

APPENDIX C

Suggestions Notice & Public Submissions

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

Divisional Boundary Review of Isaac Regional Council

The Isaac Regional Council has advised its electoral divisions no longer meet the voter enrolment requirements set down in the *Local Government Act 2009*. As a result, the Minister for Local Government has referred the matter to the Change Commission for independent assessment.

Enrolment Requirements

Each division of the Council is required to have relatively the same number of voters (quota) to ensure each person's vote has the same value. The quota for each division of the Isaac Regional local government area is 1,416 with a lower limit of 1,274 (-10%) and an upper limit of 1,557 (+10%).

For more information and enrolment statistics please see the Electoral Commission of Queensland's website: www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/lg-reviews/DBRs or phone 1300 881 665.

INVITATION FOR WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS

The Change Commission now invites suggestions regarding the divisional boundaries for the Isaac Regional Council. Submissions will be accepted until 5pm on 13 May 2019. Late submissions cannot be considered.

Submissions can be lodged through:

- **Online Form (*preferred*)**

www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/lg-reviews/DBRs

- **Email**

LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au

- **Personal Delivery** (Mon - Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm)

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

- **Post**

Local Government Change Commission
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001

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

Pat Vidgen PSM

Electoral Commissioner

Divisional Boundary Review of Isaac Regional Council
List of Public Suggestions

Suggestion	Name / Organisation
1	Isaac Regional Council
2	Racheal

Our Ref.: GS:LP:3656754
 Your Ref.: CCA/000013

EMAIL TO - [REDACTED]

13 February 2019

Hon Stirling Hinchliffe
 Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and
 Minister for Multicultural Affairs
 PO BOX 15009
 CITY EAST QLD 4002

Dear Minister

**RE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE PROPOSAL
 2020 QUADRENNIAL ELECTIONS LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARIES**

Thank you for your correspondence received on 19 September 2018 in relation to the Local Government Change Commission (LGCC) process for submitting local government change proposals in preparations for the 2020 Local Government Quadrennial Elections.

On 29 January 2019 Isaac Regional Council considered its proportion of electors across its eight (8) divisions and preference for postal ballot to ensure accessibility for remote areas to participate in the elections.

At this meeting in January 2019, Council resolved (resolution number #5821) to:

1. ***Endorse the amendments to the Isaac Regional Council Local Government Divisional Boundaries for the upcoming 2020 Local Government Elections to redistribute Division 1 & 6 as per the attached Map Number 2078-1 (ECM document ID number: 3656891);***
2. ***Resolve that Council make application to the Minister for Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to conduct the Isaac Regional Council 2020 Local Government Elections for Divisions 1 & 8;***
 - a. ***by 'postal ballot' due to the convenience, practicability and cost savings in utilising the postal ballot method, with the option to implement electronically assisted voting if appropriate and feasible.***

During the review it was evident that Divisions 1 & 6 were both outside the reasonable proportion of electors within divisions, as per s15 of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Attachment 1 & 2 provide the proposed amendments to the boundaries of Divisions 1 & 6, which will bring both divisions within the requirements of the legislation. The following table highlights the impact on elector numbers with this proposal.

Div		#As at Jan 19				Proposed		
		# Election	equal %	+/-10%		# Electors	equal %	+/-10%
1	Glenden & Clermont Rural	1,221	1,411	-13.43		1,327	1,411	-5.92
6	Clermont	1,589	1,411	12.66		1,483	1,411	5.14

In addition, this letter formally requests the Minister for Local Government, Racing and Multicultural Affairs to favourably consider conducting the Isaac Regional Council 2020 Local Government Elections for Divisions 1 & 8 by 100% postal vote, as per the 2016 Local Government Quadrennial Elections.

Both Division 1 and Division 8 areas currently cover a significantly large proportion of the Isaac local government area. These areas demonstrate a large rural and remote area, including extensive distances between residences with minimal centres in the region. These distances and large areas support making practical arrangements for these electors to access appropriate voting methods so not to disadvantage them from their democratic responsibilities. For each division neither have a main centre that services the whole area. Both main towns are at the northern point of the division (Glenden and Nebo), with a majority of the electors considered to be in rural and remote areas.

It is noted that depending on the outcome of the boundary review of Division 1, it may be determined this area be a partial postal vote for electors located within or close to the town centre of Clermont.

