9 November 2007

Hon. Alan Dornack AO
Chairperson
Queensland Redistribution Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir,

REVIEW OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

Advance Cairns is the peak economic development agency in Far North Queensland and wishes to express its concerns about the potential redistribution of electoral boundaries concerning the divisions of Barron River, Cairns and Mulgrave. Advance Cairns believes it is essential to the economic development of the city of Cairns and its wider role in the region that Cairns maintains direct representation in government.

Population Issues

While it is acknowledged that the Commission is required to establish electoral boundaries which reflect population levels (with some latitude) with respect to numerical outcomes, it is important that the Commission appreciate the trends in population in Far North Queensland.

Far North Queensland continues to experience a high rate of population growth, second only to the growth of the South-East corner. The Far North Queensland statistical division encompasses an area larger than Tasmania and a population greater than that of the Northern Territory.

Further, looking at the changing nature of the population generally and the likely impacts of climate change, we can see evidence of an increase in the rate of population growth in this region as retirees opt for the lifestyle advantages of Cairns and businesses seek the water security of the region.

These changes are already apparent with population movements into Cairns and, of equal significance, the increasing density of the city population as high rise residential development continues at high rate to accommodate those seeking the combination of a tropical lifestyle with the benefits of city living.

Economic Development

Cairns is the hub of the regional economy. One of its strengths lies in the cohesive nature of the business and political communities - its sense of identity. Essentially, everyone who contributes to the growth of the area has a sense of community and a shared purpose. This is of particular importance in an economy where one sector (tourism) is dominant and networks at all levels work together to support that sector.

It would be regrettable if this sense of cohesion were disturbed in terms of political representation since Cairns depends on having effective representation in the State legislature. It would go so far as to say that any disturbance of this sense of common purpose might result in sub-optimal outcomes in terms of future economic development.
Physical Nature of Cairns

The cohesion, to which I have referred above, stems in large measure from the physical nature of the City.

Cairns is sited on a relatively narrow strip of coastal land and has to its west the Tableland escarpment. Three electorates (Cairns, Barron River and Mulgrave) work effectively to ensure that the diverse interests of the city (Cairns) and the suburban and rural precincts (Barron River & Mulgrave) support the Cairns economic hub. The effect of this present arrangement is that we achieve an effective balance between the varied economic drivers of the immediate area.

To a large extent, these physical characteristic are unique to Cairns and I urge the Commission to give due weight to these matters.

Cairns' History

Cairns has a proud history and takes great pride in its heritage. For 120 years, i.e. since the Electoral Districts Act of 1887, the City has been the focal point of a seat in State Parliament. This history is important for tourism as well as for civic pride and I would urge the Commission to recognise the significance of this in its deliberations.

Conclusion

Advance Cairns requests that the Commission consider very carefully the mechanisms which support economic development in Cairns and the adjacent area and that the position of Cairns as a State electorate is vital to the future of the city and the region.

My Board and I regard these considerations as pertinent when considering the level of political representation of the region and I hope that the Commission shares our view.

Yours faithfully

[Signature]

for Russell Beer
CHAIRMAN
9 November 2007

Mr D. Kerslake
Electoral Commissioner
Electorate Commission of Queensland
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE Q 4001

Dear David,

The State Government has recently announced the development of a 3,000 to 4,000 bed jail in the Gatton area. The Prison will require approximately 2,000 staff etc. to manage and maintain it. Has this large influx of people been allowed for in the projections for the Lockyer Electorate?

The Lockyer Electorate is approximately 2,000 voters over quota and the prison will distort this figure further. Could you please ensure that the prison is taken into account when the redistribution is made.

The area of Greenbank, Flagstone, Ripley pose some problem for the sitting Member to service. Lockyer has a lot more in common with the southern end of Nanango (Esk, Coominya) and the western edge of Ipswich West Electorates (Grandchester, Lowood, Marburg and Minden).

I realise the Beaudesert Electorate will also require some changes. The Lockyer rural nature makes it very similar with the Boonah Shire (e.g. rural and semi-rural villages and farming areas).

Could you please ensure that you do actually use the guidelines as stated on your web page for the redistribution criteria (e.g. communities of economic, social, regional interest, similar physical features and demographic trends in the State). This would require some of the suggested changes mentioned above, as the State Government has gone to great lengths to rationalise Shires into areas of common interest (e.g. the Lockyer Regional Shire which has taken in both Gatton and Laidley Shires, which will have in excess of 20,000 voters).

Some of the areas towards Lowood, Fernvale, Grandchester, Kalbar and Warrill View do have a lot in common with the Lockyer area.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Rickuss MP
Member for Lockyer

Lockyer Electorate includes the Shires of Ipswich (part of), Esk (part of), Beaudesert (part of), Gatton and Laidley.
9 November 2007

Mr David Kerrlak
Queensland Electoral Commissioner
Electoral Commission of Queensland
GPO Box 1393
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Dear Mr Kerrlak

This is submission that is of interest to the electors of Beaudesert and Lockyer.

Without the aid of a computer, the area that is of interest to me is Boonah Shire and the Lockyer Electorate, as I reside in the Boonah area and my children are in the Laidley area.

I suggest that the eastern parts of the Lockyer Electorate (see attached) be reallocated to electorates with more in common with their area (e.g. Ipswich, Logan, Bundamba). This would leave approximately 23,500 voters in the Lockyer Electorate.

If you then add most of the Boonah Shire or the area of the Beaudesert Electorate (see attached 6,561 voters) giving the Lockyer a total number of 30,059 voters.

This falls in the parameters of the 29,081 voters, plus or minus 10%. May I also highlight that this would still give good steady growth with the numbers of approximately 35,000 voters on your projected totals in the future.

The area is connected historically and Boonah Shire was previously part of the Lockyer Electorate.

Rural and semi-rural type communities are very similar across the Lockyer and Boonah (Beaudesert) area. The areas are fertile alluvial flats bordered by the Great Dividing Range. They have similar economic, social and other interests.

There is good steady growth in both Shires that will keep the Electorate of Lockyer well balanced into the future.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Yarrow

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Mr D. Kerslake
Commissioner
Electorate Commission of Queensland
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE Q 4001

Dear Mr Kerslake

I wish to make a submission in relation to the redistribution of the boundaries in the Lockyer Electorate.

The Lockyer Electorate has more in common with the western area of Ipswich Shire than the areas of Greenbank, Flagstone, Ripley etc.

If you take off the listed Lockyer area (see attached 7,370 voters) and add the listed Ipswich areas (see attached 5,841 voters) the total number of voters is 29,339 now and projected 34,457. This is a much more suitable Electorate that can be serviced out of the Electoral Office of the Member for Lockyer, based in Gatton.

The areas of Lowood, Minden, Marburg etc. do have a lot in common with the majority of the Lockyer Electorate.

Laidley and Gatton Shires are going to become the Lockyer Regional Shire. This is approximately 20,000 voters, so therefore it would seem logical to add a few more voters from the rural type areas around these two Shires to make one sustainable Electorate of Lockyer that would have good steady growth.

I hope you will realistically take some of my opinions raised into consideration when doing the redistribution.

Yours faithfully,

Ray Hawley

ELECTORAL COMMISSION
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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION IN REGARDS TO THE CAIRNS AND BARRON RIVER ELECTORATES

Dear Hon. Alan Demack AO,

Cairns is a growing regional centre for Far North Queensland which comprises of the central city CBD, inner suburbs, northern beaches and northern suburbs as well as an ever expanding southern access corridor. In representing the needs, views, and social mores of the growing local Cairns population there is a necessity for realignment of the State electoral boundaries to provide a sensible and functional representation to the community who live in this region. The Cairns and Barron River electorates are growing at a rapid rate and represent the majority of the population who live in the wider Cairns region. However, a disparity to electoral borders exists and a rethink as to the northern, western, and southern borders is necessary to reflect the community and economic trends within this region of interest.

As an elector in Cairns I make the following general broad points for consideration by the Queensland Redistribution Commission:

- As the centre of economic focus for the region Cairns should be defined into two electorates that sensibly represent the economic, social mores, and regional interests of the electors who live there.

