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### **Submission Attachments**

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## Summary

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## Brisbane North

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### Proposed Moggill (To be renamed Indooroopilly)

The proposed Moggill electorate worsens the existing split between areas that gravitate to Ipswich and areas that gravitate to Indooroopilly as a service hub. Further, there is too many suburban voters in Kenmore and neighbouring suburbs to make this feasible as a rural/peri-urban interests electorate.

Given QRC believes Fig Tree Pocket should be in an Indooroopilly-based electorate (despite its demographics better matching with Kenmore), the Moggill electorate should shift east into exactly that, by losing its Ipswich components (including Karana Downs, Kholo and Mount Crosby) to Ipswich West electorate, and taking Indooroopilly and Fig Tree Pocket from the proposed Indooroopilly electorate (which must be renamed as a result).

I note that Karana Downs, Kholo and Mount Crosby were all formerly in Ipswich LGA, is federally in the Ipswich-based Blair instead of the Indooroopilly-based Ryan, and require a shorter drive time to Ipswich than to Indooroopilly (public transport is virtually non-existent in these areas).

While Taringa and St Lucia will no longer be in an Indooroopilly-based electorate, it is geographically defensible to instead place them in a Toowong-based electorate as both suburbs also border Toowong.

While I expect objections that the city-like Indooroopilly ends up in the same seat as rural areas like Brookfield, Moggill and Pullenvale, I note that similar arrangements are seen in both the existing and proposed Mansfield (urban Garden City with rural Burbank) and Chatsworth/Carindale (urban Carindale with rural Gumdale/Chandler) electorates.

### Inner North (Toowong, Ashgrove, Brisbane Central)

As a result of the above, QRC's proposed Indooroopilly no longer has Indooroopilly hence should be renamed Toowong as the next most suitable administrative hub in the area. I propose that Toowong

expands from Taringa and St Lucia in the south, to Bardon, Milton and Paddington in the north by simply moving northwards. This roughly resembles the old Mount Coot-Tha electorate.

To prevent a panhandle at Petrie Terrace and as part of the required northwards expansion of Ashgrove electorate, I propose that Ashgrove electorate takes in all of Herston and Kelvin Grove, and the parts of Alderley, Enoggera and Newmarket south of the railway line. Instead, Brisbane Central electorate should take Petrie Terrace.

### **Middle/Outer North**

One noticeable issue with the proposed boundary is the lack of an electorate based on Chermside, the main service centre in Brisbane's Northside. To help facilitate this, I propose an anticlockwise shift of Aspley (to be renamed Chermside), Clayfield, Nudgee, Sandgate and Stafford, with expansions into Everton and Ferny Grove as necessary.

I propose an anticlockwise shift that turns Aspley into Chermside (rather than clockwise, turning Stafford into Chermside) to separate the Northern and Ferny Grove line suburbs between Clayfield and Stafford electorates respectively, and because I did not want Nudgee to cross Kedron Brook (but am fine with Clayfield doing this). I also note that parts of Nundah was formerly in Clayfield electorate.

Everton and Ferny Grove electorates should also expand into the western parts of the Pine Rivers area to comply with enrolment requirements. To avoid unnecessary splitting of suburbs (Enoggera, Alderley and Newmarket are all already split enough), I propose to use Kedron Brook as the boundary between those electorates. Assuming the boundary at Arana Hills remains unchanged, this will result in Ferny Grove electorate taking the area around Samford Valley while Everton electorate takes Dayboro (and becomes far larger). Everton electorate should lose Brendale and Warner.

I expect objections to my proposed Everton electorate and I assume this is the most objectional part in anything proposed in this document. Nevertheless, Everton electorate already seems to lack a clear identity due to geographic separation at Bunyaville Conservation Park hence this will inevitable end up being the leftover seat in the area. Any issues with my proposed Everton electorate would help better center Pine Rivers electorate around Strathpine (hence to be renamed Strathpine).

A diagram of the proposal in the Brisbane North area electorates is attached on the next page.

