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Dear Secretary,

Part 1

I am writing this submission in two parts.

The reason is, I not confident with emails, and having some of my 'Comments on Suggestions' non accepted by the Chairman of the Commission, because I could not 'get the email to go through' and the unreliability of 'Express Mail' Australia Post, I will have to make sure this email 'goes through' on Tuesday 7th April, 2026, to have any chance of 'Express Mail' Australia Post getting it into the QRC's GPO box before the Commission collects the mail prior to the closing date of Thursday 9th April, 2026.

This is three days less that residents in regional and rural areas, who are not confident with email, have to make a submission compared to their Capital City counterparts and those who use email regularly.

I intend sending what I have done by Monday evening, 6th April, 2026, on Tuesday 7th April, 2026, one way or the other, and 'hope for the best' with the remainder.

It is not only in communications that Far North Queenslanders are disadvantaged.

We will be severely disadvantaged in the representation in State Parliament, if the Commission's proposed redistribution is proclaimed in its current form.

I will discuss latter on in this submission.

General Objections:-

I formally object to my 'Comments on Submissions' dated 22nd September, 2025, not being accepted by the Redistribution as arriving 'too late'.

In that submission I wrote the following:-

In the Commissions 'Overview of Suggestions about the Redistribution-Whole of State Submissions' the Commission states:- 'The Commission notes the variety of solutions and reasoning these submissions have applied to the same problems'.

The reason I did not give reasons in my submission was the lack of time to make the submission.

I believe the last redistribution in 2016/17 gave 2 months for the original 'Suggestions'.

I accept that the Electoral Act states 30 days must be given for 'Suggestions'.

I also accept that the Federal Redistributions only give 30 days for 'Suggestions', however Federal redistributions display the SAI's for each individual electorate as well as in numeral order.

This makes it much easier to ascertain which SAI's in each electorate.

When I rang the Electoral Commission, Queensland (ECQ) and spoke to a staff member in the redistribution section if such a breakdown of SAI's was available I was told 'no'.

It meant I had to download 237 pages of numbers and then workout with the help of maps which SAI's fitted into each electorate.

This took a considerable time which would not be necessary if they had been provided by the Commission.

All the 'coloured heat maps in the world' are are not going to make a person's 'Suggestion' any easier if you don't have the essential tools to make a submission based on actual and projected enrolment figures in a 'user friendly' manner, i.e. SAI's with the current, projected and area dissected for each electorate.

That afternoon, Thursday, 10th July, 2025, I asked if the enrolment figures on SAI's that were split into a number of electorates were available.

I was told by the staff member he should be able to obtain them for me.

I gave him my email address, and told him I would get back next week if they had not arrived.

As 'the splits' had not arrived by Monday, 14th July, 2025, I rang the staff member back and was told his superior said they would not to be made available.

On Friday, 18th July, 2025, I received an email which stated:-

'Thank you for your telephone conversation on Monday, 14th July regarding obtaining a list of split SAI's.

I've had further conversations with my superiors and our mapping specialists to determine whether we will be able to provide you with this data.

I can provide you with an update on this as soon as possible'.

I received this information on Tuesday, 22nd July, 2025, for which I thank the Commission.

By the time this information had arrived the 30 day 'Suggestion' period was 15 days old and I had already progressed some of my submission based on what information was available.

I had to check all the work I had already done, and redo some taking into account this additional information.

From what 'Suggestions' I have read very few have supported their submission with actual and projected enrolments, probably because it was too difficult and time consuming to go through 237 pages to find which SAI fitted into which electorate.

Wayne Window (S95) did, but like me did not submit reasons for 'suggested electorates'.

I have been contributing to the redistribution process since the 1984 Federal Redistribution and I believe the first 'job' is to 'get the arithmetic right', and 'the rest will fall into place' i.e. reasons, maps etc.

When I called the ECQ on Thursday, 10th July, 2025, I asked if there was a designated phone number for the Redistribution Secretariat.

I was told 'no'. You have to go through the ECQ switch board.

On more than one occasion when I called I was given 'the run around' by the switch board operator.

When I asked for the person, in the redistribution section, whom I had been having contact with, I was asked what I wanted that person for.

Eventually the operator put me through and I had my query/s answered, however a direct line would have saved a lot of hassle.

The Redistribution Commission has a separate web site to the ECQ by not a separate phone connection. Why?

Persons, like myself who do not use email are also at a disadvantage in submitting their contribution to the redistribution process.

I received emails, however any time I try and send them they don't want to 'go through'.

I have to rely on 'express mail' by Australia Post, which at times can be very unreliable.

Even if the submission gets there in the timeline Australia Post says it should I still lose at least a day from those who use emails.

I acknowledge and appreciate the assistance given by the Commission in this regard.

With these 'Comments' closing on a Monday I will have to post my submission on the Friday before, for it to arrive by the Monday, losing four (4) days on those sending by email.

I posted my 'Comments on Suggestions' by 'Express Mail' Australia Post with what I had completed on Friday, 19th September, 2025.

This 'Express Mail' did not arrive at your Office until Tuesday, 23rd September, 2026.

This part of my 'Comments on Suggestions' was accepted by the QRC, for which I thank the Commission.

I worked over the weekend and until 'cut off time' at 11.59pm on Monday, 22nd September, 2025 completing my submission.

At approximately 4.30pm on that Monday I had a friend try and 'lead me through' sending what I had done by email.

It did not 'go through'.

I tried again at approx 11.30pm, to 'no avail'.

My only option to get what I had done over the weekend and on the Monday to you was to send it by 'Express Mail' on the Tuesday and hope it would be accepted.

After sending it on the Tuesday I phoned ECQ Office and advised it was coming.

On the Thursday I phoned your Office and was told it had arrived that morning, however the staff member told me 'the Chairman had said 'he could not accept it on this occasion'.

I asked the ECQ staff member what time was the mail collected on Wednesday 23rd September, 2025?

He replied 'I do not know'.

I have concerns that your staff knew the submission was coming by 'Express Mail' and should have been in ECQ GPO box on the Wednesday, and could not tell me the time the mail was collected.

If I had been notified it had not arrived I could have had it traced by Australia Post, as I had the reference number.

Does the same attitude apply when the ECQ knows that postal votes are coming on the last day, i.e collect the mail in the morning, and anything that goes in the GPO box after that is classed as arriving 'too late', even though there is a legislated 'cut off time' latter in the day?

Postal Votes are accepted up to ten days after the poll closes to allow for the time the vote takes to travel to the ECQ, however no time is allowed for a submission to travel by post to reach the Redistribution Commission.

Strange!

It is no wonder that over a number of years I have called for the establishment of an all party Parliamentary Oversight Committee, for the Electoral Commission similar to the one that exists for the Crime and Corruption Commission.

I have had this problem before, with paying 'top dollar' for 'Express Mail', Australia Post, and it not being placed in the GPO box in Brisbane the day after sending it, before the business collected their mail.

On the same day as I was told that my submission had arrived 'too late' I complained about the 'lack of promptness' of "Express Mail" Australia Post, being placed in the GPO boxes in

Brisbane, prior to business collecting their mail, to the Office of the Federal Minister for Communications.

I was told to 'send a letter', however before I had done that I had need to send a letter to another letter by 'Express Mail' Australia Post, to an another business with a GPO box in Brisbane.

I received acknowledgement of receipt of that letter by text next morning.

My complaint to the Minister's Office may have had some bearing on that time 'Express Mail' was put in the GPO boxes in Brisbane.

How long will that last?

Who knows!

I note for this 'Objection' phrase of the process the Commission has the closing day on a Thursday, which should allow people like myself who are not confident using email to send this submission after the weekend and hope it 'gets there' on time.

I suppose this is the 'price' one pays for 'not being up to scratch' like the 'younger ones' with emails etc, and also living 1,000 miles away from those 'who make the decisions', just like the Commissions proposal 'to cut' one of the 'Far Norths seats' even though the enrolments and projected enrolments warrant maintaining five electorates.