- The present Cairns and Barron electorates do not broadly characterize the rational delineation of Cairns Region electors who reside in the zone of interest.

- The Barron electorate currently excludes the regionally important Cairns beach suburbs of Ellis Beach, Buchan Point, Palm Cove, Clifton and Kewarra Beaches.

- Clifton Beach and Kewarra Beach remain primarily as areas for conventional residential living under the Cairns City Council “Cairns Plan”.

- The local Cairns public bus system incorporates routes connecting Ellis Beach, Buchans Point, Palm Cove, Clifton and Kewarra Beaches to the Cairns CBD.
• The distance and separation of the next centre of economic, social, and regional interest from the northern Cairns beaches is some 35 minute drive or 40 km away.

• The regional interests of Barron extend to the base of the ranges of Cairns. A review of the current electoral boundary reveals this anomaly between the Tablelands and Barron borders.

• Cook electorate incorporates regions of Myola, Kowronga, Koah, and Formetine State Forest but excludes the important central contribution that Kuranda provides to this component of the Cook electorate.

• Kuranda is managed and incorporated into the Tableland shire of Mareeba which supports its natural integration into an extended Cook or Tableland electorate.

• The adjacent area of Myola is one of a number of areas proposed under the Far North Queensland Regional Plan to become centres of regional growth within the proposed Tableland Regional Council. This council would include the Kuranda – Myola region supporting its inclusion in the State boundary across the eastern ranges separating a Barron River/Cairns electorate.

• A sensible review of the electoral border in this region would be to absorb Kuranda, which contributes to the region as a major centre for the above named listed suburbs of Cook.

• The dominant physical features of Barron River include the wetlands adjacent to the coastline and waterways, the floodplain of the Barron delta with surrounding cane fields, as well as the local flood plains to the Barron Gorge and lower hill slopes of the forested range.

• Residential living of the Barron-Smithfield region of the Cairns City Council “Cairns Plan” is limited to the foot hills of the Kuranda range. This further supports redefinition of the electoral border of Cook to absorb the elevated Kuranda community.

• The Smithfield Commercial Centre at the foot of the ranges is intended to become an important node of the local Barron-Cairns community incorporating the major transport and tourist routes to the northern beaches of Cairns and makes the sensible border for the Barron River electorate.

• The southern border of the Cairns electorate is confusing, diffuse, and discordant due to the changing residential landscape of the southern access corridor. Furthermore, the Mulgrave electorate is growing and encompasses a greater proportion of the urbanising southern suburbs.
outside of Cairns. A clean division of the Mulgrave electorate from Cairns in the vicinity of Foster Road to the escarpment provides a natural feature solution consistent with the growing south. This change would improve the currently perplexing concertina border of the Cairns and Mulgrave electorates.

A further detailed submission to the commission will be forthcoming by the deadline outlining, providing supporting researched evidence, and arguing for a sensible redistribution of the State borders of the Cairns and Barron River and electorates.

Sincerely,

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State electoral redistribution: seat of Kawana

I wish to submit the following recommendations for the seat of Kawana. A map indicating the proposed changes is attached for your reference.

Description

The seat of Kawana has 36,650 voters (at 28/9/07). As with all other electoral divisions on the Sunshine Coast, it has experienced significant growth and this is projected to continue. It is anticipated therefore that an additional seat will be created on the Sunshine Coast.

I propose that Kawana be varied so that its new boundaries become Maroochydore Road and the Sunshine Motorway to the north, the Bruce Highway to the west, Nicklin Way to the east and the Mooloolah River and Mooloolah River National Park to the south (details below).

The southern part of the electorate will move into the Caloundra electorate, while the eastern (Eastern Seashore) will move into the Maroochydore electorate. The Maroochydore electorate will also extend further south along the Eastern Seashore into the northern part of the existing Caloundra electorate.

With the Maroochydore electorate picking up significant additional voters to the south, its northern border will need to be adjusted accordingly. My proposal includes transfer of the current south-west section of Maroochydore into Kawana. Revising the northern border of Maroochydore will allow for creation of a new Sunshine Coast electorate between Maroochydore and Noosa.
Rationale

The new seat of Kawana will maintain the existing community of social, economic and regional interest common to Buderim, Forest Glen, Sippy Downs and Mountain Creek. These are non-beachside communities that are predominantly residential.

Relatively minor changes will be made to the existing Kawana electorate boundaries. The new boundaries follow significant geographic and road boundaries (i.e. Bruce Highway, Maroochydoore Road, Sunshine Motorway, Nicklin Way, the Mooloolah River and National Park).

The Maroochydoore electorate will combine a strong community of social, economic and geographic interest as it will follow the Eastern Seashore and incorporate the significant tourism centres of this part of the Sunshine Coast.

The changes to Caloundra are also relatively minor, as it loses a small section of its northern seashore to Maroochydoore. Caloundra also picks up the growing Meridan Plains community, which has a close fit geographically and socially with the rest of Caloundra.

Each electorate will also sit well in relation to the new local government boundaries created on the Sunshine Coast. The proposed new seat north of Maroochydoore will encompass most of Division 8, 9 and 10. Where divisions are split between two electorates (e.g. Division 7 which is shared by Maroochydoore and Kawana), the boundaries follow logical major roads.

Details

The changes proposed will involve the following CCDs.

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**CCDs moving from Kawana to Caloundra:**
3111302, 3111324, 3111319, 3111315

**CCDs moving from Caloundra to Maroochydoore:**
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**CCDs moving from Maroochydoore to Kawana:**
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The CCDs to be moved from Maroochydoore to the proposed new seat to the north have not been nominated.

On the attached map, the broken black line shows the new southern and eastern borders of the Kawana electorate. The south-east border proposed between Maroochydoore and Caloundra is indicated by the dotted line. The small map in the bottom right hand corner shows which CCDs would move from Caloundra to Maroochydoore. The section of the existing
Maroochydore electorate map at the top left indicates the CCDs that would move from Maroochydore to Kawana.

**Impact on voter numbers**

The following figures are based on current actuals as designated in the ECQ breakdown by CCD.

**Kawana (existing = 36,650)**

- Additional CCDs from Maroochydore = 1,849
- CCDs lost to Maroochydore = 7,139
- CCDs lost to Caloundra = 1,159

*New Kawana total = 30,201*

Under this scenario, Caloundra electorate will gain 1,159 from Kawana and lose 2,057 to Maroochydore, resulting in a new total of 30,904 (existing = 32,702).

Final numbers for Maroochydore will depend on changes at the northern end of the electorate.

I would be happy to provide further clarification of this proposal at any time.

Steve Dickson MP
Member for Kawana
12th November 2007.

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Brisbane
Queensland 4001.

Dear Sir,

RE: Submission by the Sunshine Coast Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc.

Please find attached this Association’s submission relating to the Section 42 Review of the State Electoral Boundaries.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Taylor

Honorary Secretary.

End.
SUBMISSION TO THE PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION OF STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES FOR THE GYMIE AND SUNSHINE COAST AREAS.

Overview:

The Sunshine Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association Inc. has previously made submissions in relation to the: development of the SE Qld Regional Plan, AEC in relation to the last federal redistribution of electoral boundaries and most recently to the Local Government Reform Commission. On these occasions we have argued for recognition of the strong and growing community of interest of the citizens of the Sunshine Coast.

The Sunshine Coast is one of the fastest growing regions in the Commonwealth, and is therefore undergoing a significant transition from a regional economy based on agriculture to one focused on services and light manufacturing.

The Sunshine Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association has based this submission as outlined including:
Section 46 of the Act requires that, in preparing the proposed redistribution, the Commission must consider the following matters:

1. The extent to which there is a community of economic, social, regional or other interests within each proposed electoral district;
2. The ways of communication and travel within each proposed electoral district;
3. The physical features of each proposed electoral district;
4. The boundaries of existing electoral districts;
5. Demographic trends in the State, with a view to ensuring as far as practicable that, on the basis of the trends, the need for another electoral redistribution will not arise under section 36 before it does under section 38.