Please don't hesitate to contact Liza Perrett on (07) [REDACTED] should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

GARY STEVENSON PSM
Chief Executive Officer

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- Attachment 1 – Map depicting current Divisions 1 & 6 with proposal marked.

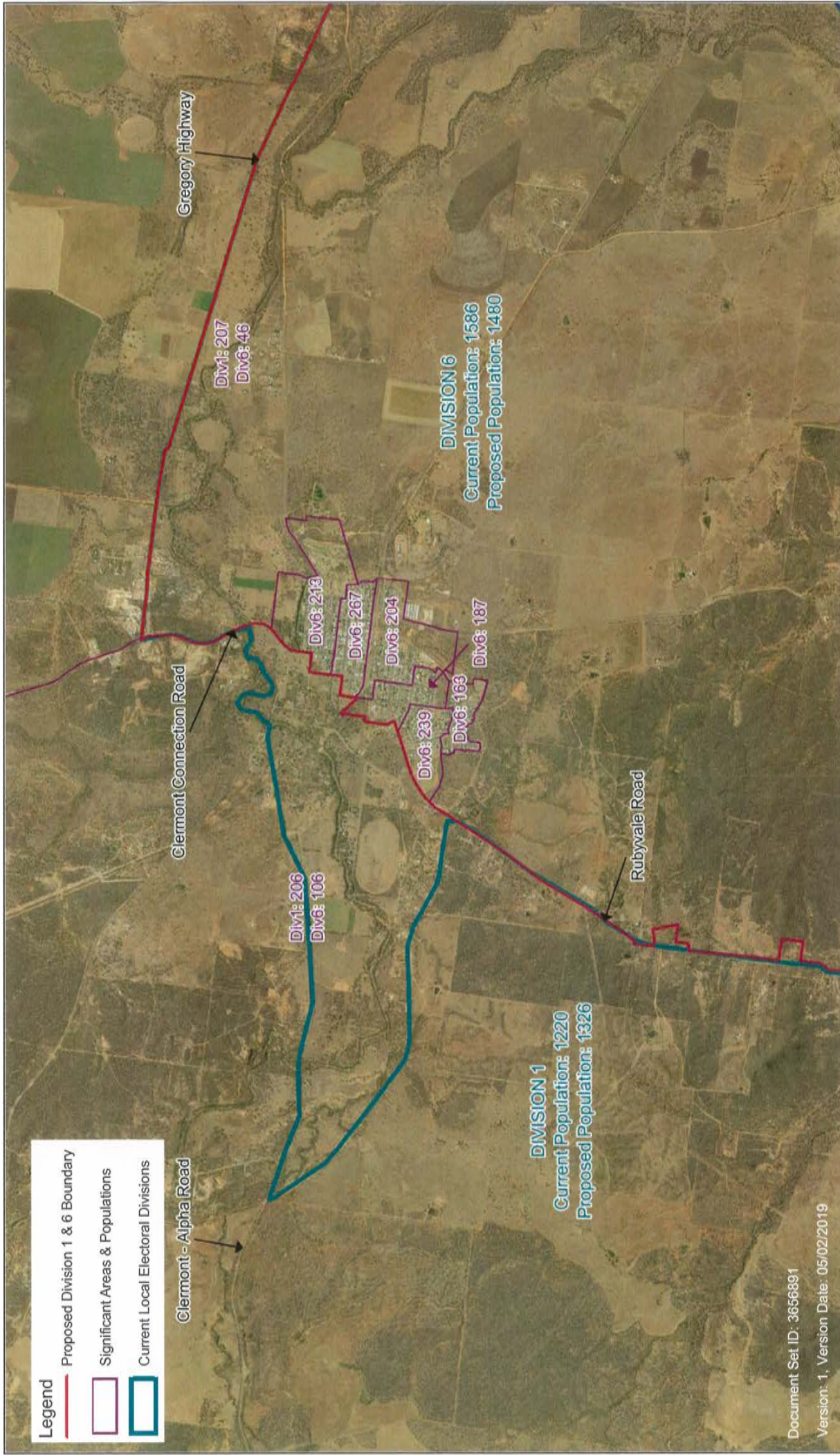
This attachment shows the proposed boundary changes to Division 1 & 6, which took into respect the Statistical Areas Level 1. ECM document ID number: 3656891

If the Division 1 boundary is moved (in part) to run along the Statistical Areas (SA) Level 1 line (identified as A) that goes down the middle of the page (i.e. most pink western line), both Divisions will be amended to meet the population proportion required as per legislation.

