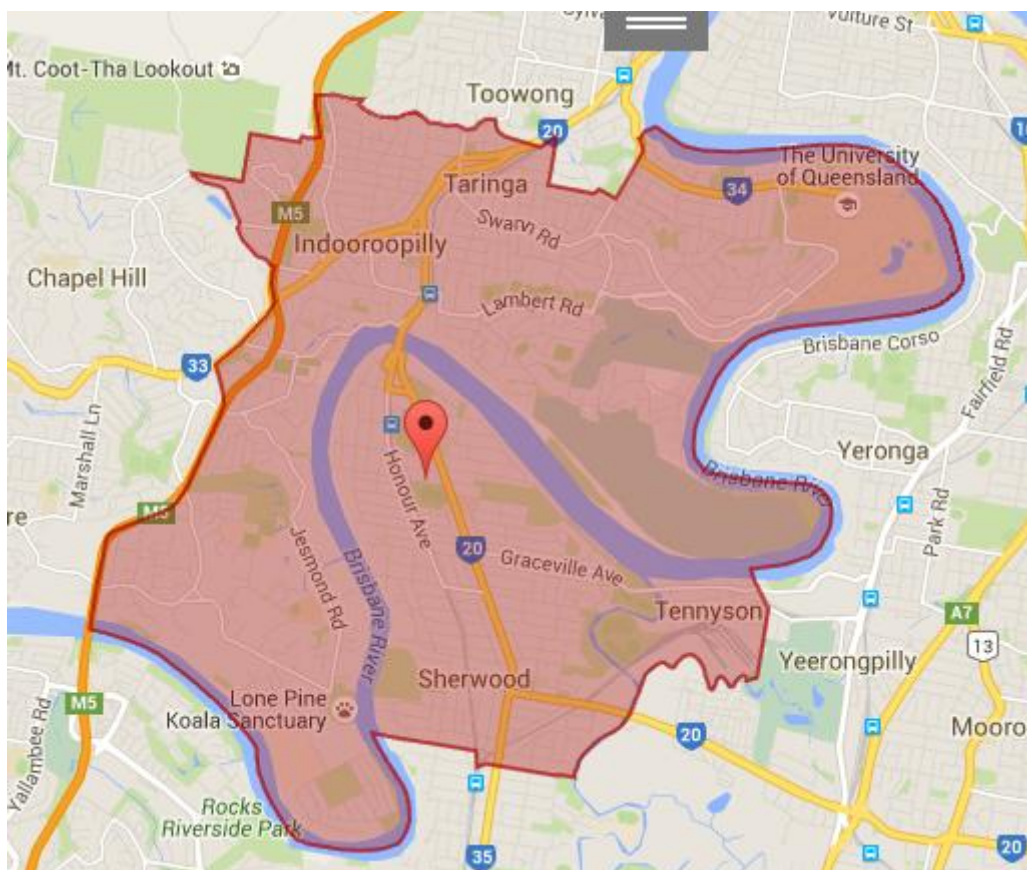


Figure 1. Current boundaries of the State Seat of Indooroopilly

Source: <http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/find-your-electorate>

2. Waterways unite people, not divide

In ancient times, travel by land was often difficult by comparison to transport over water. Consequently, waterways were often seen as conduits for a flow of people, trade and ideas. A perfect example of this is Ancient Greece. (See Figure 2)



Figure 2. Map of Ancient Greece

Source: <http://www.ancient.eu/greece/>

Mainland Greece is a large peninsula surrounded by the sea on three sides - by Ionian Sea in the west, the Mediterranean Sea in the south and the Aegean Sea in the east. With around 80% of the Greek territory being mountainous, the sea became the easiest way to travel, uniting the region

In a similar way, the local indigenous people of Australia took advantage of navigation via the available waterways. This was evidenced by their interactions with European castaways Thomas Pamphlett, Richard Parsons and John Finnegan in 1823. Pamphlett was a member of a party of four who left Sydney on 21 March 1823 with the intention of sailing south, to what is now the Wollongong area, to collect cedar to take back to Sydney.