The Commission may also consider the boundaries of local government areas to the extent that it is satisfied that there is a community of economic, social, regional or other interests within each local government area.

Section 45 of the Act requires that the redistribution must be within numerical limits:
1. Electoral district area less than 100,000 km²
   - number of enrolled electors does not differ from the average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts by more than 10%.

Acknowledging the higher than average growth for these areas it may be possible to consider new boundaries that are up to 9% lower than the average number of enrolled electors for electoral districts shall being 29,081 (as suggested), (-9% = 27,267)

The Sunshine Coast is one of the fastest growing regions in the State, indeed the Commonwealth, and is therefore undergoing a significant transition from a regional economy based on agriculture to one focused on services and light manufacturing. Concurrently, the coastal settlements of Noosa, Maroochydore, Kawana and Caloundra, are currently experiencing above average expansions in economic and population terms.
Concurrently, the mix of economic activity will broaden, away from reliance upon the agricultural and tourism sectors, to areas requiring more highly skilled and diverse workforces (eg: the delivery of health services – particularly in the aged care field).

These developments are being encouraged as a result of the rapid implementation of the Queensland Government's Regional Development Plan for S.E Queensland, as witnessed by the following quote: "The Regional Plan proposes a new approach based on managing rather than responding to growth and leading the desired results through timely provision of infrastructure and assisting employment creation". (Draft Plan).

The population growth and land use patterns anticipated in the Draft Plan are catalysts for:
1. The redistribution of political boundaries.
2. The creation of a zone of economic activity bounded by Caloundra in the South, the Sunshine Motorway in the West and the Maroochy River in the North.

With this in mind we believe wholeheartedly that there is a strong community of interests, both in economic terms and in terms of social ties, binding the population centres of Caloundra, Kawana, Buderim, Nambour, Noosa and Maroochydore.

This Association favours the creation of redrawn boundaries for the State Divisions of Gympie, Noosa, Maroochydore, Kawana, Caloundra, Glass House, Pumicestone and a possibly New electorate called Buderim using the following suggestions: (based on the figures on the relevant website, Enrolment as at 28/09/2007.)

Gympie having 32,647 being 12.23% over preferred numerical limit could have South Eastern boundary change to allow Cooroy and Pomona to be included into a new electorate, (possibly to be called Buderim).

Pomona and Cooroy share a community of economic, social, regional or other interests within similar townships such as Yandina, Parklands, Eumundi, Doonan, Verridee North Arm and Yandina Creek. Also historically reasonably similar to that of the Buderim area. If a new electorate, (Buderim) was to gain Pomona and Cooroy this would see 7309 actual (8434 projected) from Gympie.

This would reduce Gympie by 7309 actual, (8434 projected) to 25,338.

As Gympie is experiencing continued and reasonable growth, the average figure should easily be attained.

If a new electorate, (Buderim) was to gain Parklands and Yandina Creek east of the Bruce Highway and west of the Sunshine Coast Motorway (mth/sth link) totaling 3622 actual, (4947 projected) from Nicklin. Parklands, Yandina Creek share a community of economic, social, regional and other interests.
If a new electorate was to gain Buderim and Tanawha, actual 16,361 (projected 19,602) north from Sunshine Motorway (east west link), from Kawana, Kuluin, Kunda Park 6621 actual, (8103 projected) using the Sunshine motorway (north / south) as boundary, everything west of motorway from Maroochydore electorate moves into new electorate, (Buderim). Buderim, Tanawha, Kuluin, Mons and Kunda Park share a community of economic, social, regional and other interests.

Noosa 34,853 over average number of enrolled electors 29,081 over by 5772

If the southern boundary of Noosa was to be moved north allowing Coolum actual 4472 (projected 5659) to come into the seat of Maroochydore.

Incorporating Buderim, Tanawha actual 16,361 (projected 19,602) Kuluin, Kunda Park 6621 actual, (8103 projected) Parklands, Yandina, (approx 7400) to a new Electorate.

Proposed new electorate, (Buderim) to also include Buderim, Tanawha (from Kawana), Kuluin, Mons, Kunda Park (from Maroochydore), Yandina, Parklands, (from Nicklin)

The seat of Nicklin, 31,529 (now over by 2448) could lose Parklands, Yandina, (approx 7400),

The seat of Nicklin could see its south western boundary include Maleny, Witta and Conondale, total actual 4747 (projected 5387), presently in Glass House. 28,876 Maleny, Witta and Conondale share a community of economic, social, regional and other interests.

Glass House has 32,576 now over by 3495, if it were to lose Maleny, Witta and Conondale total actual 4747 (projected 5387), Glass House would be 1171 under average number of enrolled electors 29,081. As these townships that make up the Glass House electorate are experiencing continued and reasonable growth, the average figure should easily be attained.

In losing Buderim, Kawana's southern boundary should stretch further south to include Wurtulla, Currimundi, Dicky Beach, Aroona and Meridan Plains.

These suburbs share a community of economic, social, regional and other interests.

Caloundra could lose up to 5700 and still be approximately 5% under the suggested average number of enrolled electors 29,081.
The above suggestions were based on the following figures:

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Thursday 25 October 2007

Mr David Kerslake
Electoral Commissioner
Electoral Commission of Queensland
GPO Box 1393
Brisbane Qld 4001

Dear Mr Kerslake

I am writing to present my suggestions for the redistribution of electoral boundaries for State Electorates in the Gold Coast and surrounding areas. I am aware that the electorate of Robina is significantly over the allowable quota differential of voters and as a consequence will have to lose some voters in the upcoming redistribution. As such, there will be corresponding changes to surrounding electorates and I have prepared a submission with regard to the same.

However, to assist the Commission in its deliberations, I am putting forward the following suggestions so that the Commission may investigate these scenarios further to ascertain whether they comply with the criteria prescribed for effective electoral boundary redistribution.

The Gold Coast region is one of the fastest growing areas in the State and therefore requires special attention in the redistribution process. The following seats will be explored in detail within my submission.

Currumbin
Burleigh
Robina
Mudgeeraba
Surfers Paradise
Southport
Gaven — (With the new name of Nerang due to demographic reasons)
Broadwater
Coomera — (New Seat due to population figures)
Albert — (With the new name of Beenleigh due to locality association reasons)

To make it easier to envisage I have looked at each electorate starting from the New South Wales border with Currumbin and each of the electorate boundaries will be based on the average of 29,081 per electorate.

*Currumbin (in need of reduction of approximately 2022)*

Currumbin has a enrolled population of 30,995 and has a deviation of 6.54% (28,968) from the average district enrolment so I suggest Currumbin be reduced by extending the Burleigh Electorate to include residential areas (Palm Beach frontage ~1900) by following the current electorate boundary of the Pacific Highway up to the Currumbin Creek inlet.
Also by removing part of the suburbs of Tallebudgera ("760), and Tallebudgera Valley ("304) to become part of the Mudgeeraba electorate. This would reduce the electorate of Currumbin and mean it would fall within the average requirement.

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(30,995 + 1900(\text{Palm Beach Frontage}) - 760(\text{Tallebudgera}) - 304(\text{Tallebudgera Valley}) = 27,951)
\]

This slight variance from 29,081 would help with project growth figures for the electorate.

**Burleigh (in need of reduction of approximately 5798)**

Burleigh with a population of 34,047 has a deviation of 17.04% from the average district enrolment. With Mermaid Beach ("725) and Nobby's Beach ("1018) frontage up to Miami Beach moving into Robina this would reduce the population level.