LNP Influence

I am concerned as what appears to be the undue influence of the LNP on this process, namely:-

- There are 31 electorates outside the South East corner of the State which I examined in detail.

Of these 31 electorates, the Commission has followed or partly followed the LNP 'suggestion' in over 60% of them.

Of the ones I classed as 'not followed' were five where the LNP 'suggested' 'no change', and the Commission proposed small changes, such as Toowoomba South.

- Even after the concerns express by many in the community, including Tony Fitzgerald, over the appointment of Mr. John Cosso, Director General of the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Planning, Deputy Premier's Jarrod Bleijie's Department, to the non judicial position on the Commission, the LNP Government still went ahead and appointed him.
- A report in Courier Mail prior to the public release of the proposed boundaries by the Shadow Treasurer, Shannon Fentiman, that a Minister/s had seen the proposed boundaries.

The Attorney General, Ms Frecklington, denied seeing the the proposed boundaries.

All the other Ministers, including Deputy Premier, Jarrod Bjeljie, who usually has a comment on everything, remained silent.

I ask the Commission, did any of the Queensland State Government Ministers, or their staff, see the proposed boundaries before they were publicly released?

If so, were proposed boundaries changed, after this occurred, before being made public.

If a Minister/s did see the proposed boundaries before the were made public, what action has or is going to be taken against the person/s responsible for 'leaking' the proposed boundaries.

- The LNP Member for Mulgrave, Mr Terry James, said in the Cairns Post on Thursday 12th March, 2026, in relation to the proposed boundaries:-

'What I see is that politics overrides what is in the best interest of rural and regional Queensland.

The LNP won on the back of rural and regional Queensland and they targeted a KAP seat and reduced the representation in the bush'.

If this not an admission of the influence the LNP has had on this redistribution process, I don't know what is.

During the Bjelke Petersen era, in the 1970's and 80's, it was a 'waste of time' making a submission regarding a redistribution.

There was only one ever considered.

That was the one from the then National Party. They were called 'Bjelkemanders'.

What will this redistribution be referred to? **Who knows?**

In my submission of 22nd September which was not accepted by the Commission I stated:-

Maps:-

I have not included any maps,

I used the ABS maps, which I am used to.

I believe I have included enough information in my submission to be able to follow my intended boundaries by going to ABS, hence Statistical, hence Geography, hence boundaries.

I note that in the last round of Federal Redistributions the AEC did not provide separate maps.

They had a link to the ABS maps.

I note that the maps attached to the LNP submission had the name of the suggested electorate, lines on a page I take representing the boundary with no indication where those boundaries were.

I make my 'Comments' on their submission from the written information provided.

Your Office have since explained to me how to use your maps which I have found useful for determining the proposed boundaries, in conjunction with the ABS maps.

I thank your Office for their assistance.

In my submission of 22nd September which was not accepted by the Commission, I stated:-

Names of Electorates

The names of electorates became a 'hot topic' during the 2016/17 redistribution process when the Redistribution Committee recommended a number of electorates names be changed from places, regions, or geographic features to names of people.

For State electorates (93 of them) I prefer names of places, regions, or geographic features to names of people, bearing in mind that a lot of those places, regions, or geographic features were originally named after people, e.g. Brisbane, Townsville, and Mount Isa.

I am reluctant to suggest wholesale name changes at this redistribution, solely on the basis of reverting back to the geographic electorates.

I believe that if a State electorate is named after a person that person should have relevance in that area.

I am comfortable with an electorate in the Sunshine Coast being named Nicklin, after former Premier, Frank Nicklin, who represented the neighbouring electorate of Landsborough.

I note the LNP in their submission suggested retaining the name 'Nicklin' and abolishing the rest.

I believe if the name 'Nicklin' is retained for a Sunshine Coast seat, the name 'Jordan' should be retained for an Ipswich based seat.

The name 'Jordan', after former Member, Vi Jordan, is linked to the Ipswich area just as Nicklin is to the Sunshine Coast.

I cannot see the relevance of a Gold Coast electorate being named after Ted Theodore, other than he was a former Premier, however if the name 'Theodore' had been used for the electorate the 2016/17 Redistribution commissioned named 'Hill' I could

see the relevance, as Mr Theodore represented the electorates Woothakata and Chillagoe, based on the Atherton Tableland.

I do not have a concern about some electorates having the same name as the relevant Local Authority as some of the contributors do.

This mainly occurs in regional cities, such as Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, etc.

Electors seem to know the difference.

A number of redistributions ago, I think 1998/99, the Redistribution Commission suggested added the word 'Central' to the electorate name, e.g. Cairns Central.

This was discontinued after a number of 'objections'.

In Cairns there is a shopping centre name 'Cairns Central' and the then local member 'objected' on the basis that she did not her electorate named 'after a shopping centre'.

I do not agree with the 'suggestion' by Mark Yorke (S117) that there be 'wholesale' changes to well established names of State Electorates, such as Mulgrave to Edmonton, on the basis he selected the suburb/locality in the centre of his 'suggested electorate'.

I accept the Commissions decision to propose all electorates be named after places, regions, or geographic features.

I will however suggest some name alterations in the course of the 'objection'.

In my submission of 22nd September which was not accepted by the Commission, I stated:-

Large District Allowance

There were varying opinions on the Large District Allowance and how it is implemented.

Mr Cameron Parker (S105) of Katter's Australia Party, wants the allowance increased to 4% to 'better reflect the challenges of vast electorates'.

As a political party spokesman he knows, or should know, that this matter is outside the jurisdiction of the Queensland Redistribution Commission.

It is a matter for the Queensland Parliament to change the legislation if it so desires.

The same applies to his suggestion for 'Weighted Enrolment for Indigenous Council Areas'.

Katter's Australia Party has 3 representatives in the current Queensland Parliament.

It is up to those representatives to take those matters forward in the correct sphere, the Queensland Legislative Assembly.

Christopher Wolfs (S61) wants to reduce the electorates that the Large District Allowance applies.

Wayne Window (S95) wants to create an electorate of 760,752sqkm, called Great Artesia, with 15,215 'notional electors'.

This 'suggested electorate' has only 25,375 current, and 25,587 projected electors.

From the map the only centre that could be described as having significant population is Mount Isa and it has a 'cloud over its head' with the foreign mining giant ceasing copper mining in

the city and the future of the copper smelter being 'in the balance'.

In his summary of suggested electorates he has an electorate named 'Warrego', 461,418sqkm with a current enrolment of 52,043, and a projected enrolment 52,897.

His 'suggested electorate' has current enrolment is in excess of the allowable variation, on on projected enrolment, above the 10% variance.

He has supplied no map for his 'suggested Warrego' so I cannot tell where this 'suggested electorate' fits into the overall State map.

His submission has the 'suggested electorate' of Cook at 133,250sqkm.

He appears to have reduced the number of electorates eligible for the Large District Allowance from four to three.

*I am **totally opposed** to an electorate such as Great Artesia when there are alternatives such as the one I have suggested, i.e. attaching larger population centres to these sparsely populated areas.*

Most, if not all, of these sparsely populated centres have 'a line of travel' to a larger centre for medical, business, etc.

Cape York Peninsula to Cairns, mainly by air.

Gulf Country, to Atherton Tableland, then Cairns.

Towns along the Great Northern Railway, to Charters Towers then Townsville.

Bowen Basin, to Mackay.

Central Queensland, to Emerald and then Rockhampton.

South Western Queensland, to Toowoomba and possibly Brisbane.

I do not see the purpose of fitting all these sparsely populated areas in one electorate when it 'cuts across there line of travel' to a larger centre.

My Suggestion is to increase the number of electorate back to 5.

As can be seen in summary of Country Electorates (attached) my proposal only increases the total Notional Enrolment by 211.

Cook decreases by 1,328, Treager (suggested it be Dalrymple) decreases by 2,880, a total reduction of 4,208 and my suggested electorate of Tablelands has 3,686 notional electors.

The real increase in 'Notional Electors' is in my 'suggested electorate' of Gregory from 9,194 to 9,921.

I can not see any way around this.