(<http://www.yourbrisbanepastandpresent.com/2011/06/brisbane-river-city.html>)

After being blown off course, they became hopelessly lost. They believed they had been blown south and so decided to sail north, finally landing on Moreton Island. The indigenous people they met took them by boat to Stradbroke Island. Here the castaways made their own canoe and got to the mainland, where they landed near what is now Cleveland. They lived for periods with several Aboriginal tribes who fed them, provided medical assistance and travelling advice.
en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Pamphlett

Before long before the three men found the mouth of what is now known as the Brisbane River. They trekked upstream for almost a month, and reached the mouth of what is now Oxley Creek. On the Graceville side of the creek, they found an indigenous canoe and used it to attempt their first crossing of the river. The present Pamphlett Bridge at that spot was named for that event. They then

used the canoe to return to the mouth of the river and then continued north. They reached Bribie Island sometime between July and October 1823. In November of that year, while Pamphlett and some indigenous people were on the beach at Bribie Island, Pamphlett noticed explorer John Oxley's cutter in the bay and hailed his ship down. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Pamphlett

There is a bronze sculpture of an indigenous canoe likely to be similar to the one found by Pamphlett and his friends at Simpson's Playground at Graceville. (See Figure 3 &4)



Figure 3. A Bronze Canoe Sculpture near the mouth of the Oxley Creek, to celebrate the use of the Oxley Creek by the Jagara people, probably similar to the one used by Thomas Pamphlett in 1823.



Figure 4. Plaque for the Bronze Canoe Sculpture near mouth of Oxley Creek

The use of canoes and boats by the indigenous people of this area show that the waterways of South East Queensland were the great connectors of their time.

This tradition continues to this day, with this area being used for the Pamphlett Sea Scouts (Figure 5) and Brisbane Canoeing (Figure 6).



Figure 5. The Pamphlett Sea Scout Group



Figure 6. Brisbane Canoeing Facilities near Pamphlett Bridge

3. The Communities of Indooroopilly and Chelmer, Graceville, Sherwood have a long history of interconnectivity

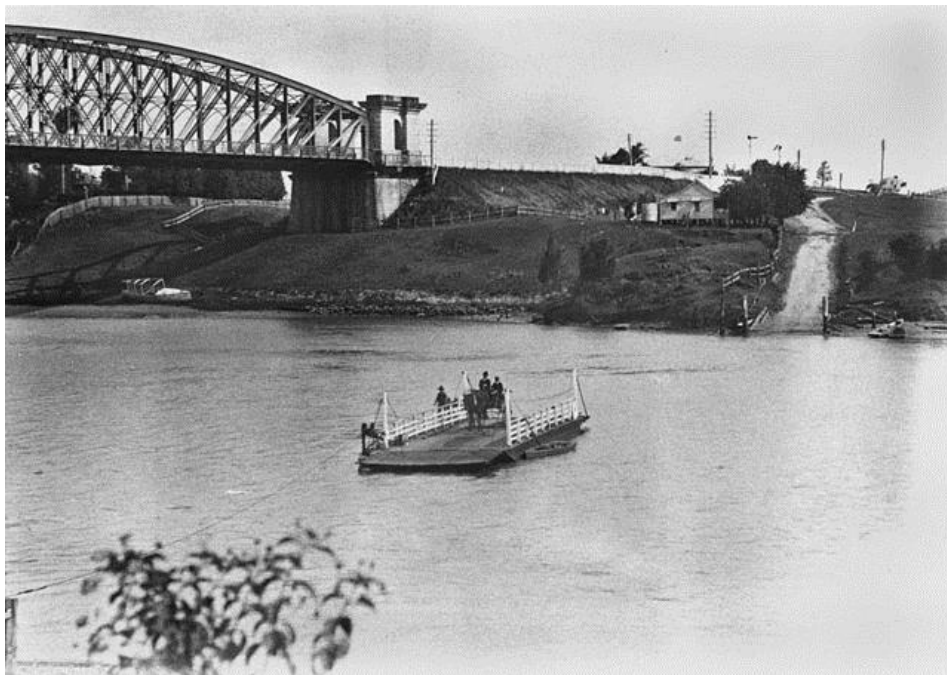


Figure 7. The Indooroopilly-Chelmer Ferry and the second Albert Bridge in 1906, taken from Indooroopilly looking towards Chelmer

