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**Submission Topic:** Electorate Boundaries and Names  
**Electoral District:** Aspley; Barron River; Cairns; Callide; Cook; Everton; Ferny Grove; Gaven; Glass House; Hervey Bay; Hill; Maryborough; Mudgeeraba; Mulgrave; Nanango; Springwood; Stafford; Woodridge; Ashgrove (formerly Cooper); Brisbane Central (formerly McConnel); Flinders (formerly Traeger); Indooroopilly (formerly Maiwar); Nambour (formerly Nicklin)

### **Submission:**

This submission seeks to raise several objections to the proposed boundaries, which will be listed in order:

#### Gaven and Mudgeeraba

The proposal lists Merrimac being gained by Gaven from Mudgeeraba, but losing Worongary, Gilston, and part of Highland Park. Other than the M1, there is no main road connection between Merrimac and Carrara/Nerang, the core of the Gaven electorate, but there is strong connections between Highland Park and Nerang, meaning all of Highland Park should stay in Gaven as does the part of Worongary still in the electorate. I am confident this won't change enrolment numbers too much.

#### Woodridge and Springwood

The planned boundaries show Tanah Merah and Loganholme going into Woodridge, while Underwood goes into Springwood (both areas now in Waterford). However, there is evidence to suggest Tanah Merah and Loganholme are better connected to Springwood, while Underwood looks far better connected to Woodridge than Tanah Merah would be. Given that Hyperdome Shopping Centre, the main shopping precinct near Loganholme is in Springwood, I believe Tanah Merah and Loganholme should be in Springwood and Underwood should be in Woodridge.

#### Inner West Brisbane

The proposal has most of Herston and part of Kelvin Grove (now in McConnel), going into Stafford, which seems illogical, given there isn't a strong community connection between that area and the rest of the electorate (e.g. Wilston or Grange). Instead, Kelvin Grove and Herston (except the RBWH), should go into Ashgrove (including both areas in Brisbane Central and Stafford as proposed). This is given both are north of the Inner City Bypass and there is strong community connection between these areas and the rest of Kelvin Grove. To balance out numbers, Petrie Terrace should be in Brisbane Central as it is south of the Inner City Bypass and Ashgrove should not gain territory from Indooroopilly in Bardon. Indooroopilly will nevertheless stay well within quota.

### Northern Brisbane

The plan for Stafford also sees Chermside being split along Hamilton Road, which however, see Westfield Shopping Centre in Aspley and Prince Charles Hospital in Stafford. I would like to see all of Chermside remain in Stafford, but the portions of Chermside West currently in Stafford should go into Aspley (the areas north of Rode Road and west of Webster Road), so that enrolment is better balanced. There are also concerns with the borders of Everton, where the boundary between Everton and Ferny Grove cuts through the backstreets of Mitchelton, seemingly arbitrarily separating areas. All of Mitchelton should hence be in Ferny Grove. However, the parts of Enoggera and Gaythorne currently in Everton and slated to go into Ferny Grove should stay in Everton, given the strong community connections to Everton Park via South Pine Road.

### Glass House and Nambour

The boundary between Glass House and Nambour could be changed. Instead of putting Cambronn and part of Kidaman Creek and Curramore in Nambour, they should stay in Glass House, which would align with both the old council boundaries and the federal seat of Fisher, which covers most of Glass House on the new boundaries.

### Hervey Bay and Maryborough

The border between Hervey Bay and Maryborough had been shifted in the proposal such that Hervey Bay Hospital had been shifted out of the Hervey Bay electorate and into Maryborough. Instead, the boundary should go along Urraween Road, and so all of Nikenbah and Susan River and the portion of Bunya Creek now in Maryborough stays in Maryborough

### Nanango and Callide

Localities such as Proston, Mondure, Goomeri, and Kilkivan have been shifted into Callide, but Murgon, which is the main centre for the northern part of the South Burnett is still in Callide. Both Murgon and Cherbourg should hence be in Callide. This shouldn't impact either seat too much in terms of enrolment.