I would also suggest a move of part of Upper Varsity Lakes, Stephens (to total the difference of ("4828) into Burleigh (only1596) & Mudgeeraba (only 3259) and Lower Varsity ("7220) into Mudgeeraba. Also the Palm Beach Frontage ("1900) to come into the electorate which would bring the total under the required population for the electorate.

\[
(34,047 - 728(\text{Mermaid Beach}) - 1018(\text{Nobby’s Beach}) + 1596 (\text{Upper Varsity Lakes, Stephens}) - 7220(\text{Lower Varsity}) - 1900(\text{Palm Beach frontage}) = 28,580
\]

**Robina (in need of reduction of approximately 5376)**

Robina is geographically in the middle of Surfers and Burleigh with its population of 33,728 making its deviation from the average district enrolment of 15.94%. With the necessity of a reduction to the number of people in the Robina electorate I believe the most effective electorate border change could be the following.

The Robina border in the south east could be moved to take in the rest of Mermaid Beach ("725 approx) and Nobby’s Beach ("1018 approx) by extending down Albatross Ave to Santa Monica Rd and then connecting up with the Gold Coast Highway. This would add 1743 and would align the eastern boundary of the electorate better with the southern boundary of the electorate.

This would necessitate a corresponding shift of the western boundary around the Merrimac suburb into the Mudgeeraba electorate, moving Merrimac ("2153) part of Clear Island Waters (Lakelands) ("221) into Mudgeeraba. This can be achieved by following the west end of Robina Town Centre Dr up to Mudgeeraba Creek and follow the creek up to Robina Parkway and proceed north up to Gooding Drive. This would take out a total of 2364.

I would also suggest to take out south of the area from Robina parkway by continuing up Robina Parkway to Cheltenham Drive and follow this around into Cottesloe Drive to join up to Oceanic Drive. If the Commissioner thinks it’s feasible this would ease our rapid growth by moving the suburb of Varsity Lakes ("2125) and part of Robina ("2703). This would reduce the total by almost 4828.

\[
(33,728 + 725 (\text{Mermaid Beach}) + 1018 (\text{Nobby’s Beach}) - 2153 (\text{Merrimac}) - 221 (\text{Clear Island Waters}) - 4828 (\text{Varsity Lakes & part of Robina}) = 28,369
\]
Mudgeeraba (In need of reduction of approximately 2666)

With the electorate of Mudgeeraba having a population of 31,551 and having a deviation from the average district enrolment of 8.45%, I would suggest the Commissioner might like to remove the part of the areas of Worongary & Highland Park (*4317) and Clagiraba (*164), Carrara (*3728) and Nerang (*4528), Advancetown (*577) and Beechmont (*169) which could move into Gaven (new name Nerang) and would help ease these population figures.

Although I believe Mudgeeraba should include part of the lower part of Varsity Lakes and the area of Stephens together adding up to (*7461), Tallebudgera Valley (*623), and Tallebudgera (*1348) This would bring the electorate within the average district enrolment.

\[
31,551 - 3728\text{(Carrara)} - 4528\text{(Nerang)} - 577\text{ (Advancetown)} - 169\text{(Beechmont)} - 164\text{(Clagiraba)} + 7461\text{(Varsity & Stephens)} + 760\text{(Tallebudgera)} + 304\text{(Tallebudgera Valley)} - 4317\text{ (part of Worongary & Highland Park)} = 26,673
\]

*NB (This variation from the required average district enrolment would allow growth in the electorate)

Surfers Paradise (In need of reduction of approximately 2436)

Surfers Paradise's population is 31,352 and has a deviation from the average district enrolment of 7.77%. I would suggest to remove part of (left side) Ashmore (*3744) which would move into Gaven

\[
31,352 - 3744 = 27,608
\]

Southport (In need of reduction of approximately 982)

For Southport as the population is 30,043 with the deviation from the average district enrolment of 3.27% I would suggest part of Arundel (*5085) move into the new seat of Coomera that I am proposing and Ashmore (*3569) would come into Southport

\[
30,043 - 5085 + 3569 = 28,527
\]

Gaven – New Name Nerang (In need of reduction of approximately 7223)

I would suggest that the more appropriate name for this electorate if my suggestions are adhered to would be Nerang. The population for Gaven is 35,081 which has a deviation from the average district enrolment of 20.59%. I would suggest to add in Clagiraba (*164), Advancetown (*577), Beechmont (*169), upper Worongary & Highland Park (*3998), Carrara (*3728), and part of Nerang (*2507), Merrimac (*2153) & part of Clear Island Waters (221).

I would suggest to take out Monterey Keys (*2537), Helensvale (*6516), Oxenford (*8811), Pacific Pines (*2382).

\[
35,081 + 164\text{(Clagiraba)} + 577\text{ (Advancetown)} + 169\text{ (Beechmont)} + 3998\text{(Worongary & Highland Park)} + 3728\text{(Carrara)} + 2507\text{(part of Nerang)} + 2153\text{(Merrimac)} + 221\text{(part of }
\text{Clear Island Waters)} - 2537\text{(Monterey Keys)} - 6516\text{(Helensvale)} - 8811\text{(Oxenford)} - 2382\text{(Pacific Pines)} = 28,352
\]
Broadwater (in need of reduction of approximately 2895)
Broadwater has a population of 31,746 and a deviation from the average district enrolment of 9.12%. I would suggest Hope Island and part of Paradise Point into Coomera and Labrador to move into Broadwater.

\[31,746 - 3681 \text{ (Hope Island)} - 3135 \text{ (Paradise Point)} - 3569 \text{ (Labrador)} = 28,499\]

Coomera – New Electorate of Coomera (In need of population of approximately 28,000)
The new electorate of Coomera would take in the suburbs of Green Meadows (~1063), Pimpama (~198), Ormeau (~608), Coomera (~942), Upper Coomera (~2181), Hope Island (~3681)

Also take in the areas of Monterey Keys (~2537), Helensvale (~6516), Oxenford (~5735), Pacific Pines (~2382) & Paradise Point (~3135)

\[2537 \text{ (Monterey Keys)} + 6516 \text{ (Helensvale)} + 5735 \text{ (Oxenford)} + 2382 \text{ (Pacific Pines)} + 3681 \text{ (Hope Island)} + 2181 \text{ (part of Upper Coomera)} + 942 \text{ (Coomera)} + 1063 \text{ (Green Meadows)} + 198 \text{ (Pimpama)} + 608 \text{ (Ormeau)} + 3135 \text{ (Paradise Point)} = 28,978\]

Albert (New name of Beenleigh) (In need of reduction of approximately 10,249)
Albert has a significant population to loose to come within the required amount for the electorate. The population as it stands is 37,124 with a deviation from the average district enrolment of 27.61%.

The suburbs of Green Meadows (~1063), Pimpama (~198), Ormeau (~608), Coomera (~942), Upper Coomera (~2187), need to move into Coomera which would reduce Albert (Beenleigh). Although I suggest to add in part of Oxenford (~3076)

Mt Warren Park (3606) and Eagleby (4047) could move out of the electorate which would bring it back within the population quota.

\[37,124 - 1063 \text{ (Green Meadows)} - 198 \text{ (Pimpama)} - 608 \text{ (Ormeau)} - 942 \text{ (Coomera)} - 2187 \text{ (Upper Coomera)} + 3076 \text{ (Oxenford)} - 3606 \text{ (Mt Warren Park)} - 4047 \text{ (Eagleby)} = 27,549\]

Thankyou for your consideration with this suggestion

Kind Regards

[Signature]

Mr Ray Stevens MP
Shadow Minister for Housing Affordability & Public Works
State Member for Robina


^ Ref: Gold Coast City Council Data
12 November 2007

QRC/S
The Secretary
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Dear Mr Demack

Please find attached the Australian Labor Party’s submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require clarification of any of the matters contained in this document.

Yours Sincerely

[Signature]
Milton Dick
State Secretary
AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY

Submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission

November 2007
1.0 Introduction

1.1 The ALP welcomes the opportunity to make a submission for consideration by the Queensland Redistribution Commission for the drafting of new boundaries for the 89 state electorates.

1.2 The ALP notes the ongoing population growth in the State of Queensland and the inevitable review that this necessitates for state electoral boundaries.

1.3 Having this review conducted fairly and independently is an important legacy of the reforms encapsulated by the Queensland Electoral Act 1992.