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ferry_transport_in_Queensland

As previously discussed, the indigenous people of the area had always used the waterways to travel up and down stream as well as from one bank to another. With European settlement of the Indooroopilly area as well the Chelmer, Graceville, Sherwood area (then known as part of Boyland's Pocket) the use of river craft continued with a ferry service connecting the two communities. As early as the 1870s, passengers, horses, carriages and goods were transported between Chelmer (then known as Oxley Point) and Indooroopilly by ferry. (See Figure 7)

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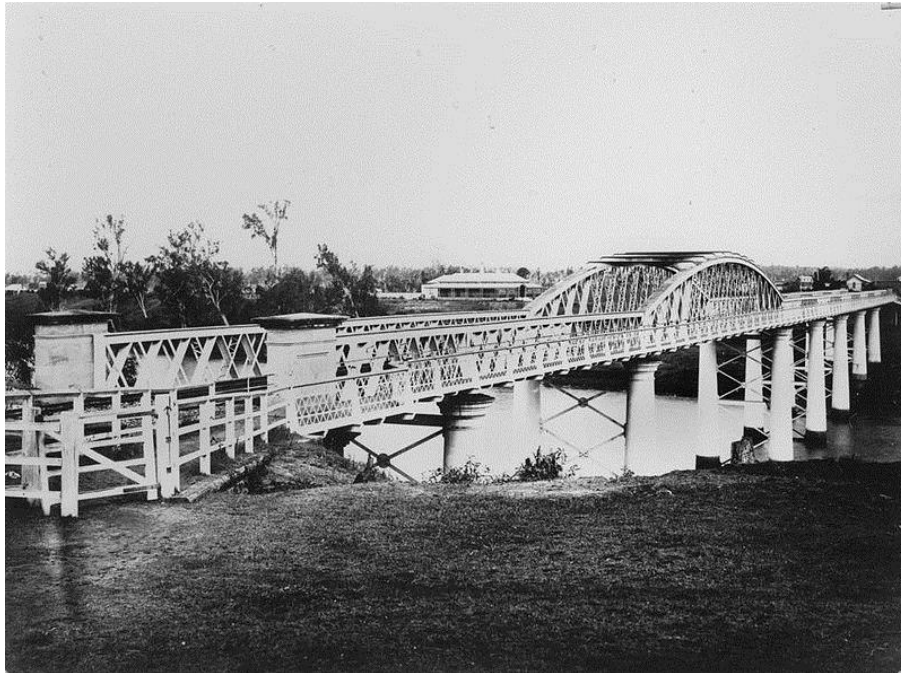


Figure 8. The original Albert Bridge

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Albert_Bridge,_Brisbane

The railway connecting Ipswich to Brisbane was opened in 1876. The new railway line connected Indooroopilly and Oxley Point with a bridge for the first time- the Albert Bridge (See Figure 8). The Albert Bridge was the first railway crossing of the Brisbane River and it also took pedestrian traffic until the opening of the Walter Taylor Bridge in 1936. The original Albert Bridge was destroyed in the 1893 flood and was then replaced by a 2-span, flood-tolerant design in 1895. A second rail bridge was constructed adjacent to the Albert Bridge and opened in 1957.

