

APPENDIX D

**Comments on Proposal Notice &
Public Submissions**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

Divisional Boundary Review of Townsville City Council

The Townsville City Council 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.

The Change Commission has proposed changes to the Council's internal boundaries (divisions) following a period of public suggestions.

INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL

Comments on the Change Commission's proposal will be accepted until 5pm on 8 October 2019. Late submissions cannot be considered.

To view the proposal and make a submission, please see the Electoral Commission of Queensland's website: <https://ecq.qld.gov.au/lgr/townsville> or phone 1300 881 665.

When making a comment, please remember each division must have relatively the same number of voters (quota) to ensure each person's vote has the same value. The quota for the Townsville City Council is 12,752 with a lower limit of 11,477 (-10%) and an upper limit of 14,027 (+10%).

Comments can be lodged through:

- Online Form

<https://ecq.qld.gov.au/lgr/townsville>

- Email

LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au

- Personal Delivery

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 Townsville City Council
List of Public Comments on the Proposal

Comment	Name / Organisation
1	Heath Hatfield
2	Nadene George
3	Councillor Jenny Hill, Mayor of Townsville City Council
4	Lloyd Wilson (<i>late submission</i>)

Sent: Saturday, 21 September 2019 2:42 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: (6033) Townsville City Local Government Area - Heath Hatfield

Online submission for **Townsville City Local Government Area** from **Heath Hatfield**

Submission Details

Name: Heath Hatfield

Submission Text : Townsville City Council needs to be reinstated with 12 Divisions, as per the Local Government Reform Commission's Report, 2007. The previous proposal which resulted in the Townsville City Council being reduced to 10 Divisions was politically motivated, and has since resulted in the current council being elected without an opposition.

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From: Nadene George
Sent: Monday, 23 September 2019 8:11 PM
To: LG CC Submissions
Subject: Townsville Local Council

Hi,

we have not had population growth in Townsville, why has my division changed, and my Councillor not likely to run here in the Cranbrook suburb? When was this proposed to the local council? I study growth here so I want transparency on when, why, and who this was discussed with in a written response from you. My suburb has also now been lumped with one of the highest crime areas, the local and state government continue to turn a blind eye to it, focus on the stadium and the city. This makes me feel there is some underlining corruption happening, I want all public available information including consultation with governments dates and details.

Nadene George

8 October 2019

Councillor Jenny Hill

Local Government Change Commission submissions

Email: LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au

Submitted online 8 October 2019

Re: Townsville City Council Local Government Area

Further to the Change Commission's proposed new boundaries for the Townsville City Council LGA, below are the enrolments figures for the existing divisions for 2016, January 2019 and September 2019.

Table 1 Summary of historic and current enrolment for the existing divisions						
Div	Enrolment March 2016	% Deviation from average Enrolment 2016	Enrolment as at 31/01/2019	% Deviation from average Enrolment	Enrolment as at September 2019	% Deviation from average enrolment
1	12,372	-1.14	13,221	3.68	13,430	5.37
2	12,499	-0.01	14,089	10.48	14,279	12.03
3	12,931	3.34	13,052	2.35	13,102	2.8
4	12,390	- 1.0	12,642	-0.86	12,718	-0.21
5	13,025	4.09	12,925	1.36	12,998	1.98
6	12,761	1.98	12,567	-1.45	12,707	-0.3
7	12,445	-0.55	12,204	-4.30	12,226	-4.07
8	11,879	-5.08	11,580	-9.19	11,615	-8.87
9	12,148	-2.93	12,153	-4.70	11,837	-7.13
10	12,697	1.46	13,088	2.63	12,541	-1.6

The boundary changes proposed by the Change Commission were based on the January 2019 figures and projected enrolment as at 31 March 2024.

The table below shows the enrolment for the ECQ's proposed new divisions in January 2019 and the projected enrolment as at 3 March 2024.

Div	Enrolment as at 31/1/19	% Deviation from average enrolment	Projected enrolment as at 31/1/24	% Deviation from average enrolment
1	12962	1.65	14409	6
2	11875	-6.88	14477	6.5
3	13590	6.57	14346	5.54
4	12642	-0.86	13013	-4.27
5	12925	1.36	13149	-3.26
6	12567	-1.45	13057	-3.94
7	13395	5.04	13664	0.52
8	13185	3.39	13278	-2.32
9	12835	0.65	13314	-2.05
10	11545	-9.47	13221	-2.74

- The projected enrolments in 2024 of 135,928 is an increase of 6.18% over the January 2019 enrolment figure of 127,521. This projected growth is unrealistic given total enrolments only grew 1.9% between March 2016 (125,147) and January 2019 (127,521).
- Enrolments as at September 2019 have dropped to 127,453. This drop could largely be attributed to the effects of the unprecedented weather event that impacted parts of the city in early 2019.
- Table 3 shows the suburb locations of the SA1s with significant anticipated growth.