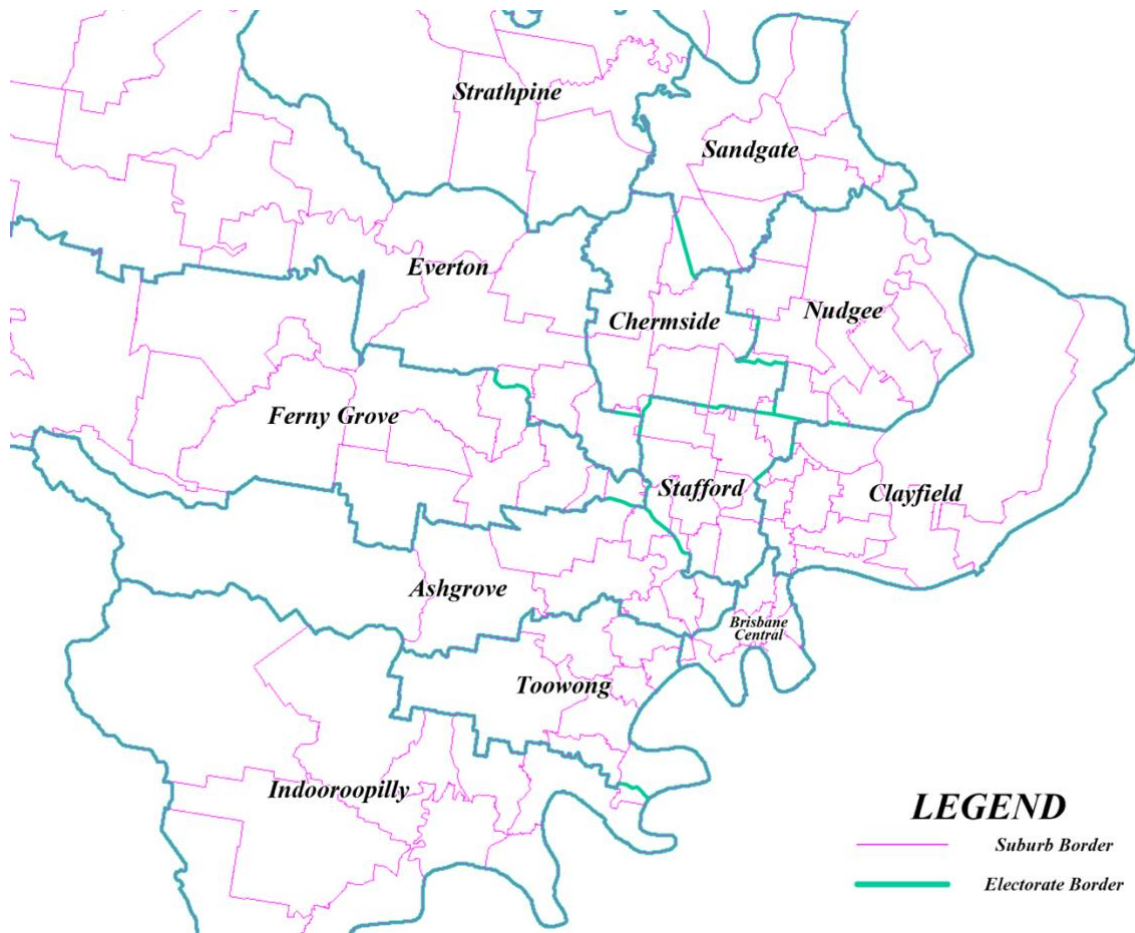


Figure 1 – Proposed Brisbane North electorates

## Moreton Bay

To deal with the knock-on effects in Brisbane North area, Moreton Bay electorates generally must shift northwards. One solution to deal with this is as per below, though other solutions (including at Ferny Grove and Everton electorates) should be considered if suggested by other commentators.