- Attachment 2 – Street Maps of Divisions 1 & 6, with proposal marked.

Provides a more details map at street level identifying where this proposed new divisional boundary would exist.

Maps providing 7-digit SA1 codes on the maps to assist the Change Commission to easily identify the SA1s involved in the proposed changes



- Legend**
- Proposed Division 1 & 6 Boundary
 - Significant Areas & Populations
 - Current Local Electoral Divisions

Clermont - Alpha Road

Clermont Connection Road

Gregory Highway

Div1: 207
Div6: 46

Div1: 206
Div6: 106

Div6: 213

Div6: 267

Div6: 204

Div6: 239

Div6: 163

Div6: 187

DIVISION 6
Current Population: 1586
Proposed Population: 1480

DIVISION 1
Current Population: 1220
Proposed Population: 1326

Rubyvale Road

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**Division and Population
Proposed New Division 1 & 6
Boundary**

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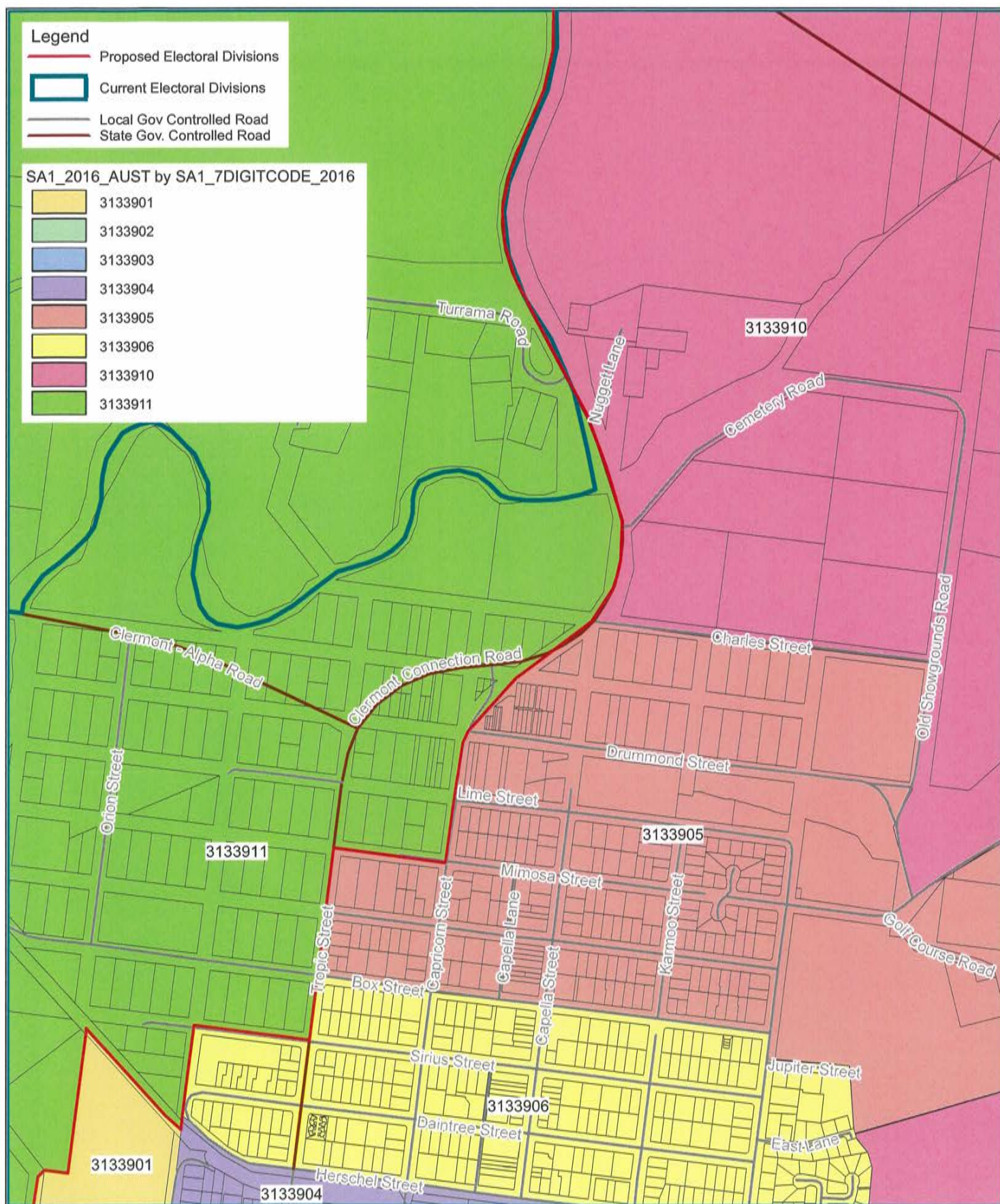
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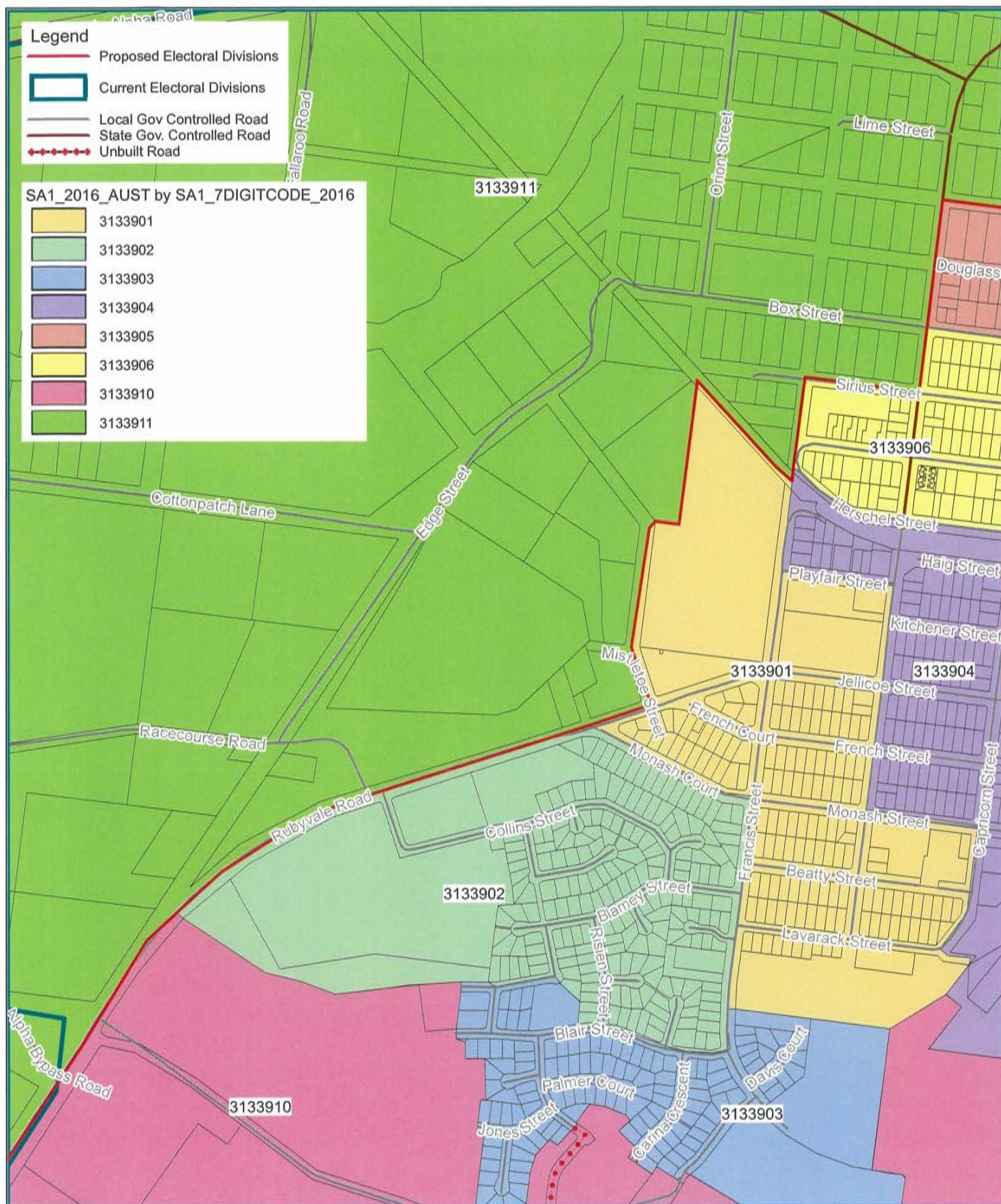