Gregory has to obtain an increased to its enrolment.

No matter what areas are added to Gregory it will result in a large increase in the area of the electorate, thus an increase in the Large District Allowance.

In Warrego, I believe the Large District Allowance has disadvantaged residents living north and west of Dalby.

The parts Western Downs Regional Council, that are in the existing electorate of Callide, could be accommodated in the existing electorate of Warrego without the necessity to add in approximately 4,000 'Notional Electors'.

I have suggested that Chinchilla be included in Warrego and the other areas be included in my suggested electorate of Condamine.

The LNP in their submission states:-

'Warrego:- Projected to fall outside quota in the medium term. Expending to include Jandowae and Bell which form a key community of interest with Dalby which is already situated within the electorate, stabilising enrolment through the projection horizon'.

Their submission makes no mention of Chinchilla, Miles, etc in Warrego, or their suggested electorates of Callide and Condamine.

What happens to those electors?

Do they just evaporate into space?

While I know it is outside the Redistribution Commissions jurisdiction, I believe there should be a conversation as to whether the arbitrary 2% over 100,000sqkm is the best way to compensate those residents living in the 'far flung' areas of the State.

As a starting point, I would suggest increasing the quota variance, instead of the 2% over 100,000sqkm, for those large electorates, to give the Redistribution Commission greater flexibility in determining the boundaries in those areas.

Over the years I have advocated for Standing Parliamentary Committee on electoral matters to be formed similar to the one that operates Federally.

I believe the type of suggestion I have made above could be examined by such a Committee, having hearings in rural and remote areas.

At the present time the Redistribution Commission, every 7 years, is the only avenue for the public to discuss electoral matters.

That is probably why a number of the submissions discuss matters which are outside the Redistribution Commissions jurisdiction, such a one submission wanting to get rid of preferential voting.

I do not subscribe to Mr. Wolf submission that only 'remote areas' should be included in these 4 large electorates.

By bringing these electorates into the more populated areas reduces the size of the electorate, while still maintaining the extra allowances for those Members, such as increase electoral allowance, charter rights, and an extra office.

This I believe this reduces the number of remote communities to be serviced by the Member, and thus increases the quality of their representation.

My submission follows this belief by bringing Cook down into the northern suburbs of Cairns, Dalrymple (Traeger) in the coastal areas south of Townsville.

Past redistributions have brought Gregory into Emerald, and Warrego into Roma and Dalby which I agree with.

I am disappointed that the Commission has decided to only have four electorates with the 'Large Area Allowance'.

Just as the Commission said in their Report, there is no legislated requirement to have all electorates within the 10% variance on projected enrolments, there is no legislative requirement as to how many electorates may have the 'Large Area Allowance'.

My 'suggested boundaries' boundaries had five, namely:- Cook, Tablelands, Dalrymple (Traeger), Gregory and Warrego.

In this submission I suggest that Burdekin be increased to over 100,000sqkm so the Member can claim the 'Large Area Electorate' entitlements, such as an extra Office, staff etc.

There are some who participate in this 'Redistribution' process who may contend the number and location of Members Electoral Offices are not within the Commission terms of reference.

I beg to differ.

I believe it fits into the '*community interest*', under Section 46 of the Electoral Act.

When I first became involved in politics, the State Members from country electorates, had a restricted number of plane tickets to attend Parliament.

They were given a 'first class' train ticket, and usually stayed in Brisbane for the whole 'Parliamentary Session'.

They could obtain assistance for their letters from the 'pool of typist' at Parliament House.

Their family was their assistants in their electorate.

Their home was their Office, with constituents visiting their homes for assistance, all hours of the day and night.

During the term 1972-74 State Members of Parliament were given Offices and staff.

Over the years since then the 'Members Office' has become the focal point of contact between the Member and his/her constituents.

The location of the Members Electoral Office has become a contentious issue in some rural electorates, such as Cook, where the Mareeba residents believe, as the largest town in the electorate, the Office should be in Mareeba, however this denies residents coming from the Cape York or the Torres Strait Islands to Cairns, mainly by air, access to the Members Office, as there is limited public transport between Cairns and Mareeba.

From the Parliament's list of Members, it shows the current Member for Cook has offices in Cairns and Mareeba, discarding the long standing practice of having an Office on Thursday Island, thus denying the residents of the Torres Strait the services a Members Office provides.

The Charters Towers Regional Council in its original submission S118 said:-

On behalf of the Charters Towers Regional Council I am suggesting that there is no increase to the size of the Electorate of Traeger as I am concerned that representation for local authorities and constituents in the State electorate of Traeger will decrease.

It also said in SC69 it said:-

As highlighted in submissions S108 and S110, Charters Towers shares a stronger geographic and functional connection with the Burdekin Region.

This proposed change is consistent with the community of interest principles outlined in Section 46 of the Electoral Act, 1992, particularly regarding regional connectivity, economic integration and accessibility. It would ensure the electorate boundaries more accurately reflect the lived experiences of shared interests of the communities they represent.

I wonder if the Charters Towers Regional Council would have enthusiastically endorsed the LNP 'suggestion' if they knew in all probability they would lose their local Member's Electoral Office with such a suggestion.

The current Member for Burdekin has his electoral office in Ayr.

As the 'proposed' electorate still has Ayr and Bowen in it I would doubt it if it would be transferred to Charters Towers.

I contend, on the 'proposed' boundaries, the Charters Towers Regional Council has kicked an 'own goal' with regard to *accessibility by the community* to their local Member's Electoral Office.

I note that from the Parliament's list of Members, two electorates with less than 100,000sqkm have two electorate offices, with one designated as 'Private Electoral Office'.

I have difficulties with 'Private Electoral Offices'.

Who finances such offices?

Is the whole cost coming from the Member's electoral allowance and salary, or is it being 'sponsored' by a third party.

Is any of the resources, staff, equipment etc. allocated to the principal office being used in the 'Private Electoral Office'?

Is market rent rates being paid for the building?

I believe if the electorate is that large, but below the 100,000sqkm threshold, that the Member needs a second Office it should be at the Parliament's expense.

This avoids any of the issues raised above.

I accept that the location and operation of the local Member's Electoral Office is not within the Commission terms of reference, however the size and location of the electorate are.

On page 112 of the Commission's Report it states:-

Ultimately, the Commission considered that it was in the overall public interest to retain the existing 4 large districts, noting the significant challengers of regional representation in Queensland which were raised in several public submissions.

The Commission considered sufficient elector population exists to retain these large districts and aimed to limit both the encroachment of these districts into coastal regions, and constrain their geographical expansion to the extend possible.

What is wrong with bringing these large electorates into coastal regions?

It usually brings a population density not available in the vast rural areas, thus reducing the size of the electorate.

The Douglas Shire has been in the electorate of Cook since the EARC redistribution in the early 1990's.

Part of the northern beaches of Cairns was in Cook between the 1999 and 2009 Redistributions, and prior to the 1972 redistribution Cook went as far south to Edmonton.

I 'suggested' part of the Northern Beaches of Cairns be included in Cook at this redistribution.

Also on Page 112 of the Commission's Report states:-

The Commission noted submissions from the Burke and Etheridge Shire Councils (CS457 and CS463) supporting the retention of an east-west alignment for Flinders, uniting the local government areas of the Gulf region which are connected via the Savannah Way corridor to the Tablelands

They did **not say this**.

The Burke Shire Council says on Page 2 of their submission (CS457):-

Council proposed in its submission to the 2017 Redistribution Review, that the Gulf Shires of Doomadgee, Morington, Burke, Carpentaria (excluding the portion contained in Cook) Croydon, and Etheridge would be better served by being a part of the newly formed electorate of Hill.

Given the experience as part of the expanded Traeger electorate for the past eight years, it is still of that view.

The Etheridge Shire in their Submission (SC463) said:-

In Etheridge's context, the Savannah Way provides the primary East-West corridor linking communities to regional service centres and economic hubs.

Council proposes that the Gulf Shires- including Burke, Morington, Doomadgee, Carpentaria (excluding the portion in

Cook) Croydon and Etheridge, be included in an electorate aligned with the East-West polarity.