The latest bridge constructed over between Chelmer and Indooroopilly is the Jack Pesch Bridge opened in 1998. It is a bridge for the sole use of pedestrians and cyclists. Consequently, there are now four bridges between Chelmer and Indooroopilly. (See Figure 9)



Figure 9. The four river crossings between Indooroopilly and Chelmer

Source: <https://structurae.net/structures/albert-bridge-1893>

There is a possibility of the construction of fifth bridge to be built between Chelmer and Indooroopilly to ease traffic congestion on the two-lane Walter Taylor Bridge between the site of the Neilson Home at Chelmer and the old Witton Army barracks at Indooroopilly. The planning for and potential construction of this additional river crossing is a key issue uniting the people of Indooroopilly both North and South of the Brisbane River. It is a matter of great social and regional interest to the people of the State Seat of Indooroopilly.

Under section 4(1)(b) of the Electoral Act, the commission is to consider the ways of communication and travel within an electorate. The multiple river crossings at this point in the Brisbane River reflect the community links within the Indooroopilly electorate. It is submitted that the in commission has been correct in the past to recognise this through the boundaries of the electorate.

4. The Indooroopilly State High School Catchment Spans the River

It is important to note that the Indooroopilly State High School Catchment (Figure 10) crosses the river and includes Chelmer and parts of Graceville. Schools are a key focal point for the community in an electorate. It is submitted that the families within the catchment area of a State high school should (where practical, as is the case under the existing boundaries) be within the same electorate so that matters of interest and concern relating to their State high school may be raised by an individual Member of Parliament.

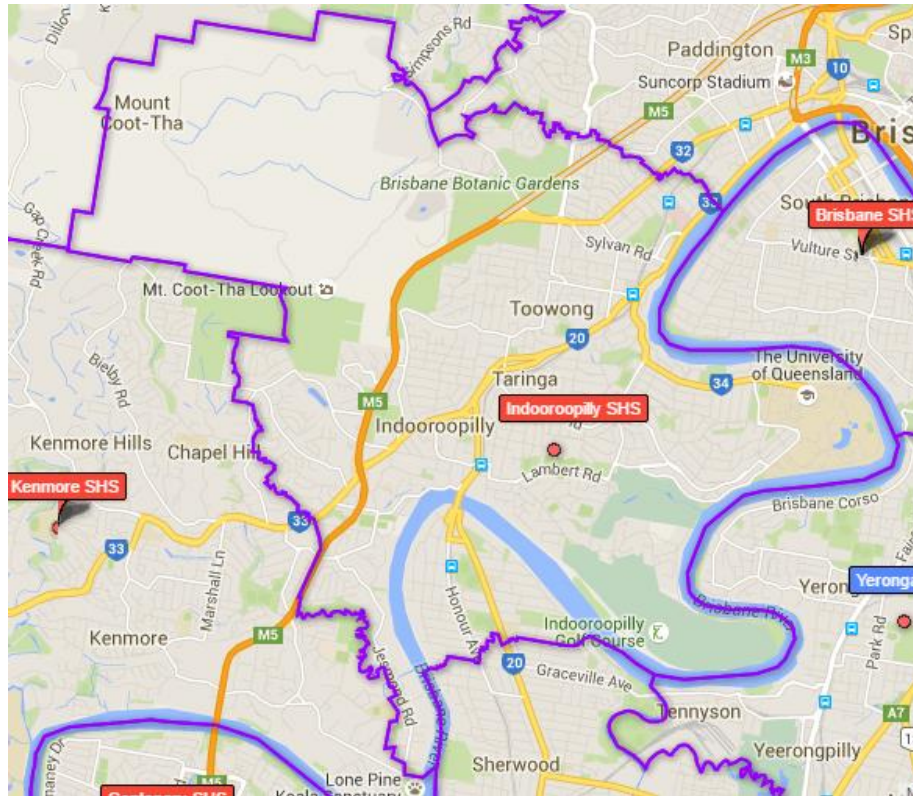


Figure 10. Indooroopilly High School Catchment

Source: www.qgso.qld.gov.au/maps/edmap/

5. Independent Schools Draw Students from Both Sides of the River.

As well as the State High School catchment, independent schools on the north side of the river draw students from both sides of the river. Due to their proximity to Chelmer and other suburbs south of the river as well as their proximity to transport links (see Figure 11), St Peter's Lutheran College Indooroopilly, Tracey Ambrose College and Brigidine College all have students from the south side of the river. Further, Tracey Ambrose College uses Australian Football facilities over the river at Chelmer, at the corner of Oxley Road and Queenscroft Street. (See Figure 12)