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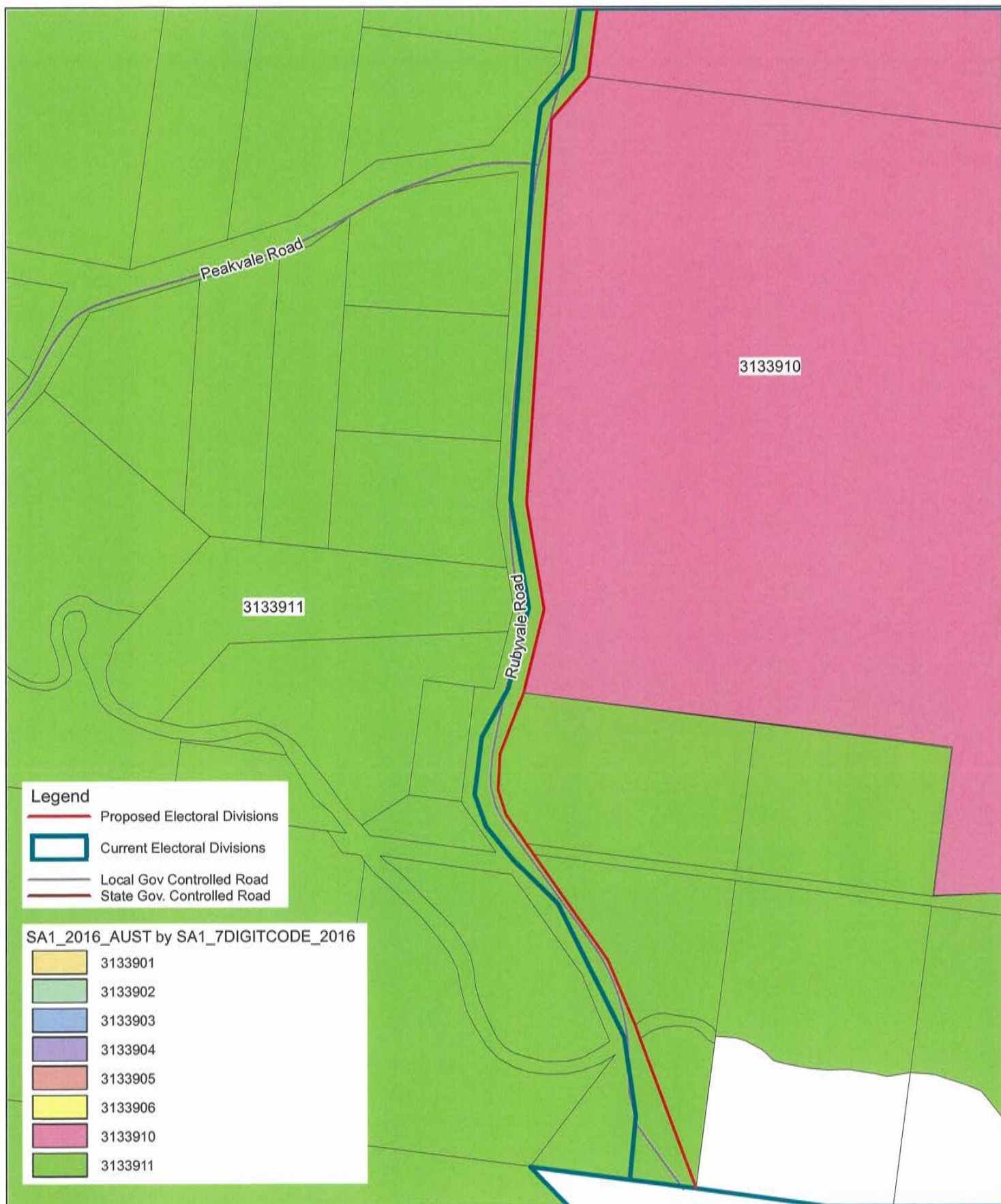
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