Factors supporting this recommendation include regional freight, logistics, and transport services for the Gulf Shires primarily operate along the Savannah Way corridor to the Tablelands and Far North Queensland Coast.

The above submissions, I believe, clearly indicate that the East-West corridor they refer to is from the Atherton Tableland and **not Flinders, not Mount Isa, and not the Flinders Highway**, as the Commission claimed in their Report.

My 'suggestion' concurred with their submissions to have the Gulf Shires in an electorate emanating from the Atherton Tableland.

Later in this submission I will suggest changes to the proposed electorate of Flinders which may help address their concerns of being a Mount Isa and Northern Highlands dominated electorate.

In my submission of 22nd September which was not accepted by the Commission, I stated:-

Zoning the State

Mr, Bill Bates, President of Rexit Australia Inc (Regional Exit Australia) in his submission of 3rd August, 2025, tilted REXIT Submission No. 4 for QRC 2025 Electoral Boundary Review-

Electoral Areas and Quotas discusses ECQ Electoral Area designations and calls for the state to be divided into 3 designated Zones with a their own quota and not create any electorates that cross Electoral Areas.

I am totally opposed to this concept of having areas or zones within the State which dictate the boundaries of certain electorates.

This going back to the zonal system introduced by the Hanlon Government in 1949 and perfected by Jo Bjelke-Petersen in the 1970's in what Mr Bates refers to as a 'Bjeklemander'

I believe there should be only one restriction, in relation to geography, for the Redistribution Commissioners to dealt with i.e. the borders of the State.

It is my belief that the Redistribution Commission has grouped electorates together so that the general public has an idea whereabouts in the State each electorate is located, nothing more, nothing less.

This is of utmost importance since the last redistribution moved away from naming electorates from places, regions or geographic features to names of people.

I believe these groupings have no bearing on where the boundaries are drawn, as they are not included as matters the Commissioners must consider, as well as keeping within the 10% variance, as set out in Section 46 of the Electoral Act.

While I stand by what I stated above I do believe the grouping by the Commission of Mackay north as 'North Queensland' disadvantages Far North Queensland when it comes to electorate sizes (in population) and growth patterns, used by the Commission to determine which seat/s should be abolished.

Far North Queensland is taken as the Cardwell Range north to the PNG boarder and west to to the NT border, including the Gulf shires mentioned earlier in this submission.

It includes all the ABS SA4, Cairns, plus part of the ABS SA4, Queensland Outback.

There are 203,865 current voters in FNQ plus 6,295 Notional Votes which gives a total of 210,160 and with a quota of 40,188, equates to 5 electorates and a surplus of 9,210, yet the Commission only sees fit to give us 4 ‘stand alone’ electorates when we are entitled to 5.

Why?

Is it because the LNP wants to ‘get rid of a KAP’ seat?

On projected enrolments there are 218,380 actual voters plus 6,295 Notional Votes which gives us a total of 224,675, with a quota of 44,679 which equates to 5 electorates and a surplus of 1,284.

The ‘stand alone’ electorates are, Cook, Barron River, and Mulgrave, with two part electorates, Flinders and Hinchinbrook.

North Queensland is referred to as the area south of the Cardwell Range to the Burdekin Shire and west to the boarder including Mount Isa.

It includes all the ABS SA4, Townsville, and part of the SA4, Queensland Outback.

There are 189,637 current voters in North Queensland plus 10,438 Notional Votes which gives a total of 200,075 and with a quota of 40,188, equates to 5 electorates and a deficit of 869.

The Commission has proposed 3 ‘stand alone’ electorates, Townsville, Thuringowa, and Mundingburra, with 3 part electorates Hinchinbrook, Burdekin and Flinders.

On projected enrolments there are 204,869 actual voters plus 6,295 Notional Votes which gives us a total of 215,305, with a quota of 44,679 which equates to 5 electorates and a deficit of 8,090.

The **Mackay** Region is generally referred as the Whitsunday, Mackay and Isaac Local Authority areas.

It includes all the ABS SA4, Mackay-Isaac-Whitsunday.

There are 125,063 current voters in the Mackay Region and with a quota of 40,188, equates to 3 electorates and a surplus of 4,499.

The Commission has proposed 2 ‘stand alone’ electorates, Mackay and Whitsunday, and 3 part electorates, Burdekin, Mirani, and Gregory.

On projected enrolments there are 134,805 actual voters, with a quota of 44,679 which equates to 3 electorates and a surplus of 759.

Central Queensland is usually referred to as from the area from the Livingstone Local Authority, in the north, to the Gladstone Local Authority, in the south, and west to the boarder.

It includes all the ABS SA4, Central Queensland, and part of the SA4, Queensland Outback.

There are 176,074 current voters in Central Queensland plus 7,174 Notional Votes which gives a total of 183,258 and with a quota of 40,188, equates to 4 electorates and a surplus of 22,506.

The Commission has proposed 3 ‘stand alone’ electorates, Keppel, Rockhampton and Gladstone and 4 part electorates, Mirani, Callide, Warrego and Gregory.

On projected enrolments there are 188,275 actual voters plus 7,184 Notional Votes which gives us a total of 195,459, with a quota of 44,679 which equates to 4 electorates and a surplus of 16,743.

The Wide Bay- Burnett Region is usually taken as the Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, Gympie, North & South Burnett Local Authority areas.

It includes all the ABS SA4, Wide Bay.

There are 250,267 current voters in the Wide Bay-Burnett Region and with a quota of 40,188, equates to 6 electorates and a surplus of 9,139.

The Commission has proposed 5 ‘stand alone’ electorates, Bundaberg, Burnett, Hervey Bay, Maryborough and Gympie and 2 part electorates, Callide and Nanango.

On projected enrolments there are 265,921 actual voters, with a quota of 44,679 which equates to 6 electorates and a deficit of 2,153.

South West Queensland, I believe this consists of the area west of the Toowoomba Range, traversing South and West to the boarder.

It includes all the ABS SA4, Darling Downs-Maranoa, and parts of the Toowoomba (all except the Lockyer-West & Gatton SA2’s) and parts of Queensland Outback.

There are 208,414 current voters in south West Queensland plus 4,591 Notional Votes which gives a total of 213,005 and with a

quota of 40,188, equates to 5 electorates and a surplus of 12,065.

The Commission has proposed 4 'stand alone' electorates, Toowoomba North & South, Condamine and Southern Downs, and 3 part electorates, Callide, Nanango and Warrego.

My comparison of various areas in Country Queensland, (attached) using the Commissions proposed electorates shows that the largest electorates (in population) are in Far North Queensland followed by the three Townsville electorates.

Far North Queensland electorates on average are 2,033 voters more than the State average.

On projected voters they are 958 larger than the State average.

That means that the six electorates north of Townsville is over 12,000 voters in excess of the State average.

That means that those living in this area is being denied nearly a third of an electorate by the Commission after accepting the LNP's 'suggestion' to abolish one of Far North Queensland's electorates.

It seems the Commission believes the further away from the Capital the larger (in population) the electorates should be, or is it they were just following the LNP request to abolish a KAP electorate, and that just happens to be in Far North Queensland.

Either way, I believe this in-balance is unacceptable, and I call upon the Commission to rectify it before the final boundaries are proclaimed.

Further on, in this submission, I will suggest changes to the proposed electorates, while not eliminating this in-balance, I

believe will improve the situation and make the electorates more 'workable'.

Atherton Tableland

In my submission of 22nd September which was not accepted by the Commission, I stated:-

The LNP and its predecessors the Country Party and the National Party have treated the residents of the Atherton Tablelands with disdain ever since Eddie Wallis-Smith defeated Tom Gilmore (Snr) in 1963, in the electorate called 'Tablelands', and held onto it in 1966 and 1969. Their attitude has been 'it should be our seat' and seeing isn't, 'lets abolish it'.

This occurred in the 1971 Redistribution, not by the Electoral Commissioners, but by the Bjelke Petersen Government's Electoral Act which split the then existing electorate in 3 different zones.