1.4 The ALP’s submission will deal initially with the broad principles contained within the Act and then with specific recommendations for the 89 electorates as they need to be determined within regions set out by the Electoral Commission Queensland’s regional maps (copies attached).

2.0 Numerical criteria

2.1 Sections 45(1) and 45(2) allow for electorates to have an electoral tolerance of between +10% and -10% above or below the quota – or average enrolment – at the outset of the redistribution.

2.2 For the purposes of the current re-distribution quota has been set at 29,081. This allows for a minimum electoral population of 26,173 and a maximum of 31,989 for each of the districts at the time of the distribution.

2.3 The Act also acknowledges the need for ‘additional large districts’ to have an additional number to be added to the number of electors for districts over 100,000 km². This additional number is calculated as 2% of the number of square kilometres of the electorate. This currently applies to five electorates in the west and north of the State. We will refer to these seats as the ‘weighted electorates’.

3.0 Further matters to be considered by the Redistribution Commission

3.1 Section 46(1-2) sets certain policy criteria for the Redistribution Commission to consider when drafting the new electoral boundaries.

3.2 The first four criteria 46(1)(a-d) relate to the concept of ‘community of interest’ and certain geographic considerations.
3.3 Section 46(1)(e) however is separate from the previous four because it provides a guide as to how the Redistribution Commission should handle demographic (growth) trends within the State.

3.4 Section 46(2) provides a guide as to the use of local government boundaries, which is notable in the context of recent reforms to local government.

3.5 The ALP submission will deal with each of these criteria in turn.

3.6 Community of Interest

3.6.1 Section 46(1)(a) needs to be given fair weight by the Redistribution Commission as this goes to the heart of electors feeling that they have a say in State Parliament from a local community. Evidence such as town, suburb, and postcode boundaries should all be considered by the Redistribution Commission as guides for defining communities of similar social interaction and interest.

3.6.2 Input from community groups including sporting clubs, progress associations, neighbourhood centres and so on should be considered.

3.6.3 Economic communities, State Regional Development areas and the distributions and catchment areas of shopping centres are also important considerations for the Commission.

3.6.4 Consideration of government service provision should particularly be taken into account when drafting electoral boundaries. Electorates serve the purpose by which electors vote for their Parliamentary representative, but also between elections how electors access government services and resolve problems. Parliamentarians are a key part of the day-to-day functioning of our system of government. Their role should be made as useful as possible by wherever possible matching government service catchments to electoral boundaries.

3.6.5 Significant state planning documents and strategies, such as the South East Queensland Regional Plan, should also be considered to ensure that any definitions of communities determined by the Commission have an ongoing validity and support the relevant plan objectives. This would include recognising the designated "Urban Footprint".

3.7 Means of Communication and Transport

3.7.1 Methods of transport such as roads should be considered in two ways. Roads can provide the spine of a
community’s interaction as well as imposing a physical barrier to community interaction.

3.7.2 Each case needs to be taken on the merits of opposing arguments. There is no universal rule that can be applied to, for instance, suggest how freeways or main roads should be dealt with across the State.

3.7.3 In all areas, communities on islands should be considered with both communication and transport in mind. Air routes and to a lesser extent ferry routes should provide the Redistribution Commission with clear guides as to the relationships between these island communities and the respective parts of the mainland.

3.8 Recognition of Physical features

Physical features whether natural or built can often provide a strong starting point for defining electoral boundaries. Rivers and mountain ranges should be taken into account as dividing different communities between electorates.

3.9 Recognition of Existing Electoral Boundaries

3.9.1 This criteria should be viewed in the context that the current distribution of electors is such that a large scale re-drafting of some boundaries will be necessary. However in the process of re-drafting if existing boundaries can be re-used then the ALP feels this would provide some electoral continuity for voters.

3.9.2 Existing boundaries will also provide a guide to existing communities of interest.

3.10 Growth Trends

3.10.1 The ALP submits to the Redistribution Commission that growth plays a role, but only of equal significance to the preceding four criteria.

3.10.2 It is deliberately placed in the legislation in Section 46(1) and not in the context of the quota tolerance of Section 45(1). While projected enrolments need to be considered, this should only be done in determining where within the range of tolerance electorates should be set.

3.10.3 The ALP notes that the enrolment growth estimates have again been provided by the Electoral Commission (ECQ) and expresses our concern that these figures do not reflect the expectations contained within Queensland
Government planning documents, for instance the South East Queensland Regional Plan. Specifically, we draw to the Redistribution Commission’s attention Figure 3 on page 64 of the SEQ Regional Plan where population projections are set out by sub-region including for 2016.

3.10.4 Further, the SEQ Regional Plan has initiated a detailed growth management process throughout local government in the region which has identified localities for significant growth. This growth does not appear to have been accounted for in the projected enrolment data presented by ECQ.

3.10.5 The ALP suggest that the growth estimates provided be utilised only to indicate a general trend and that the Redistribution Commission seek some specific and objective advice on the impact of statutory planning regimes.

4.0 Regional Electorate Analysis

4.1 General Methodology

4.1.1 The issues of where and at which point the Redistribution Commission should begin its deliberations is vital. Queensland is a large state with a high proportion of regional urban centres. It is important to recognise the primacy of these centres, the regions which surround them and the key geographical features which influence demographic trends and general infrastructure development.

4.1.2 This submission has deliberately adopted a strategy of grouping electorates into distinct geographical blocks for the purpose of analysing enrolment trends and providing possible solutions for the Redistribution Commission’s consideration. The following electorate analysis recognises these distinct regional blocks (using the ECQ’s regional maps) and suggests courses of action for the Commission which acknowledge the inter-connectedness between electorates and regional groupings of electorates.

4.1.3 While the ALP does not propose that any particular grouping of electorates is more critical to this redistribution than any other, it is important that the Redistribution Commission as a clear understanding of the general demographic tensions that exist throughout the state of Queensland.
4.1.4 The ALP therefore notes that the population growth contained within south east Queensland continues strongly and indicates a need to create new electorates to respond to this growth.

4.1.5 The ALP further notes the need to locate such new electorates within the "Urban Footprint" as set out in the SEQ Regional Plan.

4.1.6 While this may necessitate the abolition of electorates outside of the south east Queensland, the ALP is concerned that very remote communities be supported to ensure ongoing levels of representation.

4.1.7 As such, we suggest adjustment to the 'weighted electorates' be kept to a minimum, thereby protecting these remote communities' adequate levels of representation in the face of the huge distances and other barriers to communications.

4.2 North Queensland (Cook, Barron River, Cairns, Mulgrave, Tablelands, Hinchinbrook, Townsville, Mundingburra, Thuringowa, Burdekin, Whitsunday)

4.2.1 Substantial changes will be required to attempt to maintain electorates within tolerance in the North Queensland region. As noted in 4.1.7 the ALP supports the retention of the existing 'weighted electorates' in North Queensland.

4.2.2 We suggest that electors will have to be transferred between Tablelands, Cook, Charters Towers and Hinchinbrook (rural electorates) and to a lesser extent to Mulgrave.

4.2.3 Hinchinbrook's deficit should be first addressed by transferring electors from the surplus of Thuringowa (north of the Bohle River).

4.2.4 Remaining differences can be addressed within the region and with interactions with Charters Towers.

4.2.5 Projected enrolments in the urban areas of Townsville indicate a need for transfers between these electorates. Within this the ALP supports the maintenance of cultural and communication linkages by retaining Palm Island within the electorate of Townsville.

4.3 Western Queensland (Mount Isa, Charters Towers, Gregory, Callide, Warrego, Darling Downs, Cunningham, Southern Downs)

4.3.1 Substantial changes will be required to attempt to maintain electorates within tolerance in the Western Queensland region.
4.3.2 The Biloela community be transferred to Fitzroy from Calide, which should receive an offset of electors from Nanango (see 4.4.4 & 4.5.2).

