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McDowall Ward

As discussed under 'Bracken Ridge Ward' and 'Marchant Ward', the Change Commission was persuaded by public submissions to reverse the proposed changes in the Carseldine area, retaining the existing boundaries between the McDowall, Bracken Ridge and Marchant Wards.

A minor modification to the south-eastern boundary of this Ward has been implemented to accommodate a suggestion for the boundary to continue along Shand Street to Kedron Brook, rather than deviating to Sheehy Street. This change does not affect any voters.

The final Ward has 30,281 voters which is 1.96% above average and is predicted to have 31,822 voters by 2024 which would be 0.97% above average.

Moorooka Ward

As discussed under 'Coorparoo Ward', the Change Commission was persuaded by suggestions opposing the division of Annerley into three wards. The portion of Annerley west of Ipswich Road in Coorparoo Ward has been transferred into Moorooka Ward as recommended.

In doing so, this enabled a large portion of Tarragindi to be returned to Holland Park Ward as requested by public submissions and discussed under 'Holland Park Ward'. A change between the Moorooka and Runcorn Wards has also been actioned as a result of a public suggestion so that the boundary follows Boundary Road instead of the smaller streets proposed. Another minor realignment has been made so that the boundary between the Tennyson and Moorooka Ward continues to follow Ipswich Road further south before connecting to the Moolabin Creek, transferring 10 voters into Tennyson Ward.

The final Ward has 28,846 voters which is -2.87% below average and is predicted to have 29,787 voters by 2024 which would be -5.48% below average.

Morningside Ward

The Change Commission was persuaded by suggestions to reverse the proposed realignments in the Camp Hill area, thereby mostly reinstating the existing boundaries between the Coorparoo, Doboy and Morningside Wards. The only change to the boundary between the Morningside and Doboy Wards is that it follows roads south of Darcy Road to Old Cleveland Road without deviating around properties as it does currently. As a result of returning the boundary in the Camp Hill area, the requests to retain the section of Cannon Hill currently in Morningside Ward were unable to be accommodated, as Doboy Ward would fall below the legislated quota.

The final Ward has 28,739 voters which is -3.23% below average and is predicted to have 29,897 voters by 2024 which would be -5.13% below average.

Northgate Ward

Two submitters expressed support for the proposed transfer of part of Chermside out of Northgate Ward and into Marchant Ward. The proposed boundaries have been accepted as the final boundaries for this Ward.

Paddington Ward

A number of submitters including a petition with multiple signatories, objected to the proposed transfer of a small portion of Auchenflower from Paddington Ward into Walter Taylor Ward. Some of these comments proposed alternative boundaries such as Croydon Street or Sylvan Road, noting these are more significant roadways than Dixon Street.

The Change Commission supported this request and has modified the boundary to follow Croydon Street, Sylvan Road and the rail line, thereby reuniting the Auchenflower suburb in Paddington Ward and following more significant roadways in the area.

The final Ward has 31,143 voters which is 4.86% above average and is predicted to have 32,793 voters by 2024 which would be 4.05% above average.

Pullenvale Ward

Two comments discussed Pullenvale Ward, with one expressing support for the unification of a greater portion of Chapel Hill and another recommending the boundary follow the creek instead of Chapel Hill Road, transferring some additional streets into Walter Taylor Ward.

The Change Commission was not persuaded to alter the proposed boundary, noting Chapel Hill residents west of Chapel Hill Road have connectivity with neighbouring suburbs such as Kenmore via Moggill Road and other smaller connecting roads.

The proposed boundaries have been accepted as the final boundaries for this Ward.

Runcorn Ward

A single change has been implemented for Runcorn Ward after a submitter recommended the boundary between the Runcorn, Macgregor and Moorooka Wards follow Boundary Road and McCullough Street instead of minor roads. As the Change Commission has made a concerted effort to select easily identifiable boundaries, it supported this submission.

The final Ward has 29,991 voters which is 0.98% above average and is predicted to have 30,739 voters by 2024 which would be -2.46% below average.

Tennyson Ward

The Change Commission was persuaded by public submissions to return Richlands to Forest Lake Ward and has adopted recommendations to extend the eastern boundary of Jamboree Ward to gain parts of Oxley. The shared boundary between the Tennyson and Jamboree Wards follows the Oxley locality boundary, the rail line, Seventeen Mile Rocks Road, Oxley Station Road, Englefield Road, Douglas Street and connects with the Ipswich Motorway. For more information, see 'Forest Lake Ward' and 'Jamboree Ward'.

The final Ward has 28,160 voters which is -5.18% below average and is predicted to have 30,559 voters by 2024 which would be -3.03% below average.