Kuranda went into the Cairns area of Provisional Cities Zone.

The Atherton and Herberton Shires went into the Country Zone.

Dimbulah (part of the Mareeba Shire) together with Etheridge, Croydon, Carpentaria and Cook Shires were placed in the Western and Northern Zone.

The indigenous communities of Kowyama and Pormpuraaw, which were in the then existing electorate of Tablelands, were included into the Northern and Western Zone.

This zonal breakup of the electorate resulted in:-

Atherton Shire going into Mulgrave.

Herberton Shire going into Mourilyan

Mareeba and Kuranda going into Barron River

Those communities placed in the Northern and Western Zone went into Cook.

In 1985 when Jo Bjelke-Petersen's National Party Government had only a one seat majority they increased the size of the Parliament to 89 members to try and sure up their majority at the 1986 election.

The electorate of Tablelands was recreated, taking in Mareeba and Kuranda from Barron River, and the Atherton Shire from Mulgrave.

Tom Gilmore (Jnr) won the electorate for the National Party and held it until the 'rise of One Nation' at the 1998 State Election.

Shaun Nelson won the electorate for the One Nation Party at that election.

During the term Mr. Nelson left the One Nation Party and contested the electorate at the 2001 elections as an Independent, which he lost to One Nations' Rosa Lee Long.

The next Redistribution after Ms Lee Long election, occurred prior to the 2009 election, where the National Party convinced the Redistribution Commission to abolish the electorate of Tablelands and place Mareeba into Cook and the rest of the Tablelands, including Dimbulah, into a new electorate called Dalrymple with Charters Towers and the Central Queensland mining town of Moranbah.

The sitting LNP member for Charters Towers, Shane Knuth, won the new electorate from Ms Lee Long and the Atherton Tableland was 'back in the LNP's stable', but not for long.

In October, 2011, Mr Knuth resigned from the LNP and joined the KAP.

He held the electorate for the KAP at the 2015 election.

So now comes the 2017 redistribution.

The LNP suggest abolishing Mr Knuth's electorate and creating a new electorate called Palmerston, which included the Atherton Tableland and the coastal area from Babinda to just south of Tully.

Remember Mr Knuth originally won the electorate of Charters Towers and probably lived in Charters Towers.

Charters Towers would be no longer be in the electorate if the the Redistribution Commission accepted their 'suggestion'.

The Redistribution Commission basically accepted the LNP 'suggestion' and called the electorate Hill.

Mr Knuth contested the electorate of Hill and won, holding it at the 2020 and 2024 elections.

Now comes this redistribution and the LNP, not being able to win the electorate containing the Atherton Tableland, have decided 'if you can win it abolish it'.

They have 'suggested' to the Commission, further splitting the Atherton Tableland with Atherton, Tolga, Herberton and Ravenshoe be placed in the Mount Isa based electorate of Traeger and Malanda and Millaa Millaa in the coastal electorate of Hinchinbrook which currently extends from just South of Tully to the Northern outskirts of Townsville.

The LNP's submission makes no mention of Dimbulah.

Where do they intend that town to go?

The LNP submission says Abolish Hill- The Atherton Tablelands communities are better represented when split along their natural economic gravity: the inland agricultural towns (Herberton, Ravenshoe, Atherton and Tolga) gravitate towards the south west, while the coastal rainforest towns (Malanda, Millaa Millaa) look east to Cairns.

What rot!

Atherton, Tolga, Herberton don't look towards Mount Isa 1,124 kms and 12 hours 28 minutes away (according to Google maps).

They are the same as the rest of the Tableland, look to Cairns 80km and 1hr 25m away (according to Google Maps) away on the coast is where they go to for goods and services not available on the Tableland.

*Malanda and Millaa are **not coastal towns.***

They are a part of the Atherton Tableland, with Atherton being their first 'port of call' for goods and services, then Cairns.

Similar primary production is carried on whether it is in Malanda or Atherton or Tolga.

I know, I owned a business in the area some time back.

The LNP further in the submission states:- Abolishing Hill enables surrounding seats to regain quota without fragmenting these Tablelands linkages and avoids a cascade of disruptive adjustments throughout Northern Queensland.

The LNP is fragmenting the Tablelands by suggesting the furthering splitting of the area.

It is split three ways now, if you include Kuranda, which is in the Mareeba Shire, but has close connections to the northern suburbs of Cairns.

Mareeba is in Cook, and the rest is in Hill.

Now they want to cast Atherton, Tolga, Herberton and Ravenshoe off to Mount Isa and Malanda and Millaa Millaa off to Ingham.

The only winners out of the LNP 'suggestion' is the LNP.

By abolishing an electorate which they believe they should hold, but they can't, and at the same time protecting one of their seats further south which on the numbers should be abolished they are 'killing two birds with the one stone'.

While I has suggested changes to the six northern electorates (including Hinchinbrook) none should be abolished.

The total enrolment and projected enrolment of the six electorates north of Townsville is such that all six can be maintained.

The same cannot be said about the electorates south of Townsville.

The residents of the Atherton Tableland deserve better than what the LNP want 'to dish up to them'.

I invite the Commissioners to come to the Far North and have public hearings to listen to what the locals think of the LNP's proposal to 'abolish one of their seats'.

What I said above still applies, however the Commission said on Page 22:-

The coastal portion of the existing Hill district does not hold a strong community of interest with its western bulk.

I totally agree, but who made it like that?

The 2017 Redistribution Commission, at the instigation of the LNP.

They thought they could get rid of the KAP member that way, but it failed, so this time there having another go, abolish the seat, and reduce Far North Queensland's representation, and the Commission decided to 'go along' with their desire.

Six electorates north of Townsville:-

In my submission of 22nd September which was not accepted by the Commission, I stated:-

On the current enrolments and projected enrolments I believe all six can be maintained, however I do 'suggest' that there be changes to better comply with Section 46 of the Electoral Act.

Also by bringing Hinchinbrook north it allows Townsville to maintain its three electorates as most of the new housing developments in the Townsville area has occurred outside those three electorates, either to the north (Bushland Beach) north west (Bohle Plains/Alice River) or the south (Stuart)

I suggest that the Redistribution Commission determine boundaries for the six Northern electorates similar to those the 1998/1999 Electoral Commission decided on, subject to changes necessary to meet the requirements of the Electoral Act with regard to the quota and the allowable variance.

I note the Commission have not followed 'my suggestion' to maintain six 'stand alone' electorates north of Townsville.

In doing so they have coupled areas around the town of Atherton (but not Atherton itself) with Mount Isa some 1,124 kms and 12 hours 28 minutes away (according to Google maps).

Where is the community of interest between parts of the Atherton Tableland and Mount Isa?

There is none, as was pointed out by local authorities in the area, including two (Burke and Etheridge) which are currently represented by a Mount Isa based Member.

Also, as I pointed out above, with the electorates north of Townsville, on average, being in excess of 2,000 voters above the quota, the Commission appears to have 'scrambled' to find enough electors 'to make up' some of the southern rural electorates, in particular:-

- Mirani, traditionally a Mackay based electorate is proposed to go into the Banana Shire, some 416km away, and 4 hours 34 minutes travel time (according to Google Maps)
- Tambo, a part of the Central Queensland Shire of Backall-Tambo, being proposed to go in the South Western electorate of Warrego based on Dalby 654km away, and 6 hours 54 minute travel time (according to Google Maps)
- The proposed electorate of Callide, stretches from the coast at Seventeen Seventy (Gladstone Local Authority) down to of Kilkivan (Gympie Local Authority), west to Miles (Western Downs Local Authority) and north to the Banana and North Burnett Local Authorities.

The distance from Seventeen Seventy to Miles through Biloela is 548km taking 5 hours 56 minutes (according to google Maps)

Where is the community of interest in some of these electorates?

I do not believe that there is any.

I contend that if the Commission had abolished one of the electorates south of Townsville, the remaining electorates could have contracted, in area, and produced electorates that would be much more 'serviceable', thus benefiting both the Member and his/her constituents.