4.4 Central Queensland (Mackay, Mirani, Keppel, Rockhampton, Fitzroy, Gladstone, Burnett, Bundaberg, Hervey Bay, Maryborough)

4.4.1 Mackay should remain centred on that city.
4.4.2 Mirani need not be altered.
4.4.3 The ongoing impact of the resources boom on mining communities must be acknowledged and the common community of interest throughout these communities in Central Queensland should be recognised.
4.4.4 The ALP, therefore, proposes that Fitzroy gain the town of Biloela from Calide confirming it as an electorate containing mining communities.
4.4.5 Rockhampton's deficit to be addressed by the transfer of the urban areas of Rockhampton city currently in Fitzroy.
4.4.6 Keppel need not be altered.
4.4.7 Gladstone should remain centred on the City of Gladstone with rural areas to the south transferred to Calide.
4.4.8 The growth of Burnett can be addressed by transferring an appropriate amount of Bundaberg suburbs to the electorate of Bundaberg.
4.4.9 Similarly, electors can be transferred from Hervey Bay to Maryborough to return both electorates within tolerance.

4.5 South East Queensland - Balance (Gympie, Nanango, Lockyer, Ipswich West, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South, Beaudesert)

4.5.1 Gympie surplus to be transferred to Nanango.
4.5.2 Nanango to transfer electors north and north-west of Blackbutt to Calide.
4.5.3 Nanango (renamed) to gain its quota through transfer of electors and growth from the hinterland of the sunshine coast (including transfers from Gympie, Nicklin and Glass House) (see 4.6.3).
4.5.4 Lockyer to transfer electors out of the locality of Flagstone to an electorate to the south or to the east, combining the communities of Jimboomba and Flagstone.
4.5.5 Beaudesert to transfer its surplus to a new electorate (see 4.9.3) to the north east.
4.5.6 Toowoomba North (renamed) to gain electors from Toowoomba South in a transfer of the localities of Newtown and Toowoomba City.
4.5.7 Toowoomba South (renamed) to gain electors from Cunningham in a transfer of Toowoomba suburban areas.

4.6 Sunshine Coast (Noosa, Nicklin, Maroochydore, Kawana, Glass House, Caloundra, Pumicestone)
4.6.1 Consolidate the electorates of Noosa, Maroochydore, Kawana and Caloundra as seaside/coastal.
4.6.2 Redraw the electorate of Nicklin on the Sunshine Coast hinterland to be based on Nambour, Mapleton, Montville and including Maleny from Glass House and other surplus electors from Maroochydore and Kawana.
4.6.3 The renamed Nanango (see 4.5.3) to benefit from the surplus electors from non-urban areas of Noosa, Glass House (especially along the D'aguilar Highway) and the western areas removed from a redrawn Nicklin (including Kenilworth).

4.7 Gold Coast (Broadwater, Gaven, Southport, Surfers Paradise, Mudgeeraba, Robina, Burleigh, Currumbin)
4.7.1 Broadwater, Southport, Surfers Paradise and Currumbin need not be altered.
4.7.2 Robina and Burleigh can sustain small transfers to Mudgeeraba.
4.7.3 Mudgeeraba can then consolidate as a community along the Pacific Highway with transfers of electors from the hinterland communities (including Springbrook and Numinbah) to Beaudesert.
4.7.4 Gaven to be brought under quota through transfers of electors to a new electorates (see 4.9.3) to the north.

4.8 Brisbane – North Region (Kallangur, Kurwongbah, Murrumba, Redcliffe, Ferny Grove, Aspley, Sandgate, Nudgee, Everton, Stafford, Clayfield, Ashgrove, Brisbane Central, Mount Coot-tha, Indooroopilly, Moggill)
4.8.1 The electorates in this region are divided between those well over quota and below quota but still within the tolerance.
4.8.2 As referred to in 3.10.3, inner electorates in this region are within the urban footprint of the SEQ Regional Plan which requires increased density and subsequent population growth in the 2007-2016 period.
4.8.3 The current population and prospective growth in the electorates of Kallangur, Kurwongbah and Murrumba necessitates an additional electorate drawing on the
surplus electors of all three. Four electorates would then be established at the lower limit of the tolerance.

4.8.4 Ferny Grove, Everton, Sandgate and Moggill need not be altered.

4.8.5 The ALP recognises the importance of community of interest and that the Brisbane River is a significant boundary. Enrolment needs in the electorate of Indooroopilly can be addressed through transferral of electors in Toowong from Mount Coot-tha.

4.8.6 The surplus of electors from Brisbane Central to be transferred to Mt Coot-tha (Kelvin Grove and Petrie Terrace) and Ashgrove (Newmarket and Windsor).

4.8.7 We suggest that the electorate of Ashgrove contain all the of suburb of Ashgrove.

4.8.8 Minor changes in the remaining electorates may then be made to balance.

4.9 Brisbane – South Region (Lytton, Bulimba, Chatsworth, South Brisbane, Greenslopes, Mount Gravatt, Mansfield, Cleveland, Capalaba, Redlands, Yeerongpilly, Mount Ommaney, Inala, Algester, Bundamba, Ipswich, Stretton, Springwood, Woodridge, Waterford, Logan, Albert)

4.9.1 The electorates in this region are more dramatically divided between those well over quota and those well below quota. However, a number remain within the tolerance or very close to it.

4.9.2 As referred to in 3.10.3, inner electorates in this region are within the urban footprint of the SEQ Regional Plan which requires increased density and subsequent population growth in the 2007-2016 period.

4.9.3 The current population and prospective growth in the southern areas of the electorate of Albert (and its neighbours from other regions; Beaudesert and Gaven) necessitates a new electorate absorbing surplus enrolments from Albert, Gaven and Beaudesert.

4.9.4 Ipswich, Mount Ommaney, Bulimba, Mansfield and Logan need not be altered.

4.9.5 Three electorates based on the Redlands district are sustainable and we suggest minor boundary changes to appropriately set the electorates of Capalaba, Cleveland and Redlands. This largely self-contained region can have its tolerance disparities resolved between the three electorates, maintaining community of interest and minimising disruption.

4.9.6 We suggest the utilisation of the local government authority boundaries between Brisbane and Logan in determining electorate boundaries to improve the communities of interest. For example, the transfer of
the suburb of Underwood and Berrinba from Stretton to Woodridge would regularise the city boundaries as well as addressing the disparity of electors.

4.9.7 The surplus of electors in South Brisbane allows for Greenslopes’ and Yeerongpilly’s deficits to be addressed.

4.9.8 We suggest that the electorate of Greenslopes contain all the of suburb of Greenslopes and the electorate of Yeerongpilly utilise the suburb boundaries of Annerley and Fairfield.

4.9.9 Minor changes in the remaining electorates may then be made to balance.

5 Conclusion

5.2 In summary, the ALP submission seeks to address the electorates most dramatically outside the tolerance above and below the quota.

5.3 We suggest that the Redistribution Commission consider concerns that the projected population data does not reflect the growth outlined in the South East Queensland Regional Plan and other statutory planning documents.

5.4 Our suggestions seek to minimise the disruption to current electorates and avoids have to further remove representation from the most remote communities.

5.5 Further, we propose the creation of two electorates in rapidly growing south east Queensland. One on the outer northern suburbs of Brisbane (out of surplus electors of Kallangur, Kurwongbah and Murrumba) and one in the Logan City/Gold Coast corridor (out of surplus electors of Albert, Beaudesert and Gaven).
Submission from the Liberal Party of Australia | QLD DIVISION

to the Queensland Redistribution Commission 2007
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12th November 2007

The Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Committee
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Dear Secretary

In accordance with the Electoral Act 1992, I enclose the Liberal Party's submission response to your invitation for written comments and suggestions on the Queensland State Redistribution for the Redivision of Queensland's 89 Electoral Divisions.

If the need for further information arises we would be prepared to provide this in either written or oral form.

Yours sincerely

Geoffrey Greene
State Director
Preamble:

The challenge of this task is considerable, given there is a static number of seats coupled with the massive growth on the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, as well as in the northern Brisbane–Pine Rivers Corridor and, to a lesser extent, the large growth in the south-western extremities of Brisbane.