The Gabba Ward

The Change Commission was not persuaded by suggestions to alter The Gabba Ward. While it notes some submitters would have preferred other areas such as Dutton Park to have been removed, it selected East Brisbane and part of Woolloongabba due to the higher levels of growth in these areas. The primary goal in establishing these boundaries, has been to try and contain the significant growth that is anticipated while aligning to describable features such as roads. Based on the latest information available, the Change Commission is confident the final boundaries will keep The Gabba Ward in quota for the foreseeable future.

The final Ward has 26,942 voters which is -9.28% below average and is predicted to have 33,541 voters by 2024 which would be 6.43% above average.

The Gap Ward

Two submitters indicated their support for the proposed boundaries of The Gap Ward. One noted their support for the unification of Bardon in Paddington Ward and the majority of Keperra in this Ward, while the other stated the proposed boundaries make appropriate use of natural and man-made boundaries. A modification has been made so the boundary follows the Keperra suburb boundary to Samford Road, adding three electors from Enoggera Ward.

The final Ward has 30,779 voters which is 3.64% above average and is predicted to have 31,397 voters by 2024 which would be -0.38% below average.

Walter Taylor Ward

As discussed under 'Paddington Ward', the Change Commission was persuaded by public submissions to keep Auchenflower united and has modified the boundary to follow more significant roadways in the area.

One public submission also recommended a change in the Chapel Hill area between the Pullenvale and Walter Taylor Wards. This was not implemented and is discussed under 'Pullenvale Ward'.

The final Ward has 30,134 voters which is 1.47% above average and is predicted to have 31,515 voters by 2024 which would be 0% above average.

Wynnum-Manly Ward

Some submissions recommended that the suburb of Manly West remain split between Wynnum-Manly Ward and Doboy Ward, to accommodate submissions regarding Camp Hill and Cannon Hill. One comment suggested the boundary follow Radford Road and Manly Road, rather than Radford Road and the series of minor roads in use currently.

While the Change Commission would have preferred to keep the Manly West suburb united in Wynnum-Manly Ward as was proposed, to accommodate the public submissions regarding Camp Hill, it has adopted the recommendations for the boundary to follow Radford and Manly Roads. For more information, see 'Doboy Ward'.

The final Ward has 28,406 voters which is -4.35% below average and is predicted to have 29,899 voters by 2024 which would be -5.13% below average.

FINAL DETERMINATION

After assessing the material submitted and having considered the requirements of the Act, the Change Commission is satisfied the final boundaries meet the enrolment requirements of the Act. It therefore recommends the proposed boundaries, with the aforementioned modifications, become the final wards for the Brisbane City Council.

The reasoning for these changes is provided in the 'Changes to the Proposed Boundaries' section of the report.

It is noted that the implementation of this recommendation is expected to result in the following ward enrolment:

Ward	Enrolment as at 31/01/2019	% Deviation from Average Enrolment	Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2024	% Deviation from Projected Average Enrolment
Bracken Ridge	29,568	-0.44	30,399	-3.54
Calamvale	29,717	0.06	31,217	-0.95
Central	28,538	-3.91	33,154	5.2
Chandler	29,279	-1.41	30,041	-4.68
Coorparoo	29,934	0.79	32,742	3.89
Deagon	31,893	7.39	33,150	5.19
Doboy	28,175	-5.13	29,848	-5.29
Enoggera	30,746	3.53	32,320	2.55
Forest Lake	30,059	1.21	32,431	2.91
Hamilton	29,407	-0.98	33,428	6.07
Holland Park	30,584	2.98	31,778	0.83
Jamboree	29,680	-0.06	29,988	-4.85
Macgregor	27,850	-6.22	29,628	-5.99
Marchant	31,266	5.28	33,339	5.79
McDowall	30,281	1.96	31,822	0.97
Moorooka	28,846	-2.87	29,787	-5.48
Morningside	28,739	-3.23	29,897	-5.13
Northgate	30,727	3.46	32,098	1.85
Paddington	31,143	4.86	32,793	4.05
Pullenvale	31,317	5.45	31,886	1.18
Runcorn	29,991	0.98	30,739	-2.46
Tennyson	28,160	-5.18	30,559	-3.03
The Gabba	26,942	-9.28	33,541	6.43
The Gap	30,779	3.64	31,397	-0.38
Walter Taylor	30,134	1.47	31,515	0
Wynnum-Manly	28,406	-4.35	29,899	-5.13

RECOMMENDATION

The Change Commission has provided its assessment to the Minister for Local Government and recommended the Governor in Council implement its final boundaries.

The Change Commission's final recommendation is as follows:

- for the purpose of the 2020 Local Government Quadrennial Election, the Brisbane City Council be redivided into twenty-six (26) wards as shown in the maps contained in Appendix A.

In accordance with the Act, the Change Commission has published a notice of results in the Government Gazette, a newspaper circulating in the local government area and in the ECQ website.

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