Div	SA1	January 2019	March 2024	Suburb
1	3147019	421	918	Kalynda
1	3147305	438	666	Jensen
2	3147335	116	785	Burdell
2	3147346	1152	1663	Mt Low
2	3147348	907	1273	Burdell
10	3148710	528	602	Idalia
10	3148711	595	1064	Ooonoonba
10	3148716	538	630	Idalia
10	3148915	200	596	Brookhill

- The figures reflect the rapid growth currently being experienced in Division 2. However, the anticipated development in the suburbs of Idalia and Ooonoonba in Division 10 is likely to slow dramatically given that these suburbs suffered extensive damage during the flood.
- Moving the Division 10 boundary to accommodate this anticipated growth is likely to result in the division being very close to the bottom of the quota by 2024.

- **ALTERNATIVE BOUNDARIES**

- Table 4 outlines the enrolment for proposed new boundaries based on September 2019 enrolments and ECQ's projected 2024 enrolments.

Table 4 Enrolments for proposed new boundaries				
Div	Enrolment September 2019	% deviation from average enrolment	Projected enrolment at 31/1/24	% deviation from average enrolment
1	12885	1.1	13726	0.98
2	11814	-7.31	14242	4.78
3	13080	2.63	13704	0.82
4	12718	-0.21	13013	-4.27
5	12655	-0.71	13436	-1.15
6	12707	-0.3	13057	-3.94
7	13409	5.21	13364	-1.68
8	13247	3.94	13340	-1.86
9	12397	-2.73	13244	-2.57
10	12541	-1.6	14802	8.9

- Division 1 –
 - Gains the suburb of Deeragun from Division 2 (as proposed by ECQ) (3147313, 3147318, 3147319, 3147326, 3147327, 3147328, 3147329, 3147333, 3147336, 3147351)
 - Retains Saunders Beach and Yabulu (community of interest with neighbouring northern beaches suburbs)
 - Transfers Harris Crossing and Cosgrove to Division 5 (3147019, 3148416)
 - Transfers parts of Mount Louisa to Division 8 (3148410, 3148411, 3148412, 3148413, 3148415, 3148420, 3148424)
- Division 2 –
 - Gains parts of Beach Holm and Black River from Division 1 (3147317, 3148619)
 - Transfers the entire Deeragun locality to Division 1 (3147313, 3147318, 3147319, 3147326, 3147327, 3147328, 3147329, 3147333, 3147336, 3147351)
- Division 3 –
 - Gains part of Garbutt from Division 8 (3147511, 3147513, 3147515)
 - Transfers part of the inner city to Division 9 (3149012, 3149020)
- Division 4 – no change

- Division 5 –
 - a. Gains Harris Crossing and Cosgrove from Division 1 (3147019, 3148416)
 - b. Transfers parts of Cranbrook to Division 7 (3147204, 3147205, 3147206, 3147207, 3147208)

- Division 6 – no change

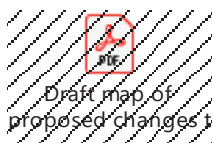
- Division 7 –
 - a. Gains parts of Cranbrook from Division 5 (3147204, 3147205, 3147206, 3147207, 3147208)