Electorates I suggest changes to the Commission Proposed boundaries.

Cook

As I said in my submission of 22nd September which was not accepted by the Commission:-

I believe what the Redistribution Commission decides as to the composition of the electorate of Cook will have a 'flow on' effect right down to Townsville, and possibly further south and west to the Northern Territory border.

I believe this still to be the case.

By retaining Mareeba in the electorate of Cook and not following my 'suggestion' to bring it into the Northern Beaches of Cairns has created 'flow on effects' within rural electorates throughout Queensland.

That said, I accept that Mareeba is to here to remain in the electorate of Cook, at this redistribution, however I have some quires and suggestions:-

- Why was SA1 3060 5117009 (198 current, 260 projected, & 29.30324 sqkms) and SA1 3060 5117017 (491 current, 512 projected & 5.240257 sqkms) transferred from the existing electorate of Cook to the proposed electorate of Flinders?

SA1 3060 5117009 includes the Mareeba Airport and both SA1's are within the Mareeba SA2 (Mareeba township).

Over the years the Mareeba Shire Council have put a lot of time and resources into developing Mareeba Airport as a light aircraft hub, for maintenance etc.

The Commission on Page 100 of the Report says in relation to Rockhampton:-

The Commission noted that the Rockhampton airport is currently split between the Rockhampton and Mirani districts, and the proposed inclusion of Pink Lily means the whole airport is now within the Rockhampton electorate.

Here you, the Commission, are claiming that the Rockhampton Airport, being split between two electorates, is the grounds for putting Pink Lily into the electorate of Rockhampton, however at the same time, you, the Commission, is removing vital infrastructure from the electorate where the rest of the town is proposed to be in, Mareeba.

No reason was given by you, the Commission, for the transfer.

What was the reason?

I lodge an 'objection' to this transfer and request that the above mentioned SA1's be returned to the Cook electorate.

- Why was the localities of Arriga and Chewko transferred to the proposed electorate of Flinders when Glen Russell remained in the proposed Cook electorate?

All three localities are part of SA1 3150 1140009 with a total current enrolment of 206, a projected enrolment of 175, and an area of 371.3273 sqkm.

I lodge an 'objection' to this arrangement and request that the three localities be united in the electorate of Cook.

The attached tables show that the above changes can be made and still keep the electorate within the 10% variance on current enrolments.

- What was the purpose of altering the boundary on the Western Cape by including the balance Yagoonya and Maramie in Cook?

To add Notional Votes to Flinders?

While I am not lodging an 'objection' to the transfer, I believe those areas could be returned to Flinders, if it necessary, to accommodate the three SA1's in the electorate of Cook as I have requested above.

- Kuranda:- On two occasions the Federal Redistribution Committee has proposed to transfer Kuranda to the Federal Division of Kennedy from the Division of Leichhardt.

On both occasions the 'locals have objected' and the

Augmented Commission have overturned the original proposal and kept Kuranda in the Cairns based electorate of Leichhardt.

I am not 'objecting' to the transfer, but would not be surprised if you do receive some from the 'Kuranda locals'.

Burdekin

I discuss the proposed electorate of Burdekin next, as what the Commission determines in regard to this electorate, will have an effect on the location, compatible 'community of interest', and serviceability of the electorates to the north, namely, Flinders, Mulgrave and to an extent Hinchinbrook.

I suggest to the Commission they:-

- Increase the proposed electorate from 88,254sqkm to 119,024sqkm.

This will allow the electorate to claim 'large area' status, including extra staff and an extra Member's Office.

Charters Towers will probably then be able to keep their Members Office which they currently have, as the Member for Traeger's second Office.

It will also allow the proposed Electorate of Flinders to include more of the Atherton Tableland than is currently proposed.

This increase in area will be achieved by:-

- (a) Returning SA1 3180 1146310 (Greenvale and Valley of Lagoons) to the proposed electorate.

This area is a part of the Charters Towers Regional Council and has Charters Towers as its main service centre.

Why was it excluded in the Commissions proposed electorate of Burdekin?

To keep the proposed electorate under the 100,000sqkm?

- (b) Include the Northern Highlands SA2, that is the Flinders, Richmond and McKinlay Shires, in the proposed electorate.

It is noted that the Mayor of the Flinders Shire was reported in the press as not being impressed by the new proposed electorate being called 'Flinders', so one could assume that she would not be that upset if the Flinders Shire was coupled to Charters Towers in the proposed electorate of Burdekin, especially if it meant keeping a Members Office in the area at Charters Towers.

- (c) Transfer part of the Collinsville SA2, which includes the localities of Collinsville, Scottville, Mount Coolan, Springlands and Bogie to the proposed electorate of Mirani.

The propose boundary would follow the existing Federal boundary between the electorates of Dawson and Capricornia, along the Clarke Range.

These changes would help rectify the enrolment in-balance between Far North Queensland and the remainder of the State.

Flinders

While I would prefer an electorate based on the Atherton Tableland I believe with my suggested changes it will make the electorate 'more serviceable', to the benefit of both the Member and the constituents.

Suggested changes:-

- Transfer the Northern Highlands SA2 (Flinders, Richmond, and McKinlay Shires) to the proposed electorate of Burdekin. (as discussed in Burdekin)
- Transfer SA1 3180 1146310 (Greenvale and Valley of Lagoons) to the proposed electorate of Burdekin (as discussed in Burdekin)

- Transfer to Cook (as discussed in Cook)

SA1 3060 5117009 (Mareeba Airport),
 SA1 3060 5117017 (Mareeba)
 SA1 3150 114009 (Part)(Arriga & Chewko)
 and possibly the part of Yagoonya & Maramie
 proposed to be transferred to Cook)

- Transfer to Hinchinbrook a part of the SA2 Malanda-Yungaburra including the localities of Millaa Millaa, Tarzali, Middlebrook, Mungalli, Maalan, Minbun, Moregatta and Jagan.

Malanda-Yungaburra SA2 has too large an enrolment to fit all into my suggested electorate of Flinders.

I have suggested this area be transferred to Hinchinbrook due to its proximity to Innisfail via the Palmerston Highway.

This Highway is the only B-Double route from the Far North Queensland Coast to the Atherton Tablelands.

The others, Gillies, Kennedy (Kuranda), and the Rex are all unsuitable for B-Doubles.

- Transfer to the electorate from the proposed electorate of Mulgrave:-

(a) SA2, Atherton (Part)

The part of the SA2 which is proposed to be the Mulgrave electorate.

(b) SA2 Malanda-Yungaburra (Part).

The part of the SA2 which is proposed to be the Mulgrave electorate.

These suggested changes have the effect of making the electorate more 'compact' with two distinct areas, Mount Isa and surrounds (including Cloncurry) and the Atherton Tableland joined by the Savannah Way to the Gulf Shires.

This may overcome some of the Concerns raised by the Burke and Etheridge Shires in 'Comments on Suggestions'.

The Commission's proposed electorate leaves the business and service centre of the Atherton Tableland, i.e. Town of Atherton, out 'in the cold'.

As the proposed electorate stands at the moment the Tableland section of the electorate 'has no heart'.

It's like putting the CBD of Cairns in Mulgrave (via Trinity Inlet) but having the surrounding suburbs in Cairns.

It just would not make sense.

The same applies to the southern part of the Atherton Tableland, an electorate with Herberton and Malanda and no Atherton 'makes no sense'.

On page 109 of the Report, the Commission says:-

The Commission noted the suggestion from the Tablelands Regional Council (Cs427) to include the entire local government area within Mulgrave should the district of Hill not be retained.

The Tableland Regional Council said in its Submission CS427:-

*Our clear preference is for the seat of Hill to be retained. If this is not possible, then our firmly held view is that the community's interest are best served if the whole of the TRC local government area is placed within Mulgrave, **not divided between Mulgrave and Traeger.***

I believe their issue is quite clear.

They did not be divided between Mulgrave and Traeger.

I wonder if the Mayor, Rod Marti, and his Council really thought through being a part of the electorate of Mulgrave.