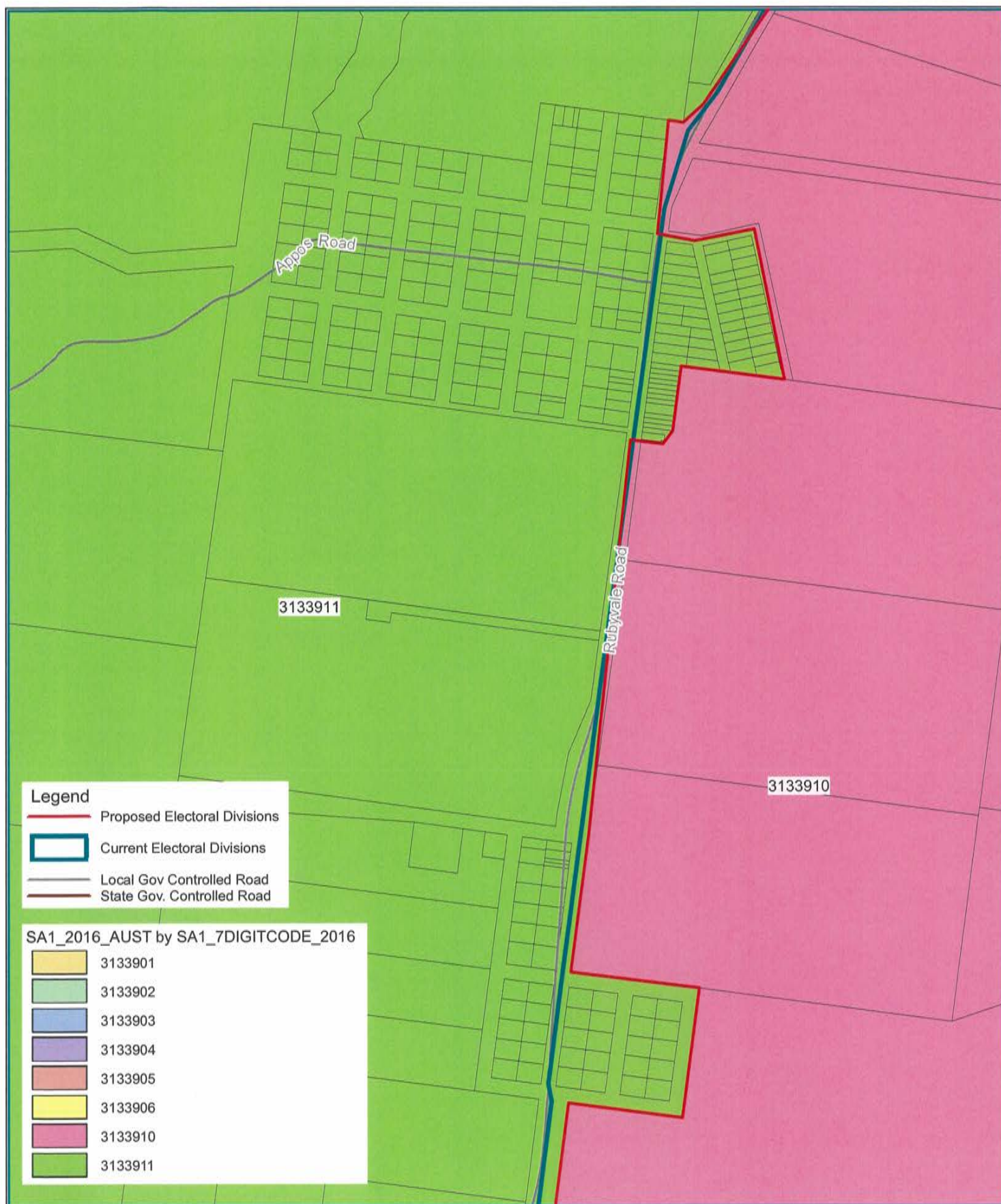
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Division and Population Proposed New Division 1 & 6 Boundary