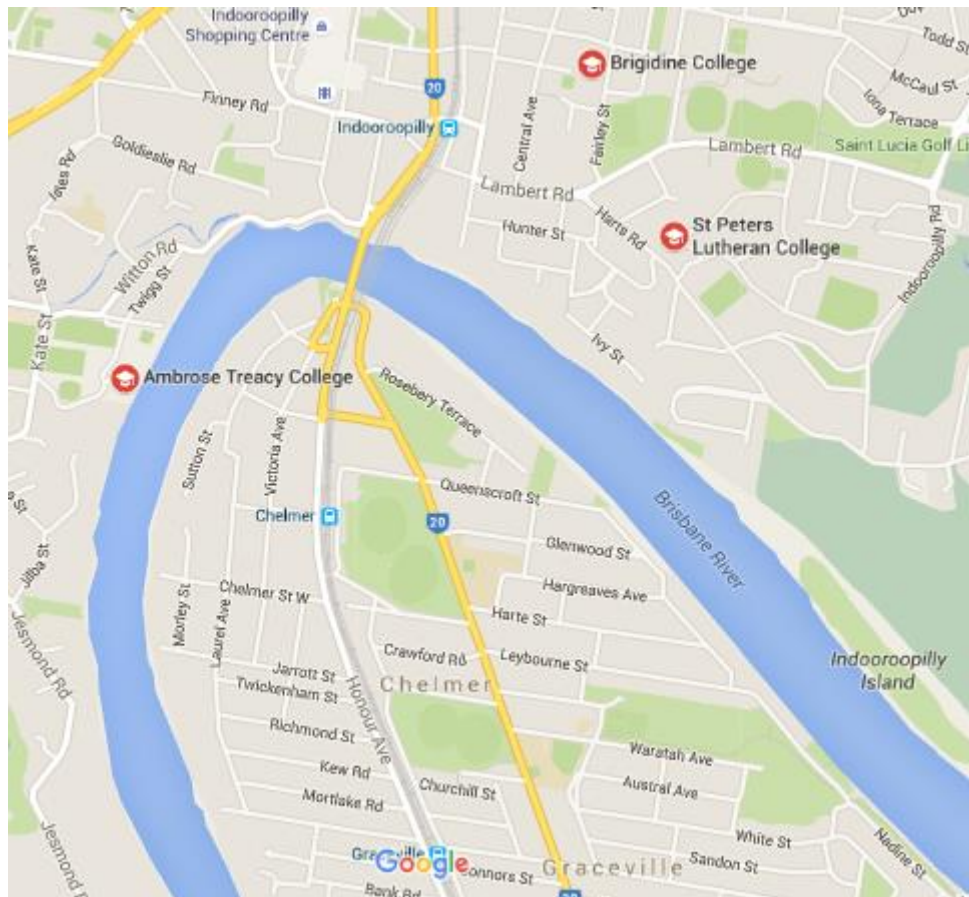


Figure 11. Independent Schools in Indooroopilly



Figure 12. Australian Football Facilities used by Tracey Ambrose College at Chelmer