Atherton would probably lose its Members Office as the Member for Mulgrave would be only entitled to one, which is currently in Gordonvale.

I would doubt if any Member for Mulgrave would shift his Office to Atherton on the proposed boundaries.

The majority of the electorate is still on the coast with a little bit 'tacked on' from the Tablelands.

The electorate of Mulgrave is vastly different from the one in which Atherton was in, prior to the 1986 Redistribution.

Atherton and the Eacham Shire was the largest part (population wise) of the electorate with Gordonvale and Babinda, two reasonably small sugar towns on the coast.

‘Urban sprawl’ has occupied most of the land between Gordonvale and Cairns, and therefore the population has increased to such an extent that on the ‘proposed boundaries the ‘numbers’ and therefore the ‘influence rest on the coast’.

I would suggest to the Tableland Regional Council that they support suggestions such as mine to try and have as much of the Tableland Regional Council area in the new electorate of Flinders as possible, so they can increase ‘equity’ in the electorate and therefore influence.

As the proposed electorate stands, with no Atherton in it, there are two distinct areas, the old Herberton Shire, and most of the old Eacham Shire without any ‘uniting centre’ and as such Mount Isa will be the dominate City in the proposed electorate.

I believe it is essential for Atherton to be in the proposed electorate, even if the total area I have suggested cannot be, because of what I believe is the Commission ‘obsession’ of keeping the Large Area Electorates to four.

I believe that any excess areas from what what I have suggested should be placed in Hinchinbrook as suggested by the LNP in their original ‘suggestion’.

Has the LNP’s position on this surplus area going in Hinchinbrook changed since they won the by-election?

I await their reply in ‘Comments on Objections’

The reason I believe that any area which can be fitted into Flinders should be placed in the electorate of Hinchinbrook and not Mulgrave is the 'line of travel' from the coast is far more favourable via the Palmerston Highway than the Gillies, so there is greater connectivity with the movement of produce to and from the Tablelands, via Innisfail.

B-doubles can use the Palmerston, but not the Gillies.

Any in-balance between Mulgrave and Hinchinbrook, because more of the Tableland has to be put in Hinchibtook than I have 'suggested', can be adjusted in Innisfail, where I have suggested only a small area north and east of the Johnstone River be included in Mulgrave.

Name Change:- If my 'suggestion' to remove the Flinders Shire from the proposed electorate is accepted by the Commission, I believe the proposed electorate will require a 'name change;.

I suggest it be called 'Savannah' as a large part of the electorate will be 'savannah country;'

Mulgrave

Suggested Changes to the Commission's proposed electorate:-

- Transfer the Atherton SA2 (the part proposed to be in Mulgrave) to Flinders. (as discussed in Flinders)

Transfer the part of the Malanda-Yungaburra SA2 proposed to be in Mulgrave to Flinders. (as discussed in Flinders)

Transfer the Babinda SA2 to Mulgrave.

The Commission in its Report on Page 108 says:-

Submissions including S69, S87, S102, S103, and S111, suggests Babinda be included Mulgrave, but this community is proposed to be included in Hinchinbrook, noting the district unites the local government area and coastal communities.

What rot!

Babinda has **no ties** with Ingham, the seat of influence within the Hinchinbrook Electorate.

After the 2017 Redistribution was the first time I can find that Gordonvale and Babinda was not in the same State Electorate, going back to when Mr Gillies was the local Member and Premier.

Babinda, Division 3, and Gordonvale Division 2, were the mainstays of the Mulgrave Shire Council until the ‘population explosion’ on the Northern Beaches, and the ‘urban sprawl’ south of Cairns which lead to the amalgamation with the Cairns City in 1995.

The residents of Babinda made their desires clear in the ‘Suggestions’ phase and I am sure the they will again in the ‘objection’ phase.

The LNP supported the Babinda people in their request to be in the electorate of Mulgrave.

This was one of the few ‘suggestions’ that the Commission did ‘go along’ with LNP.

Has the LNP position changed since winning the by-election in Hinchinbrook?

I await their reply in ‘Comments on Objections’

The local press has reported the Cairns Regional Council is lodging an ‘objection’ in support of Babinda being located in an electorate within the confines of the Council’s area, which is Mulgrave.

I find it strange if I walked from my home down to the river for a swim (like we used to do as kids), once I swam to the other side I be in an electorate based in Ingham.

How ridiculous!

So is the proposal for the people of Alooomba, just over the river, to be ‘sent packing’ to Ingham to see their local member, when the Member for Mulgrave Office is in Gordonvale.

- Transfer a portion of the Innisfail SA2 to Mulgrave to ‘balance the numbers’ with Hinchinbrook.

From at least the 1949 Redistribution up until the 2017 Redistribution, Flying Fish Point was always in the electorate of Mulgrave.

Other parts of the Innisfail SA2 I have suggested be transferred to the electorate of Mulgrave have been in Mulgrave at various times.

I note the Mayor of the Cassowary Coast Regional Council Teresa Millwood made a private submission, (CS284) as well as the Cassowary Coast Regional Council.

Ms Millwood says:- *I am writing to suggest that if the seat of Hill is to be lost that the Cassowary Coast Region should be redistributed to the north and joined Mulgrave.*

The Council’s position was that they wanted wanted to retain Hill and any changes ‘*respect physical geography,*

communities of interest, and local government boundaries’.

From Ms Millwood’s and the Council’s submission I believe it is appropriate for a part of the Innisfail SA2 to be in Mulgrave as long as follows *physical geography*.

My ‘Objection’ does just that following the North Johnstone and the Johnstone to the mouth at Flying Fish Point.

Interruption:-

As it is late on the night of Monday, 6th April, 2026, I have decided to interrupt my submission on ‘Objections’ so I can forward what have done so far by Australia Post express mail in hope that it arrives by Thursday, 9th April, 2026, if this email ‘goes not go through’.

I enclose attachments which form a part of this ‘Objection’.

I will continue my ‘Objection’ during the week and trust that they will arrived in time for the Redistribution to consider them.

Yours faithfully

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Wednesday, 8th April, 2026

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Dear Secretary,

Part 2

This is the second part of my submission.

I acknowledge receipt by the QRC of Part 1 (with attachments) of my submission to 'Objections' to the proposed Queensland State electoral boundaries.

I request that this part be added to the first part (O-00571).

Hinchinbrook

Suggested changes to proposed electorate:-

- Transfer to the following SA2's to Mulgrave
 - (a) Babinda (as discussed in Mulgrave)
 - (b) Innisfail (Part)

The area involved is North and East of the North Johnstone/Johnstone Rivers and includes the localities of Flying Fish Point, Innisfail Estate, Eaton and Coconuts.

I have discussed the reasons for this 'suggested' transfer in Mulgrave.

- Transfer part of the Malanda-Yungaburra SA2 from the proposed electorate of Flinders to Hinchinbrook,

The localities include Millaa Millaa, Tarzali, Middlebrook, Mungail, Maalan and Minbun.

I have discussed the reasons for this 'suggestion' in Flinders.

Name Change

As the Commission's proposed boundaries substantially alter the composition of the electorate, taking much of the abolished electorate of Hill, I consider a name change would be appropriate.

Names that come to mind that may be suitable include:-

Wallaman (Wallaman Falls accessed from Ingham)

Mount Tyson (Mountain behind the town of Tully)

Palmerston (Palmerston Highway and also a locality within my suggested electorate on the Atherton Tablelands)

Cairns

The only suggested change to the proposed boundaries for electorate of Cairns is to transfer that part of the suburb of White Rock, the Commission proposes be included in the electorate of Cairns, back to the electorate of Mulgrave.

The proposed electorate of Cairns is towards the upper upper limit of variance and can allow those 1,607 current (1,821 projected) voters to be returned to Mulgrave and keeping the whole suburb in one electorate.

I believe this proposed transfer (part of White Rock to Cairns) was a part of Commission's 'juggling act' to keep all the Far North Queensland electorates under the maximum variance as a result of the Commission's decision to accept the LNP's 'suggestion' to abolish the electorate of Hill, instead of one of the electorates south of Townsville where the enrolment figures indicate that an electorate should have been abolished.

