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As the Councillor for Division 1 Fraser Coast, I felt it important to express my concerns with the proposed changes to State Electoral Boundaries. I am unsure if any other local Government Boundary would be impacted to the degree of Division 1, Fraser Coast Regional Council.

Currently the division is covered by just two state members.

With the proposed changes that would be increased to 5. While I acknowledge the challenges of density and size of the area, this does seem very unusual.

The Local Government Boundary would encompass Maryborough, Burnett, Callide, Gympie and Hervey Bay.

Clearly, this is almost unworkable from a Local Government perspective.

Some of the Region's major infrastructure and services will now be spread across at least 3 State Boundaries. Our Water and Sewer network will be in 3 State Boundaries, servicing the heavily populated areas of Maryborough West, Torbanlea/Howard, Burrum Heads and Toogoom/Dundowran Growth Corridor (as Identified in the FCRC Planning scheme)

The very ability for the Council to progress the desired housing density and supply, as desired by the State Government, relies on our Local Government delivering the required major infrastructure as planned.

As an organisation we currently have two major Water and Sewer projects proposed, with a dollar value in excess of \$100 Million Dollars each, with current business case before State, Federal and our own local Government budgets.

There have been major State Road upgrades planned, announced and "sod turned" with absolutely no progress thus far. The ability for the major manufacturing, industrial and housing projects relies on a cohesive approach from Local, State and Federal Representatives. This would all but impede possible under this proposed change of aligned boundaries.

I ask for consideration of some changes to the proposal based on these reasonings.