To meet this challenge the Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division) believes that three new seats must be created in the rapidly growing south-east corner of Queensland which will be explained in greater detail later in this submission.

To accommodate the creation of these new seats we have identified three under-quotas seats which logically can be absorbed into surrounding seats. These three seats are Tablelands, Fitzroy and Nanango.

It is recommended that a new seat in the Gold Coast region be established and be named Carrara. A new seat also needs to be created in the high growth area of Pine Rivers region, named Pine Rivers and another new seat in the Sunshine Coast region, Coolum.

We are attaching, as an appendix, a number of maps of seats showing the changes in our recommendations. As discussed with one of your Electoral Commission Officers the Commission holds on its computer system detailed maps further outlining the Liberal Party submission. We are also providing a CD with maps and commentary.

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*Entitlement based on notional enrolment for these 5 seats
Gold Coast Region:
The seats classified as being part of the Gold Coast, Currumbin, Mudgeeraba, Burleigh, Robina, Surfers Paradise, Southport, Broadwater, Gaven and Albert are over quota to the extent of approximately 40,000 people which necessitates the creation of at least one new seat in the region.

To satisfy section 46 of the Electoral Act 1992 that communities of interests be, as much as possible, included in the same seat, as well as the general requirement to minimize boundary change, as well as the necessity to accommodate the massive population growth on the Gold Coast, the Liberal Party submits that a new seat must be created in the Carrara area.

New seat- Carrara:
The Liberal submission includes the following suburbs or part thereof: Merrimac, Carrara, Ashmore, Benowa, Molendinar, Parkwood and Gaven.

This seat constitutes the ribbon between the coastal strip and the Gold Coast Hinterland and, in our submission; these areas have a clear community of interest.

Carrara and Merrimac are considered, by the local community as a community in itself. These areas were previously split between the seat of Mudgeeraba and the seat of Robina and, under this submission, would be reunited in the one seat. The suburb of Carrara is linked with that of Ashmore and, by extension, Benowa by a major arterial, Ross Street, linking with Currumburra Road and takes into account divisional council boundaries.

Currumbin:
Currumbin, which is over-quota by 2039 voters, retains its current boundaries save for the addition of some 200 voters, resident in the Tallebudgera Valley which previously voted in the Mudgeeraba electorate and the loss of part of Elanora and a small part of Palm Beach.

We submit that this retains the overall character of the seat, based around Currumbin, Currumbin Valley, Tallebudgera and its valley and the areas of Tugun, Bilinga and Coolangatta.

Burleigh:
Of necessity this seat has to lose over 5000 voters, plus absorb the overflow from Currumbin. This was achieved by shifting voters into Robina while logically retaining the Pacific Motorway as its western boundary.
Robina:

Robina, absorbs the excess voters from Burleigh in excess of its own 4865 voters over quota. With this in mind we have striven to maintain the community of interest of Robina and unifying the suburb of Broadbeach which was split between two seats in Robina.

Surfers Paradise:

The seat of Surfers Paradise has only changed to the extent of uniting the suburb of Broadbeach in the one seat and facilitating the creation of the new seat of Carrara.

Southport:

The seat of Southport is largely unchanged, the boundaries change to move a part of Labrador, which has a community of interest with the suburb of Southport, and the exclusion of part of Parkwood to the new seat of Carrara.

Broadwater:

Broadwater is unchanged save for the above mentioned shift of Labrador into Southport which had the effect of bringing Broadwater more in-line to quota.

Albert:

Albert is significantly over quota and, therefore must lose significant population. We submit that the most logical place to move these significant numbers is in the north of the seat where the population of Beenleigh can be easily moved into the seat of Waterford, uniting the population of Beenleigh in the one seat which we submit should be renamed Beenleigh.

Gaven (renamed Helensvale):

Given the recommended changes it is logical that the seat be renamed. We suggest renaming the seat Helensvale, a major population centre.

As indicated previously a part of Gaven has been relocated into the new seat of Carrara.

Mudgeeraba:

To accommodate the new seat of Carrara the seat of Mudgeeraba loses the suburb of Carrara. The seat is now an entirely Hinterland seat. Joining the seat is the townships of Beechmont, which will join the township of Lower Beechmont which is currently in the seat of Mudgeeraba and the adjacent township of Clagiraba.
**Brisbane South Region:**

**Waterford (renamed Beenleigh):**

Beenleigh takes in the areas presently constituted by the seat of Waterford, with the remainder of Beenleigh included; and a section of the old Waterford moves into the under quota Woodridge. These areas are separated by the Logan River.

**Woodridge:**

Is unchanged except for the above addition.

**Stretton:**

Stretton loses the Runcorn and Sunnybank Hills area, which has a community of interest with the Mount Gravatt area into the seat of Mount Gravatt.

**Algester, Bundamba and Inala:**

Ipswich is under quota and can absorb of the over quota of Bundamba.

Algester is a fast growing area and was very much over quota with this in mind we submit that large parcels of these areas must move west to accommodate the changes. These changes reunit the suburb of Forrest Lake into Inala.

**Yeerongpilly:**

Yeerongpilly remains unchanged save for the addition of Fairfield, which we submit has more in common with the seat of Yeerongpilly than South Brisbane.

**Mount Ommaney:**

Mount Ommaney was very close to quota and we have simply made a logical move to add the small number of houses in Sumner on the southern side of Sumner's Road which are realistically part of the overall Centenary Suburbs.

**Greenslopes:**

Greenslopes is largely unchanged save for the addition of a small pocket of voters north of Norman Creek which we submit would be closer in character to Greenslopes to South Brisbane.

**Chatsworth:**

The older, more established areas in the north of the existing Chatsworth are placed in the seats of Bulimba and Lytton which display similar socio-economic properties. This brings the seat into quota.
Cleveland:

A minor change has been made to the seat of Cleveland, which was under quota to re-unite the small area of housing centered around the very eastern end of South Street. This comes from the over quota seat of Redlands.

Mansfield:

To bring Mansfield back in line with quota we have taken some adjoining areas from Mount Gravatt, a common suburb.

Springwood:

Springwood was under quota and Redlands over, therefore we submit that the acreage area on Redlands boundary be added to Springwood.

Brisbane North region

Brisbane Central is massively over quota at almost 19%. Surrounding inner city areas can easily absorb the excess with Clayfield taking a section of the Newstead area, taking CCDS along the Brisbane River, following the Hamilton BCC Ward line.

Ashgrove can take the Newmarket section of Brisbane Central and Mt Coot-tha can absorb a greater part of the Red Hill area. In turn, the Toowong section of Mt Coot-tha can be easily moved into the Indigocallooply electorate without compromising community of interest concerns.

The northern section of Brisbane Central can go into Stafford, which is under quota.

This exercise regarding shedding people out of over quota Brisbane Central brings all of these surrounding inner city seats in quota.

We also see the need to alter the seat of Aspley to move it slightly south to include the McDowall area, which mirrors the federal electorate of Petrie. This will be further explained in the Pine Rivers section.

Pine Rivers

Significantly, we recommend the formation of a new seat based around the booming Pine Rivers areas with its southern tip based in the Strathpine area. Further, this means the seat of Kurwongbah can now move west into Nanango.
Given we have created the new seat of Pine Rivers, this has greatly changed the character of Kurwongbah, with it becoming a rural-based seat and our submission extends it west in to the old Nanango. This will also impact on the adjoining seat of Ferny Grove, which is also over quota, and it also can be pushed north into Kurwongbah with a flow on affect into old Nanango if necessary.

Redcliffe is slightly under quota, but can be easily fixed by including the neighbouring areas of Kippa Ring and Rothwell.

The adjoining seat of Murrumba is almost 30% over quota. Further, it is earmarked for future growth, so we suggest the boundary is redrawn to cut the bottom section into the new seat of Pine Rivers, retaining the sections of Mango Hill, North Lakes and Deception Bay. We suggest the new Murrumba change its name to North Lakes to better reflect its new character.

Sunshine Coast Region

Given the exponential growth of the Sunshine Coast district, we recommend the creation of a new seat called Coolum, which will include beachside sections such as Peregian, Coolum (currently Noosa), and Mudjimba and also the hinterland areas of Eumundi and Yandina.