- Pine Rivers electorate should be centred on the urban area around Strathpine (i.e. all of Bray Park, Brendale, Cashmere, Joyner, Lawnton, Strathpine and Warner) and renamed Strathpine due to the loss of rural areas;
- Deception Bay electorate should be named North Lakes to avoid negative connotations with the word “Deception”.
- The rest of Dakabin and the northernmost part of Kallangur (exact boundary to be subject to further debate but one example is shown in *Figure 2*) should be moved into the Kurwongbah electorate to avoid situations where it is strategically sensible for a local member to neglect very small components within an electorate (in this case, Dakabin); and
- Murrumba electorate should take most of Rothwell and the parts of Kippa Ring in the proposed Deception Bay electorate due to numerical requirements, in exchange for moving the parts of Mango Hill to the northwest of the railway line into North Lakes electorate.

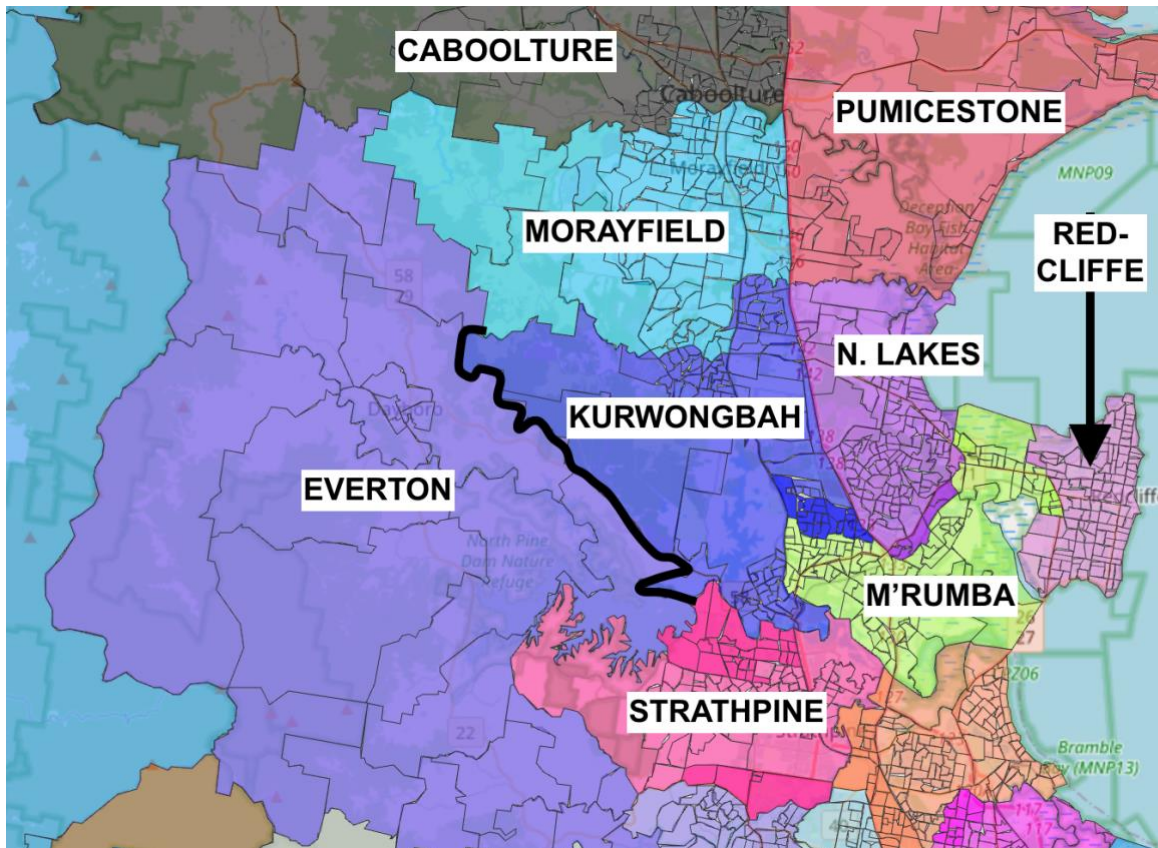


Figure 2 – Proposed Moreton Bay electorates (No changes to Caboolture, Morayfield and Pumicestone)

### Ipswich

Due to the expansion of Ipswich West electorate into the proposed Moggill electorate, it should lose its westernmost portion around Grandchester, Ironbark, Rosewood and Marburg (but not Walloon or anything south of Bremer River) to Lockyer electorate. As a result, Lockyer electorate loses all of Somerset LGA except Minden and Prenzlau to Nanango electorate. This results in better transport connectivity between Gatton and the rest of Lockyer electorate.

