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Dear Mr Vidgen

REVIEW OF DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to provide local context and relevant information to be considered when preparing the draft divisional boundaries for the Bundaberg Regional Council area.

In making this submission, Council has considered the predicted population growth provided by ECQ, the natural landscape, built infrastructure and future developments and Emerging Community zones to minimise future boundary adjustments for the SA1s identified below.

The population predictions provided by ECQ have been reviewed by Council's Development team and are considered reasonable. Further, Council notes the following.

- The new category 5 hospital is planned for construction in Division 7. The forecast predicted growth is in line with Council's planning expectations. Large sections of Division 7 is zoned for non-residential purposes.
- Significant Emerging Community zones identified for Divisions 8 and 9. Council expects slightly higher growth in Division 8 than the predicted enrolment which will keep Division 8 in quota for 2028.
- Division 7 has an Emerging Community zone albeit of a lower scale than Division 8 and 9.
- Bundaberg Region has received above average growth with interstate and inter-regional migration. It is reasonable to assume that many of these new residents had not updated their enrolment details before the Divisional Enrolments were extracted, 31 January 2023. This would support the predictions for higher growth in Division 6 and 9.

Council proposes the follow divisional boundary adjustments.

Current Division	SA1 2021	Proposed Division	Enrolment	Predicted Enrolments 2028
2	3149401	7	955	1,021
2	3149402	7	392	400
7	3150221	10	338	336
7	3150222	10	150	150

Division 2 is currently out of quota and requires a boundary adjustment. SA1 3149401 and 3149402 are residential areas with 1,347 current enrolments bordering Division 7. These electors would have similar needs to several of the electors in Division 7 SA1 3149408.

Division 10 has the lowest current enrolments with limited predicted growth and is predicted to be out of quota by 2028. Reallocating SA1 3150221 and 3150222 from Division 7 to Division 10 will maintain the predicted enrolment above the lower limit. These SA1s are on the Division 10 side of the railway line and would have similar needs to other electors in Division 10.

Council offers its support to assist in raising public awareness of the consultation on a divisional boundary review. Direct contact details of Council's Communications Manager have been provided to the Project Officer, LGboundaries by email.

Should you require further information regarding this submission, please contact [REDACTED], on 1300 883 699 or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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