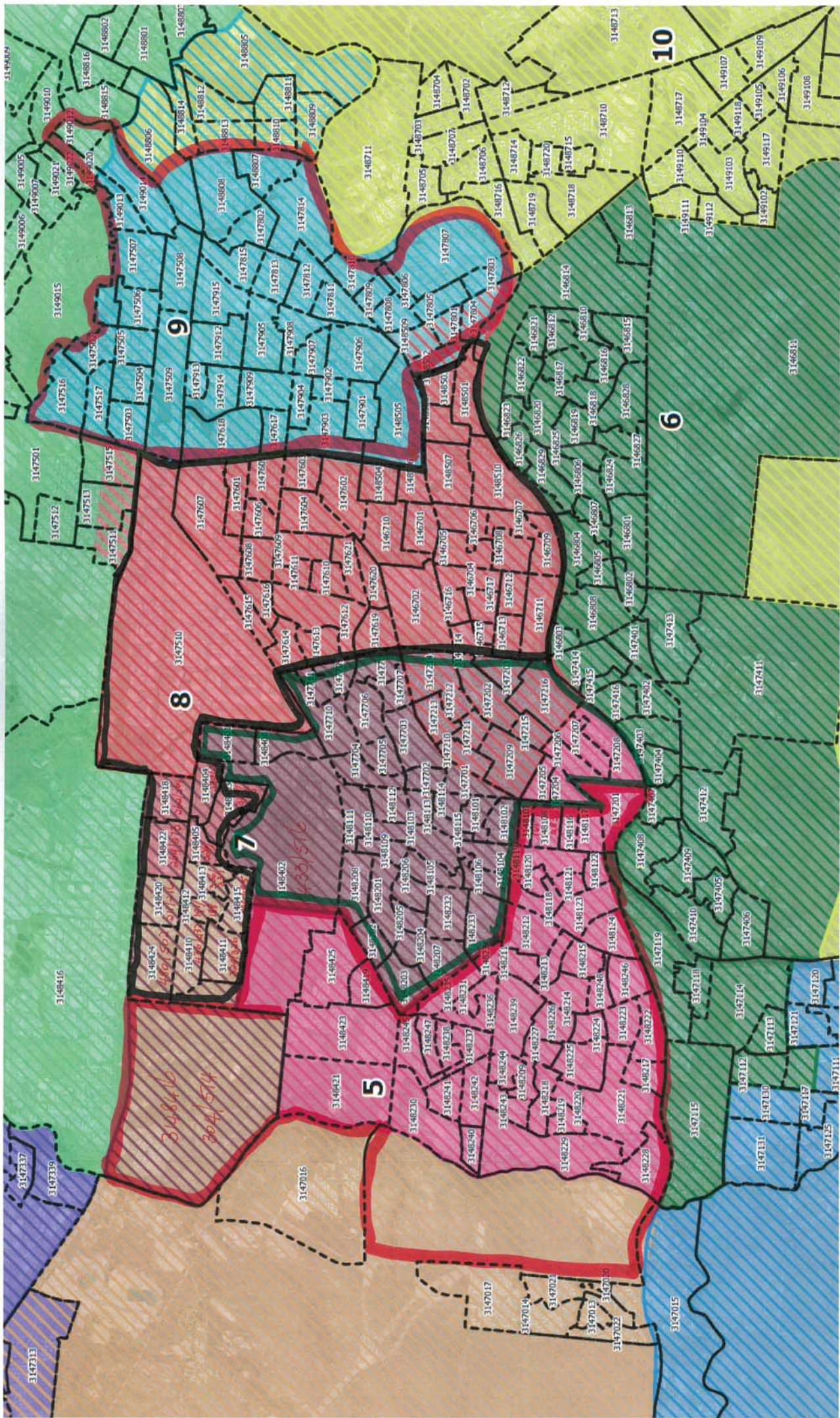
- Division 8 –
 - a. Gains part of Mount Louisa from Division 1 (3148410, 3148411, 3148412, 3148413, 3148415, 3148420, 3148424)
 - b. Transfers part of Garbutt to Division 3 (3147511, 3147513, 3147515)

- Division 9 –
 - a. Gains part of the inner city from Division 3 (3149012 and 3149020)

- Division 10 – no change
 - a. Revised projection should keep division well within quota.

A rough draft of the proposed new boundaries for divisions 5, 7, 8 and 9 is attached.





From: Lloyd Wilson
Sent: Tuesday, 8 October 2019 7:49 PM
To: LG Boundaries
Subject: Boundary Changes

8 October 2019

Dear Commissioner,

I am writing in regard to the proposed boundary changes for Division 10, Townsville City Council Local Government Area (LGA) for the 2020 Local Government Election.

As a resident of Division 10 I am concerned with the proposed changes. The proposed boundary change will see Railway Estate moved into Division 9.

The voters in Division 9, live on the other side of the rail line near Hermit Park which has no community of interest with the southern part of the Division 10. Our community of interest lies with the southern suburbs along the coast. I request no boundary changes at this stage as Railway Estate and Fairfield Waters are still recovering from the devastating Monsoon Event in February this year (2019) and a large percentage of voters have moved out. I feel Division 10 has not reached the required threshold to trigger a redistribution.

Kind regards,
Lloyd Wilson