6. The 4068 post code spans the river

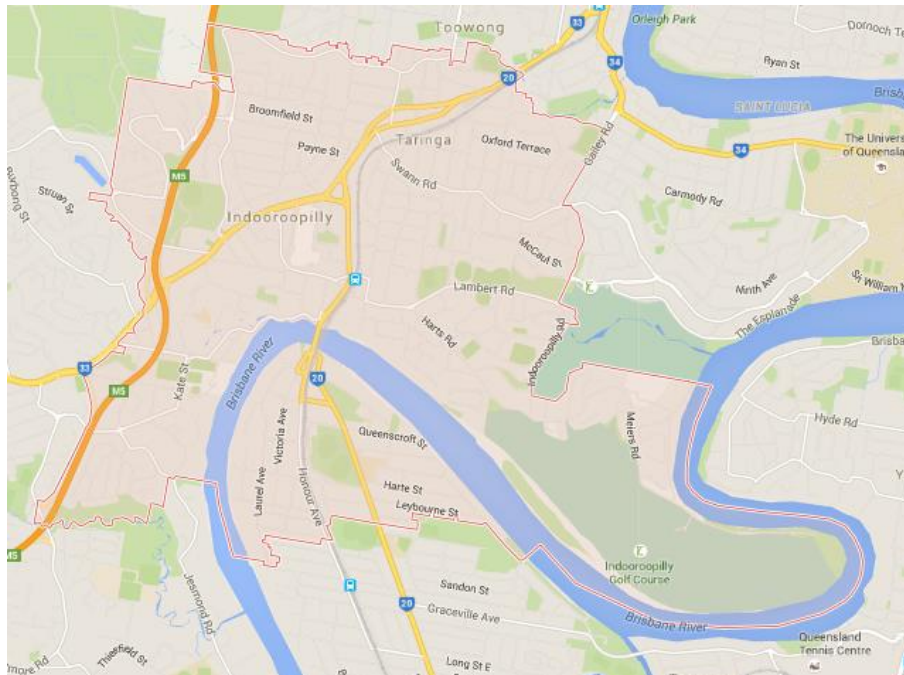


Figure 12. Map of Post Code 4068

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The post code 4068 includes suburbs north and south of the river, including Chelmer, Indooroopilly, Long Pocket and Taringa, indicating a community of interest. (See Figure 12)

7. Brisbane City Council City Plan 2014 – Indooroopilly is a “Major Centre”

Under the Brisbane City Plan 2014, Indooroopilly is a “Major Centre”. As such it is a: “key location for community hubs, services and facilities”. It is submitted that this reflects the reality where the communities in close proximity both North and South of the River see Indooroopilly as a focal point for the community. Accordingly, these communities should continue to be located within the same State electorate.

8. Statistical Divisions

Chelmer, Graceville and Sherwood are in the same Statistical Area Level 3 (SA3) used by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) (See Figure 13). According to the ABS, “the aim of SA3s is to create a standard framework for the analysis of ABS data at the regional level through clustering groups of SA2s that have similar regional characteristics.”

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/0/E7369D1FCE596315CA257801000C64E5?opendocument>

Listed below are some of the criteria for the delimitation of SA3s as taken from the ABS website:

Functional

SA3s are often the functional areas of regional towns and cities with a population in excess of 20,000 or clusters of related suburbs around urban commercial and transport hubs within the major urban areas.

Identifying Regions

The regional breakups have been designed to reflect regional identity. These are areas with both geographic and socio-economic similarities. In many cases, these areas are defined by existing administrative boundaries such as State Regional Development Areas or one or more LGAs.

