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Submission:

The proposed redistribution appears to be mostly reasonable and considered, however the proposed electorate of Gaven on the Gold Coast has some unnecessary issues. Currently the electorate is centred around the suburb of Nerang, which is a major commercial and transport hub. While the current boundaries are not perfect and include roughly half of the suburb off Pacific Pines which is on the other side of the Nerang National Park, the proposed redistribution greatly increases the number of electors that are badly connected to the core of the electorate. The proposal also removes a significant amount of this core by moving Highland Park into Mudgeeraba. The result is that Gaven becomes a stretched "bits and pieces" electorate that hops over the M1 and natural barriers seemingly at random, which is not ideal and worsens the representation of the region.

My proposal would be that the boundary changes with Mudgeeraba be reversed, with the exception of 4 SA1s (30906124842, 30906124843, 30906124844, 30906124845) in Mount Nathan, maintaining the boundary along Mount Nathan Road that the redistribution proposes. Mudgeeraba would also gain 2 SA1s from Mermaid Beach to create a boundary along Mudgeeraba creek.

Oxenford would then gain the entirety of Maudsland from Gaven, and half of Pacific Pines along the current boundary between Gaven and Theodore. Oxenford would also gain the 2 SA1s of 30904124105 and 30904124106 from Gaven. Oxenford would then lose Helensvale to Broadwater to remain in quota, creating a boundary along the M1. Labrador gains the rest of the SA2 of Biggera Waters and the entirety of Runaway Bay from Broadwater. The Electorate of Southport gains the rest of Southport - North and the entirety of Parkwood; creating a boundary along Napier Road and Musgrave Avenue.

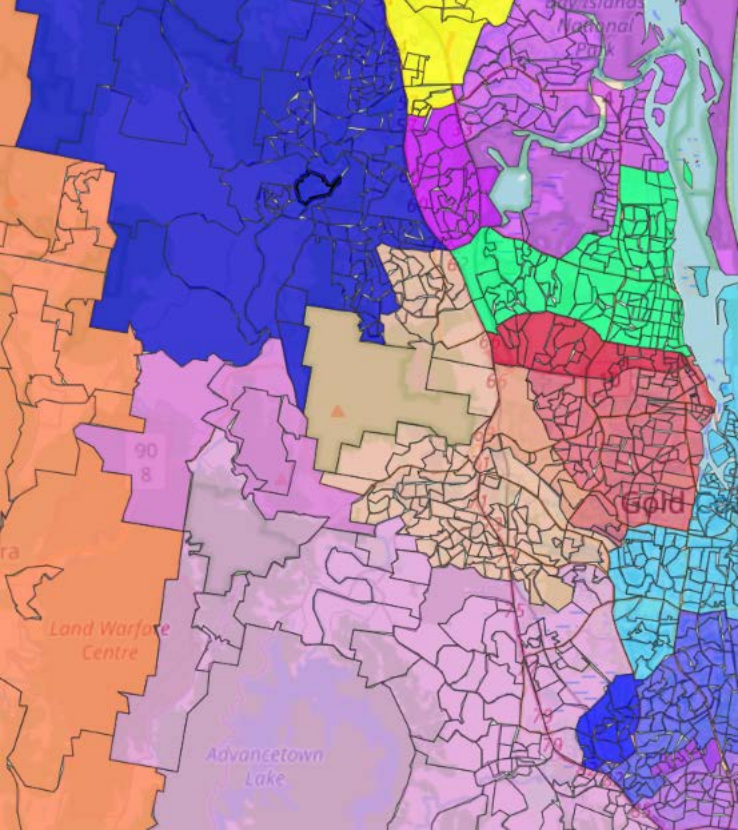
Gaven then extends over its current boundary with Southport to gain all SA1s within Ross St, Currumburra Road, Cotlew St, and Southport-Nerang Road. It also gains the two SA1s of 30909126401 and 30909126402.

The result of this is that Gaven remains much more centred on Nerang and has a much more minor redistribution overall while still addressing the enrolment issues that is faced. I have attached a table with the current and projected enrolment for each of the affected electoral districts, as well as a map of my proposed changes. I used the auredistribution.com tool to produce the map and for my enrolment statistics.

Submission Attachments

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Advancetown
National
Park

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Electoral District	Current Enrolement		Projected Enrolement	
Broadwater	38400	-4.63%	43079	-3.58%
Gaven	41768	3.73%	43598	-2.42%
Labrador	37294	-7.38%	48356	8.23%
Mermaid Beach	40607	0.85%	43717	-2.15%
Mudgeeraba	38226	-5.06%	42957	-3.85%
Oxenford	40960	1.73%	45840	2.60%
Southport	40129	-0.34%	47437	6.17%