Noosa will pick up the hinterland community of Cooroy and this will bring Gympie back into quota.

Maroochydore

Given the logical moves we have made around Maroochydore, it has been necessary to extend it further west and south. Significantly, all sections of this reshaped electorate are connected by major road networks, so we envisage minor dislocation.

Kawana

This seat is massively over quota with projections showing it will grow even further in coming years. As a result, we recommend the northern coastal strip be placed into Maroochydore and a small southern area into Caloundra. Also, the north-west section can move into the adjoining seat of Maroochydore. It has also been necessary to expand into Nicklin. Further, we have given a southern section into the reshaped Glasshouse.

Caloundra

Because of its geographical location and its concentration of population, we have only recommended minor changes to Caloundra's boundaries.
Nicklin
To accommodate the necessary new seat in this rapidly growing region, it has been necessary to also extend Nicklin to the west, absorbing some areas of the old Nanango.

Glasshouse
We have significantly adjusted the boundaries, pushing east into the lower part of Kawana and west to the Brisbane Valley to include the communities of Kilcoy and Woodford.

North Queensland Region
Townsville is currently 8.2% under quota and this can be easily brought into quota by expanding the boundary into urbanized areas of Thuringowa which is 17.1% over. Likewise, Mundaringburn is also under and can absorb urbanized bordering areas along the Thuringowa boundary.

While we have not provided maps for the greater Townsville area, we strongly recommend the above moves to help bring Thuringowa back into quota

Far North Queensland Region
Cairns is currently -8% under quota and we suggest moving Cairns boundaries slightly north and south to bring it into line. This makes Cairns a more standalone seat, which will reduce dislocation of government services.

Barron River is currently just under quota, however our changes to Cairns means that it can move north along the major coastal tourist areas to include the Port Douglas area (which has more in common with Cairns than other parts of the seat of Cook).

Abolition of seats
Given the booming growth in the SEQ corner, it is absolutely essential that 3 new seats be created in this area. In view of the fact that we have to work within the framework of the existing 89 seats it has been necessary to identify the logical seats to be abolished.

Please refer to table in introduction which clearly identifies the regions where seats should be eliminated.

Nanango
Given the geographical location of the existing Nanango electorate (which is currently 12.8% under quota) it would seem logical that much of its area be absorbed into surrounding seats. We have already detailed this in regard to seats to the east of it.

It is generally noted that the group of seats south and west of Nanango, including Southern Downs (-1.2%), Cunningham (-4.4%), Darling Downs (-11%), Warwick (-11.5%), as well as Toowoomba North (-10.5%) and Toowoomba South (8.2%), are all under quota and are well placed to absorb numbers radiating down from parts of the current Nanango electorate. Also, Ipswich West (-4.5%) can extend north to Nanango to extend its rural character.

**Fitzroy**

Given its geographical location, under-quota Fitzroy can be logically absorbed into surrounding areas including Callide (-10%), Keppel (-3.5%), Mirani (-6%), Charters Towers (-17.5) and Gregory (-6.1%).

**Tablelands**

With Tablelands at 15% under quota and neighboring Hinchinbrook at 22% under, we see an opportunity for the Electoral Commission to realign the district and move Hinchinbrook west. Further, Burdekin at -17% can push northwards, allowing Hinchinbrook to take a larger parcel of Tablelands.

Now that we have taken Port Douglas out of the seat of Cook, we feel that the community of Mareeba should be moved into Cook, as it has more in common with that community.

Also, Mulgrave needs to gain voters and is logical to move its boundaries west, taking in part of Tablelands.

Also, Charters Towers can be moved easterly to adjust its own massive under quota of 17.5%. The other 3 special seats may need to be adjusted slightly to the east to come within quota.
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3 ASHGROVE  82ccd's    Actual 30167    Projected 32175

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BARRON RIVER  97 ccd's  Actual 31048  Projected 36402

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7  BRISBANE CENTRAL  89ccd's  Actual 27303  Projected 30482

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15 CAIRNS  102ccd's  Actual 31010  Projected 33277

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18 CAPALABA 61ccd's Actual 27703 Projected 30286

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23 COOK 126ccd's  Actual 24988  Projected 25922

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28 FERNY GROVE 71ccd's Actual 31899 Projected 35005

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30 HELENSVALE  63ccd’s  Actual 30733  Projected 44107
(Formerly GAVEN)

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33 GREENSLOPES  79ccd's  Actual 28784  Projected 29944

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70 ROBINA 88ccd's Actual 31283 Projected 35910

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75 SOUTHPORT 77ccd's Actual 27515 Projected 30169

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To whom it may concern.

This redistribution will be a challenging one indeed. My submission to the Commission is only that continuity of interest continues to be observed. The last redistribution was one which in my opinion could have been better composed.

Some examples were the eastern overlapping of Lockyer almost into Logan, the inclusion of some Pine Rivers areas in Aspley so that a resident of Eastern Strathpine would have to drive into Kurwongbah to see his local member. And the one to top it off, the moving of Winton Shire into Mount Isa.

I set out to take as much raw data as possible to fairly allocate the 89 districts as I saw fit. However despite the great assistance I received from the ECQ, I began to understand how difficult this was.

So I would like to put some of my suggestions that were brought along through my limited grasp on the numbers.

Firstly, I propose the District of Nudgee be abolished, and Clayfield taken extended to Nudgee proper with Downfall Creek as a natural border. The District should be renamed Nundah. Boondall shall be reallocated to Sandgate and Wavell Heights shall be located in Stafford.

Aspley shall be wholly located in Brisbane City bordering Sandgate in the Bracken Ridge/Bald Hills area east of the main highway.

A new division south of Kedron Brook named Windsor shall be drawn taking in Windsor, Grange, Lutwyche, Newmarket, Albion, Wooloowin and perhaps Herston and Kelvin Grove. Brisbane Central should be moved westward into Paddington or perhaps Milton which would put similarly developing areas of Newstead and Bowen Hills in a common District.

Suburbs along Gympie Road between Strathpine and Lawnton shall be placed in a new Division with Eaton’s Hill. I propose it be named Strathpine. It will bring almost 8000 electors from Aspley (1999) and will give that area good contiguous representation.

Kurwongbah shall take in Petrie, Dayboro, Kallangur and Murrumba Downs, which better matches the continuity of interest.
It would be preferred if the District of Pumicestone contained the entire suburb of Caboolture proper and extend Eastward to Bribie Island and its suburbs. Three Districts (an enlarged Redcliffe, one stretching Mango Hill through Deception Bay and another from Naranba to Morayfield) shall be placed in between Pumicestone and Kurwongbah.

Redlands Shire is big and balanced enough to exclusively contain three districts. Capalaba shall take in Thornside and most of Birkdale from Cleveland, perhaps losing a little bit of Alexandra Hills. Cleveland should stretch a little ways south of its current border and Redlands shall take the balance of the Shire.

It is imperative that Beenleigh and Eagleby be in one District with the only allowable breakable seam being between Waterford West and Waterford. Springfield shall (if practical) include the entire suburb of Tanah Merah.

There shall be no encroachment of Beaudesert Shire Districts into Gold Coast City or vice versa, only through the Mount Lindsay Highway into Logan or by an appropriate route to Boonah Shire.

The Commission if practical should commission only FOUR districts of 100000 square kilometres or more severely shrinking Charters Towers. The western borders should follow the outer borders of the Commonwealth Divisions of Kennedy, Leichhardt, Flynn and Maranoa. This would place Diamantina in Warrego.

I call upon the commission to place Winton Shire back into Gregory and for Mount Isa to resume western shires from Charters Towers to make up its numbers. I strongly recommend that if a breaking of a Shire is necessary, Dalrymple Shire shall be tastefully split west of Charters Towers.

I wish I could do a good redistribution. However I have gained a good appreciation for the awesome job done by the Commission in this uniquely difficult task.

I will eagerly await the results.

Regards

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