### Mulgrave, Cook, and Barron River

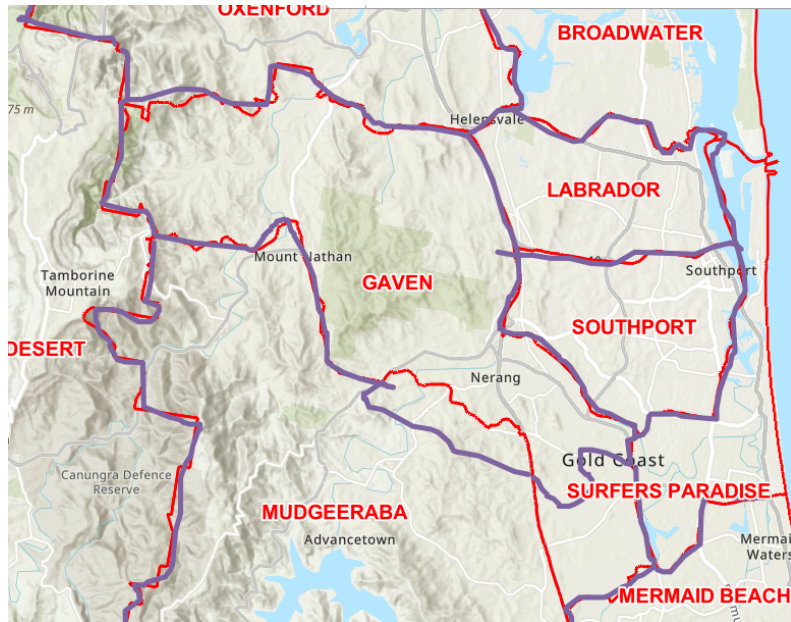
The proposed boundaries in North Queensland envisage the abolition of Hill, which I think is the best option, but some of the boundaries proposed raises some questions. In particular, the fact that Kuranda had been moved out of Barron River is interesting given the strong tourist link between Kuranda and Cairns via the Skyrail and Scenic Railway. So, Kuranda, Koah, Mona Mona, Speewah should remain in Barron River. This also means that Cairns would keep Brinsmead and not gain Bayview Heights and Woree. These areas would stay in Mulgrave. However, to balance out enrolment, Atherton should not go into Atherton and instead, Malanda and Millaa Millaa (essentially the old Eacham Shire) should go into Mulgrave. Including Atherton and Tolga in Flinders also helps its enrolment level stay closer to average. Cook shouldn't need to gain any other territory than what is envisaged as it would be near average enrolment anyway.

These objections to the proposed boundaries should be considered. Supplied are a few maps to assist people commenting on this objection.