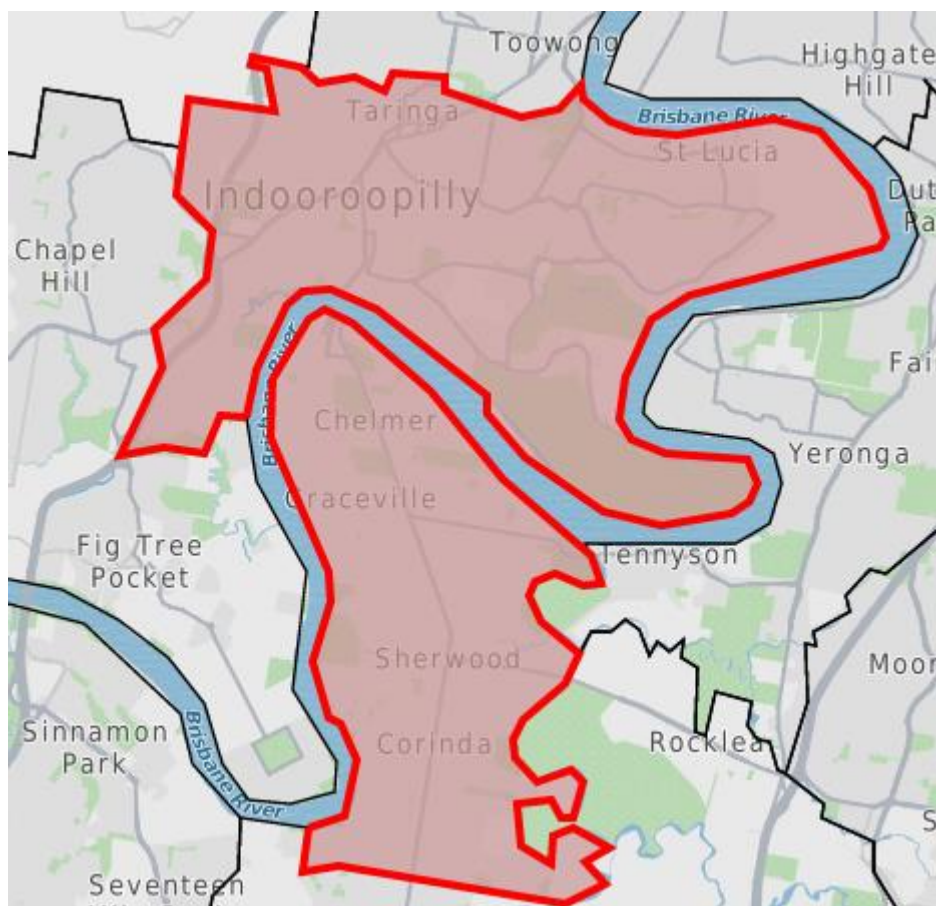


Figure 13. Sherwood-Indooroopilly SA3

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9. Westside News is distributed north and south of the river

The local newspaper, the Westside News, is distributed to both sides of the river, to suburbs such as Indooroopilly and Kenmore as well as Chelmer, Graceville and Sherwood. (See Figure 14)

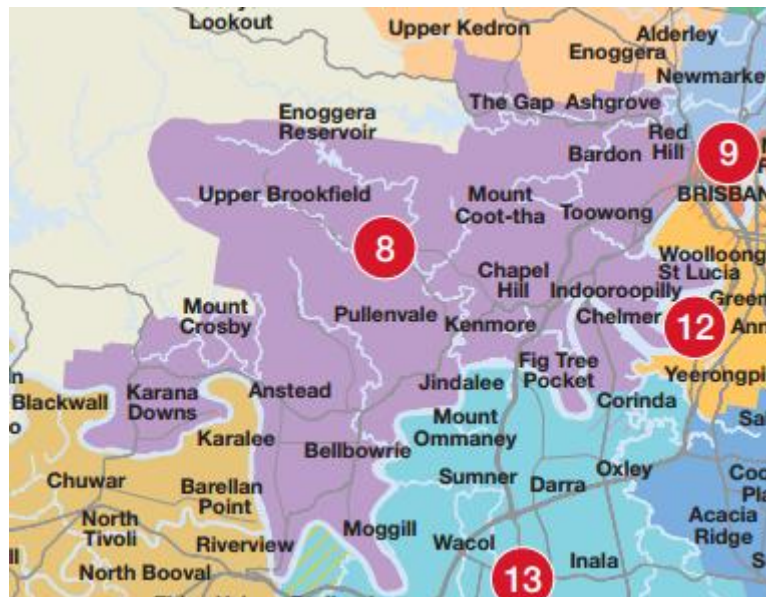


Figure 14. Distribution Map of the Westside News – Distribution Area 8

It is submitted that this reflects the community of economic, social, regional or other interests referred to in section 46 (1) (a) of the Electoral Act.