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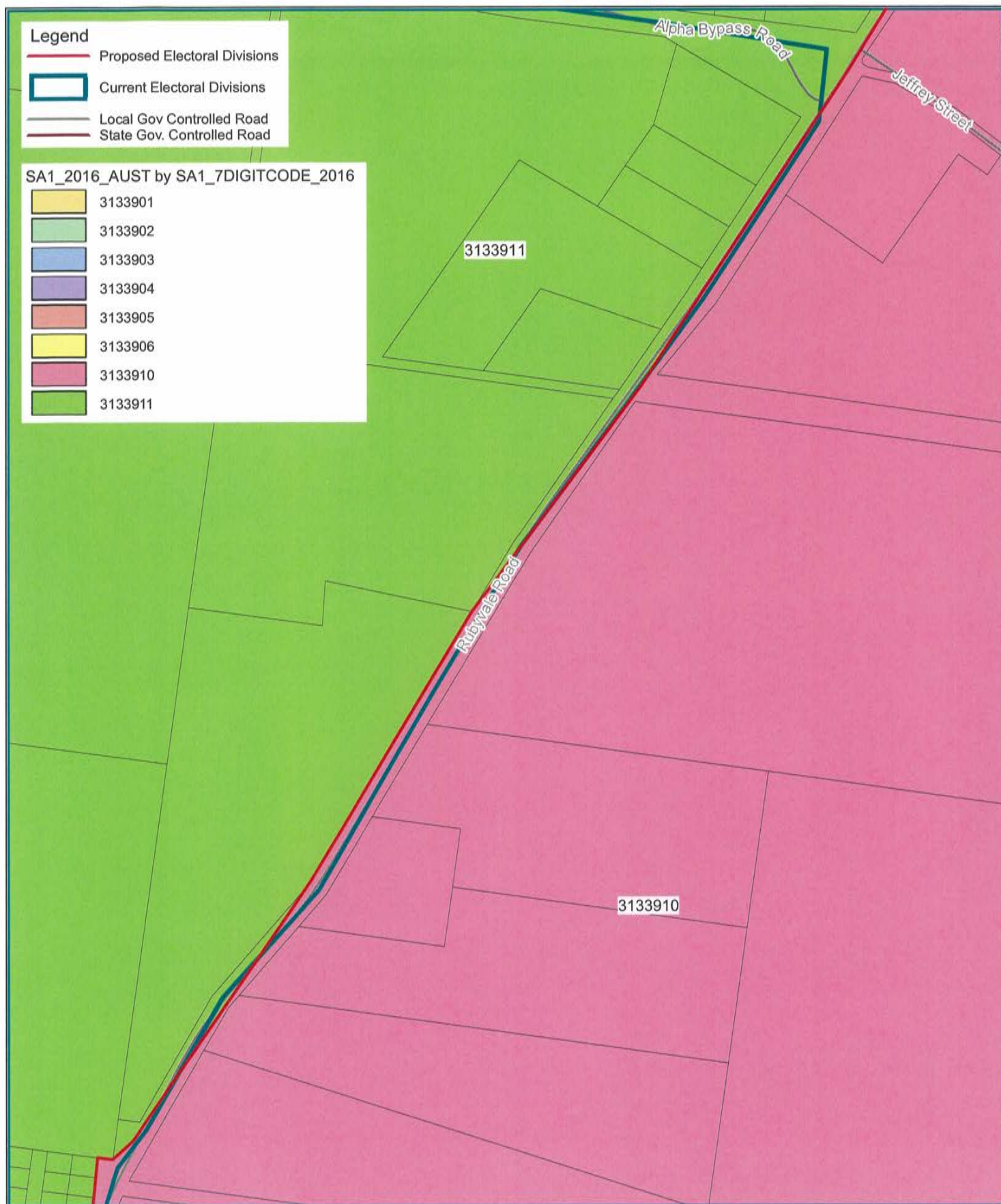
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Online submission for **Isaac Regional Local Government Area** from **Racheal**

Submission Details

Name: Racheal

Submission Text: The Issac region should be split up Moranbah to me I way in one and the central highlands and belyando should go back to its original form! Since the amalgamation happened Clermont has seen nothing good from it, instead we are now paying far more in terms or rates and our drinking water went backwards! I believe if you go back to the originl form of shire we had the voting side will go back to normal was never a problem until the merge is without proper care or input from the communities

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