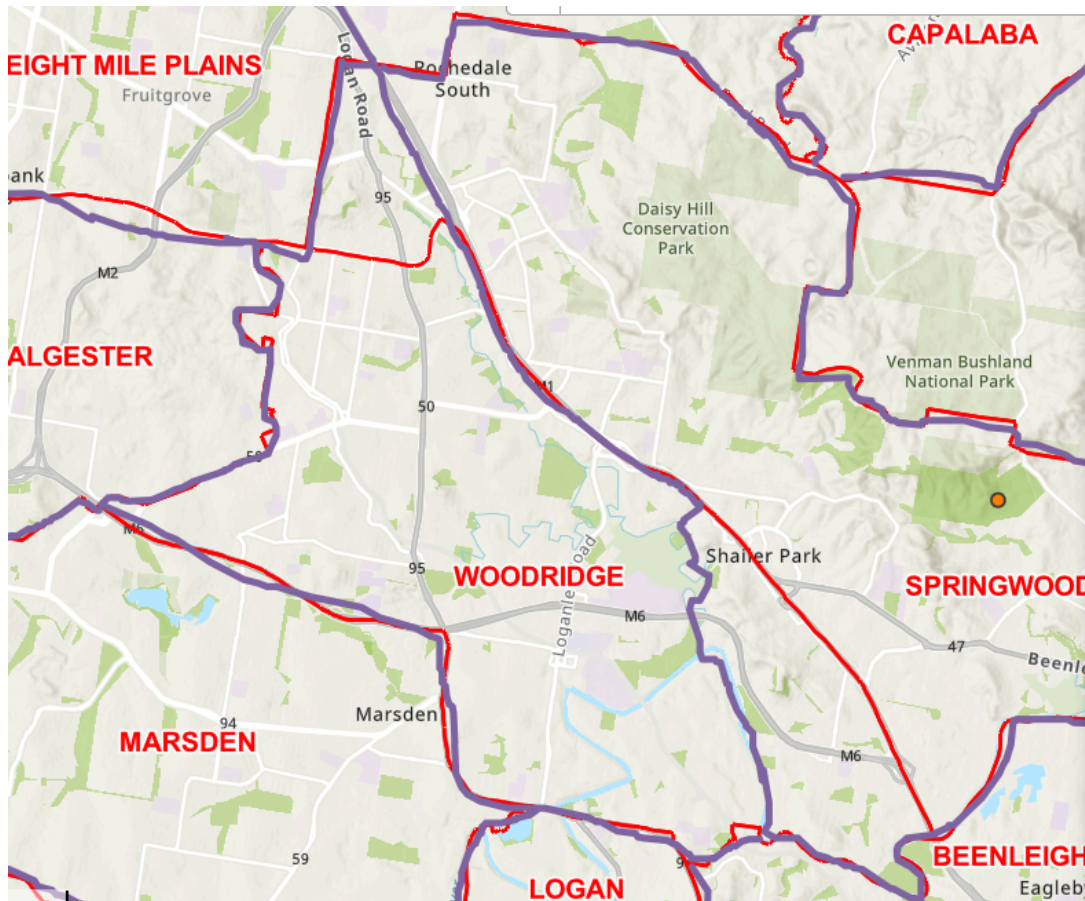
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Redistribution Maps - Google Docs.pdf

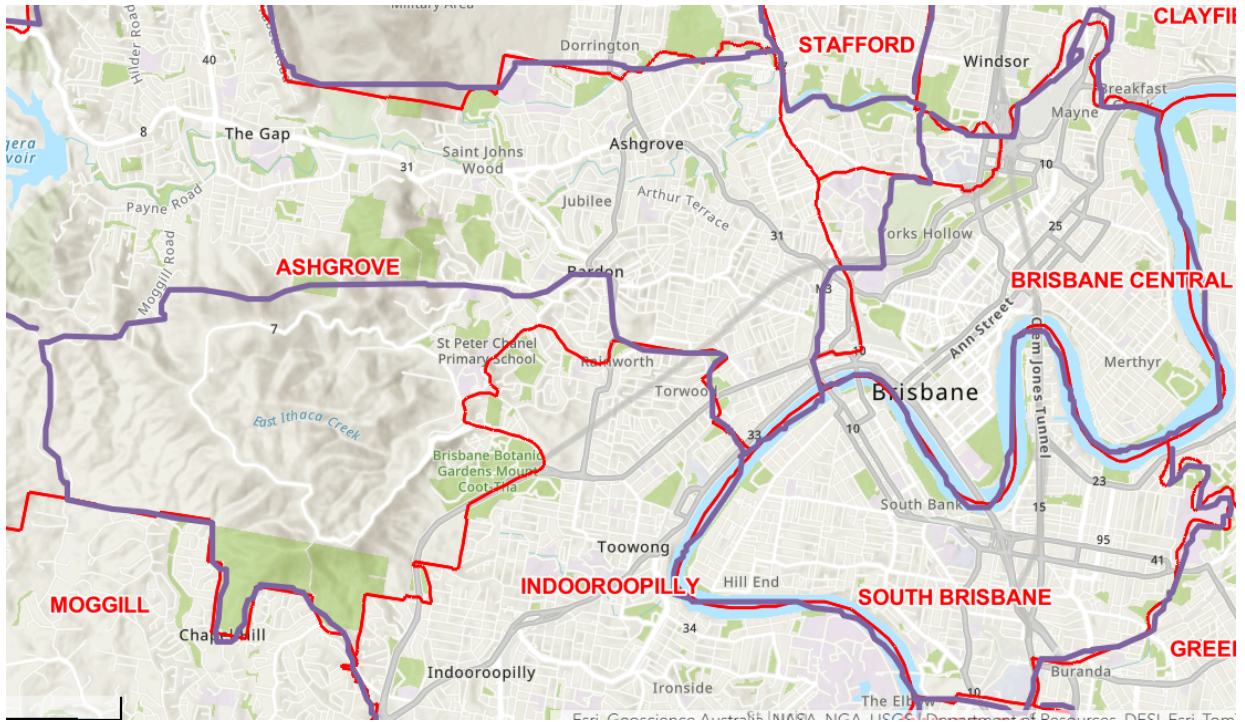
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## Woodridge/Springwood