10. Flood Issues

The sense of community within the electorate of Indooroopilly was exemplified during the 2011 Brisbane floods. The community united to help those community members affected both North and South of the River. People helped both sides of the River.

11. Conclusion

It is submitted that the above arguments clearly support maintaining the existing suburbs within the State Seat of Indooroopilly in accordance with section 46(1) of the Electoral Act. The people living in the suburbs of Sherwood, Graceville, Chelmer, Indooroopilly, St Lucia, and Fig Tree Pocket share a community of economic, social, regional and other interests evidenced by:

- a catchment area for the Indooroopilly State High;

- close proximity to a “Major Centre” for the purposes of the Brisbane City Plan 2014;
- the same post code being shared by areas both North and South of the Brisbane River;
- incorporation by the Australian government into the same statistical identifying region (bearing in mind that the collection of data through a census is a key component of government decision making around infrastructure and the provision of services, it makes sense that State electorates should as far as practical reflect “Identifying Regions”);
- four cross river links which build on previous historical (some ancient) links and raise future issues of common concern (i.e. a duplication of the Walter Taylor bridge crossing);
- a shared local media provider which has independently identified the community of interest for the purposes of ascertaining interest in local news events and, from a commercial perspective, local business advertising; and
- the shared common experience of the 2011 Brisbane floods where the community within the State Electorate of Indooroopilly rallied to help each other both North and South of the Brisbane River - a key physical feature which in all the circumstances (including the four river crossings) binds the community.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this submission.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Secretary,

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) is the peak body for Queensland's 77 local governments. Formed in 1896 to represent local government in its dealings with governments, business, the community and unions, the LGAQ exists to strengthen the ability and performance of local councils to better serve their communities.

Queensland has a long and proud history of local government - the first local governments were already in place at the time that Queensland achieved statehood.

Local government is the level of government closest to the community. Every day it affects the lives of Queenslanders – local services, where people live, and the look and feel of communities.

The LGAQ prides itself on a collaborative approach to working with other levels of government. The LGAQ has an agreement for the partnership and relationship between the State Government and local governments in Queensland, known as the Partners in Government Agreement (PIGA).

There is an inextricable link between the interests of local government and state government. In many rural and remote areas, local government delivers the services normally provided by the state and federal governments. In a survey commissioned by the LGAQ in early 2015, it was found that 44 councils were delivering \$26 million annually in 'non-traditional' services like education, health care and communications typically delivered by other levels of government. Councils and the LGAQ work in partnership not only with the government, but with individual Members of Parliament around communities of interest. On this basis, the LGAQ believes that state electoral boundaries must, wherever practical, align with local government boundaries and that state electoral boundaries that run east – west along lines of communication (e.g. Mount Isa to Townsville, Longreach to Rockhampton et cetera) rather than north – south, are the most practical.

In August 2015, the LGAQ made a submission to the Legal Affairs and Community Safety Committee stating that we broadly supported an increase in the number of electoral districts in the Legislative Assembly.

The LGAQ has long been concerned to ensure Queensland's population growth is properly managed. In 2010, the LGAQ commissioned a four-person expert panel to conduct a public inquiry on the need for a state population policy. In the LGAQ's view, ensuring Queenslanders have equitable access to representation in the Parliament must be part of any consideration of the impacts of the doubling of Queensland's population over the past 30 years.

In our view, an increase to 93 electorates and better east-west alignment of boundaries including wherever possible whole local government areas, will achieve this goal.



Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission and we trust that the Queensland Redistribution Commission will look favourably upon our submission.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further please contact Mr Joshua O'Keefe, Team Leader Intergovernmental Relations on (07) 3000 2238 or via email joshua_okeefe@lgaq.asn.au.

Yours sincerely

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