Ipswich electorate can also consider taking Yamanto from Ipswich West electorate to better balance the enrolment between those electorates, but this is not essential.

### Wide Bay – Burnett

As a result of the above, Nanango electorate exceeds the permissible enrolment hence should lose Cherbourg, Murgon and Wondai to Callide electorate, in line with former LGA boundaries.

Then in turn, Callide electorate should shed its Fraser Coast and Gympie LGA portions to Maryborough and Gympie electorates. No further knock-on effects are required.

Further, the proposed Maryborough electorate seems to take parts of Hervey Bay’s urban sprawl. To better centre Hervey Bay electorate around Hervey Bay itself, I propose that:

- Booral, Bunya Creek, Nikanbah, River Heads, the rest of Susan River and K’Gari/Fraser Island be moved into Maryborough electorate, while
- Eli Waters and the rest of Urraween be moved from Maryborough electorate into Hervey Bay electorate.

## Brisbane South and Logan

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I suggest that Sunnybank may be a better name for the proposed Eight Mile Plains electorate given it has fewer words, was previously used, and likely more recognisable.

I propose that the Beenleigh electorate also include Belivah and Wolffdene. This will bring the western boundary of the electorate closer in line with the old Gold Coast LGA boundaries (making for a 'smoother' set of boundaries), and better unite the urban sprawl around Beenleigh which now includes Belivah.

Further, I ask some more consideration be given to the naming of Beaudesert electorate as the proposed name may potentially sound un-reflective of the Boonah area which gravitates more to Ipswich, whereas Beaudesert is closer to Logan. Wyaralong (from the lake) and Joyce (from the mountain) could be some examples of alternative names pending support from affected communities.

## Gold Coast

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While Robina being re-united into a single electorate (Mermaid Beach) is a positive change, the proposed boundaries do not consider the locations of the other main population centres in the western parts of Gold Coast. In particular, the proposed Gaven electorate worsens the existing split between the Nerang and the Helensvale-Oxenford area, at Nerang State Forest. Further, part of Southport remains in Labrador electorate.

To resolve all of the above, I propose to rotate the proposed Gold Coast electorates (except Currumbin and Burleigh) anticlockwise as per the following table:

My Proposal	Suburbs
Robina	All of Bonogin, Mudgeeraba, Reedy Creek and Robina.
Nerang	All of Carrara, Gilston, Highland Park, Merrimac, Mount Nathan, Nerang and Worongary.
Oxenford	All of Gaven, Helensvale, Maudsland, Oxenford and Pacific Pines.
Broadbeach	All of Broadbeach, Broadbeach Waters, Clear Island Waters, Mermaid Beach, Mermaid Waters and Miami. Parts of Burleigh Waters (north of Miami Lake/Lake Heron).
Surfers Paradise	All of Ashmore, Benowa, Bundall, Main Beach and Surfers Paradise.
Southport	All of Molendinar, Parkwood and Southport. Parts of Arundel (west of Arundel Drive).
Labrador	All of Biggera Waters, Coombabah, Labrador and Runaway Bay. Parts of Arundel (east of Arundel Drive).
Broadwater	All of Coomera, Hollywell, Hope Island and Paradise Point. Parts of Pimpama (Pimpama - South SA2).
Pimpama	All of Kingsholme, Stapylton, Upper Coomera, Willow Vale, Wongawallan and Jacobs Well - Alberton SA2. Parts of Cedar Creek (east of Albert River), Pimpama (except Pimpama - South SA2) and Ormeau (east of Pacific Motorway).

Notes:

- The Guanaba-Springbrook SA2 suburbs are not included in the table, and QRC is welcome to split them among the 3 inland electorates (Robina, Nerang, Helensvale) as they wish
- Broadwater's projected enrolment is 20.89% above quota
- The Gold Coast part of the proposed Beenleigh electorate remains unchanged.

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