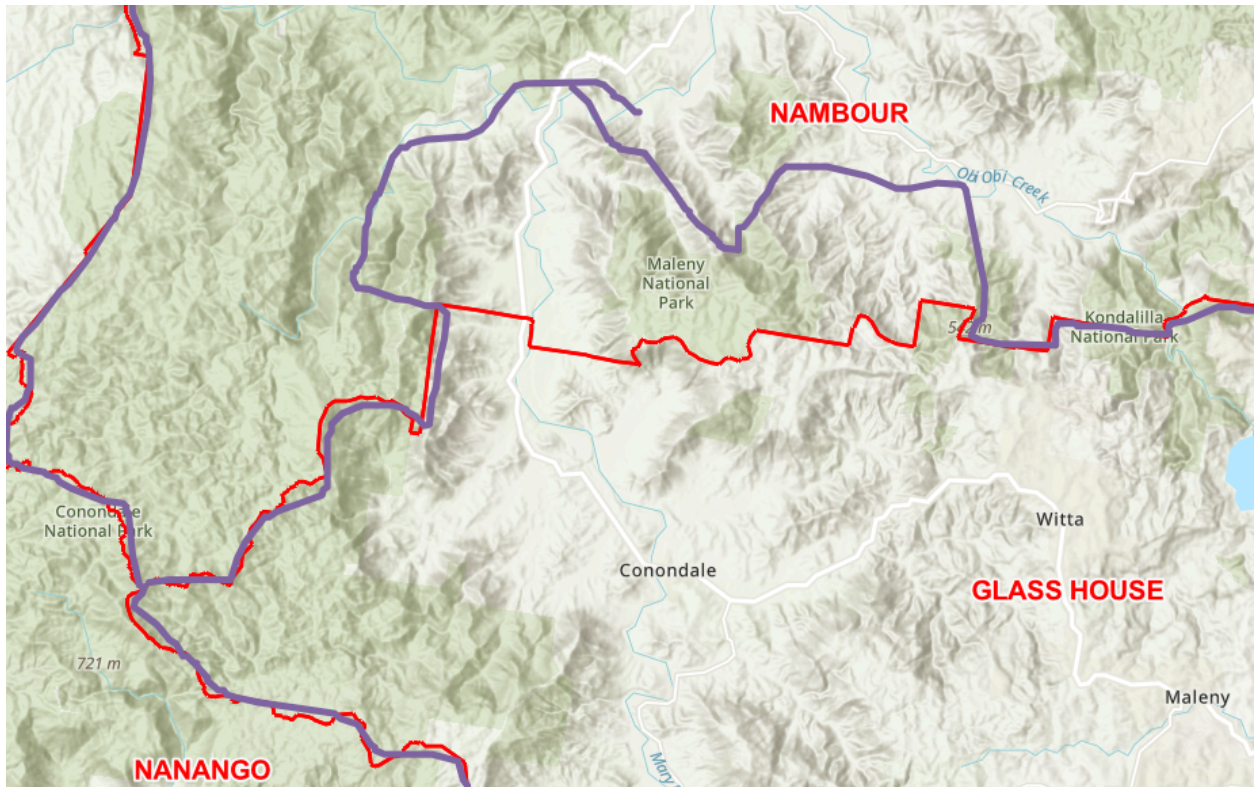
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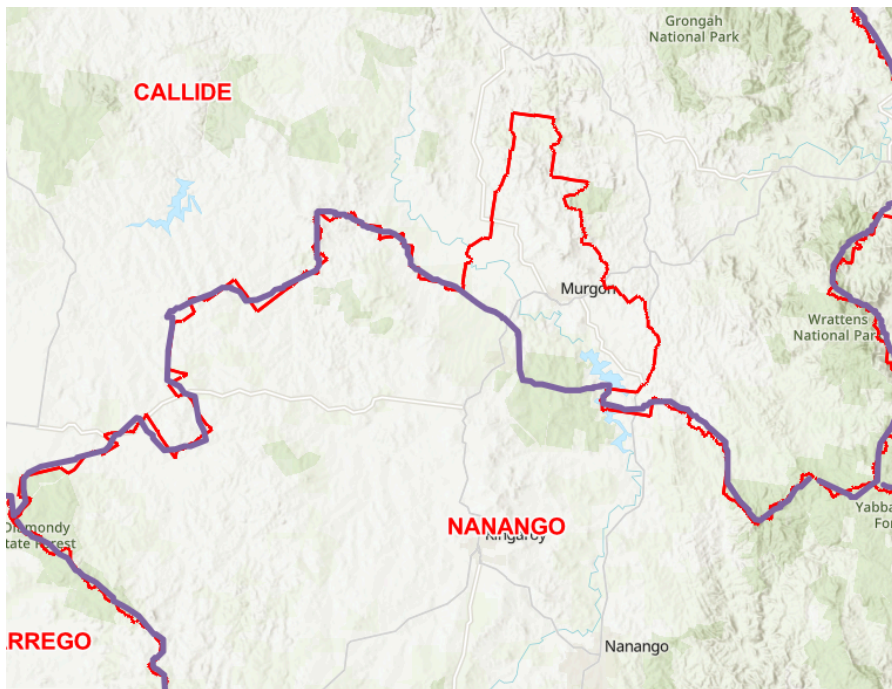
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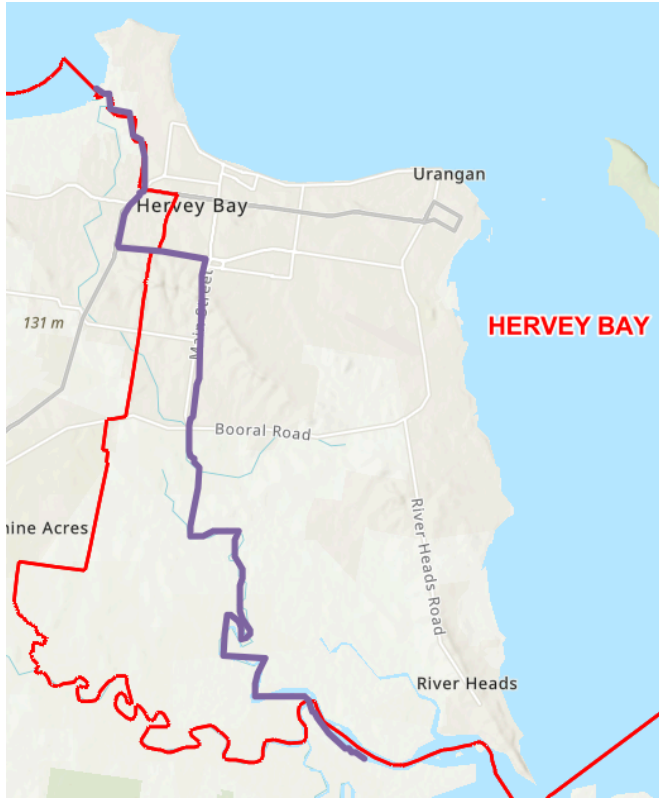
Glass House/Nambour



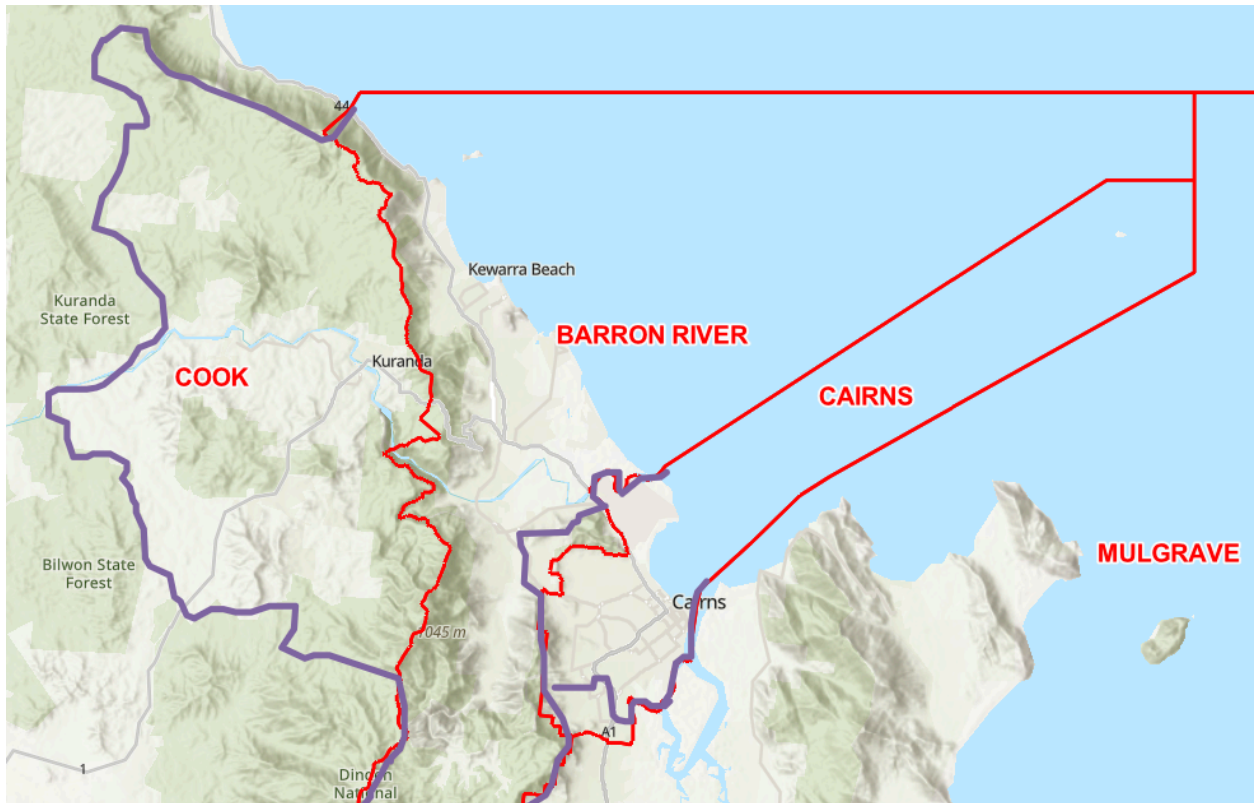
Nanango/Callide



Maryborough/Hervey Bay



Cairns area



North Queensland