Rockhampton

The only suggested change to the proposed boundaries for electorate of Rockhampton is to transfer the locality of Pink Lily to electorate of Pink Lily.

The Commission on Page 100 of its Report says:-

The Commission noted that the Rockhampton airport is currently split between the Rockhampton and Mirani districts, and the proposed inclusion of Pink Lily means the whole airport is now within the Rockhampton district.

Is putting the Rockhampton Airport within the proposed electorate of Rockhampton the real reason for proposing that Pink Lily be located in the electorate of Rockhampton?

I note that LNP 'suggested' that Pink Lily be included in the Rockhampton electorate.

Is the LNP that worried about retaining the electorate of Rockhampton at the next election they believe that the 162 votes in Pink Lily will make the difference of winning or losing the electorate?

I have looked at a UBD directory at the time that the Fitzroy Shire Council was in existence.

It shows the Fitzroy/Rockhampton Local Authority boundary as Lion Creek, with one of the runways crossing the Creek in the then Fitzroy Shire, however the terminal is in West Rockhampton.

I believe if there was going to be a conflict over this (covering two local authority areas) it would be more likely at Local Government level than one State Electorate having a small portion of the runway in their electorate.

I note that the Gold Coast Airport transcends two States, Queensland and New South Wales, and the seems to work 'OK'.

There is even legislation which allows New South Wales Taxis to 'pick up' at the Gold coast Airport.

I find if that was the reason to put Pink Lily in the proposed electorate of Rockhampton, why did the Commission exclude

the Mareeba Airport from the proposed electorate of Cook, even though it is part of the town of Mareeba, and is already in the electorate of Cook.

Also the Commission Report states on Page 90, in relation to the electorate of Toowoomba North:-

The Commission also agreed with the sentiment expressed in a large number of public submissions, including from the former Member of Parliament representing the district and current Toowoomba Regional Council councillor, Cr Kerry Shine (CS402), supporting the retention of Highfields and its surrounds in the District.

You did not add that Mr Shine suggested that electorate be called Highfields, and that the southern boundary be moved north out of the CBD.

Mr Shine says on page 3 of his submission:-

It is uncommon and arguably inefficient for an electorate to divide its CBD, as is currently the case with Toowoomba North and Toowoomba South.

The commission elected to take no action on this ‘suggestion’ but chose to propose that Pink Lily be included in the proposed electorate of Rockhampton on the basis that the ‘tail end’ of an Airport runway crosses into that locality.

From what I detailed above I believe there is no basis for the Commission to propose that Pink Lily be transferred to the electorate of Rockhampton ‘on the grounds’ that a part of the runway extends into that locality.

Mirani

As can be from my 'objection' above to Pink Lily being transferred to the proposed electorate Rockhampton I advocate for its retention in the electorate of Mirani.

Mirani has been traditionally a Mackay based electorate including parts of the inland, such as the now abolished Nebo Shire.

The last two redistributions has seen the electorate venture south to include areas around Rockhampton, traditionally in the electorate of Callide.

The proposed redistribution has followed that trend, which I accept, however I 'suggest' the following changes:-

- Transfer Pink Lily back to Mirani from the proposed electorate of Rockhampton, for the reasons I have outlined above.
- Transfer the Collinsville area from the proposed electorate of Burdekin.

While the area is within the Whitsunday Local Authority Area (previously the Bowen Shire), it has links to the coal mines to the south.

The Newlands mine (now closed) was in the Whitsunday Local Authority area, however the town built to service it, Glendon is in the Isaac Local Authority area. The mine and the town servicing it was in two different State Electorates until the 2017 redistribution when they were both in the Burdekin electorate.

Collinsville is now connected by rail to the other coal mines in the area, servicing the Abbott Point coal terminal.

Collinsville is in the Federal Division of Capricornia with Moranbah and the other coal towns, while the rest of the

Whitsunday Local Authority Area is in the electorate of Dawson.

- To allow for the Collinsville to be located in the proposed electorate of Mirani I 'suggest' that that part of the Banana Shire proposed to go into the Mirani electorate remain in the Callide electorate

I believe the Collinsville area is a 'better fit' for the proposed electorate, than extending the proposed electorate past the southern boundary of the Rockhampton Regional Council.

Gregory

I only change I 'suggest' to leave the Tambo area in the electorate of Gregory.

The proposed electorate of Gregory numbers, both current and projected, allow it to remain in the electorate.

This area is a part of the Blackall-Tambo Local Authority area and I believe that Tambo is looked upon as a Central Queensland town.

The distance to the rest of the proposed electorate of Warrego is considerable and I believe its connection with Charleville, Morven or even Augathella would be minimal.

When looking for a reason why the Commission would propose that the Tambo area be transferred to the proposed electorate of Warrego, I noticed the projected enrolment for Warrego without the Tambo area was very close to the minimum variance on projected enrolments, and that may have been the reason for including that area in Warrego.

I believe that there are areas in the proposed electorate of Callide which could be included in the proposed electorate of

Warrego, to bring that projected enrolment up to a satisfactory amount.

I will discuss those areas in Warrego.

The Commission stated in this Report that there is no legislative requirement to have the proposed electorates within the 10% variance on projected enrolments, however I do accept that the intention is to try and achieve this.

Warrego

As stated above I do not believe that the Tambo area should be in the proposed electorate of Warrego.

I suggest that the following SA1's be transferred from the electorate of Callide to the proposed electorate of Warrego.

SA1's	3070117502	Localities of Drillham & Bogandilla
	3070117506	Localities of Gurulmundi & Kowguran
	3070117509	Locality of Grosmont

Drillham is located on the Warrego Highway, while the others are to the north.

I believe these localities would have a closer "community of interest" with the rest of the proposed Warrego electorate than the Tambo area.

Callide

The changes I 'suggest' for the proposed electorate of Callide have already discussed in other proposed electorates, namely:-

- The transfer of those three SA1's described in Warrego to the proposed electorate of Warrego.
- The return to the proposed electorate of the area in the Banana Shire, including Wowan, Dululu, and Goovigen to the proposed electorate of Callide, from the proposed electorate of Mirani.

I believe that the return of those localities in the Banana Shire will compensate for the loss to the proposed electorate of Warrego of those localities in the Western Downs Local Authority area.

That is the extent of my 'objections'.

I do have some queries on other proposed electorates which I will outline below.

Barron River

While I would have liked Cook to 'come down' to within the Northern Beaches of Cairns, I accept that this is not going to happen at the redistribution.

As I said in Cook I would not be surprised if there is 'objections' from the residents of Kuranda, 'objecting' to the proposal to transfer them to the Cook electorate, as while the locality is in the Mareeba Shire it has a close connection with Smithfield and the Northern Beaches of Cairns.

I thank the Commission for getting the islands of the coast of the SA2 Cairns 'right'.

At previous redistributions, both State and Local Authority, the Brisbane based redistribution officials has lumped all the Islands from Hope Island (off the coast from the mouth of the Daintree River) to the Frankland Island Group (off the coast from the mouth of the Russell River) into one electorate/division.

The 2017 Redistribution did this.

Green Island which is off the coast of Cairns was in the proposed electorate of Barron River, even though it was always a part of the Cairns City Council and the Cairns State Electorate.

I 'objected' to it and the others islands being in Barron River.

They were put in their 'correct' electorates before proclamation.

I point out that should the Babinda SA2 be returned to the electorate of Mulgrave, do not to forget the Frankland Group of Islands.

Mulgrave & Hinchinbrook

I have discussed at length previously.

Townsville

I have no issue with the boundaries, however I consider the Commission must have a 'poor' sense of direction when the Report says:-

The Commission proposes significant changes to the district to expand to the west, gaining the growing suburbs of Burdell and Bushland Beach from Hinchinbrook.

Bushland Beach, as the name applies is on the Coast, north of Townsville, and Burdell is adjacent.

A poor sense of direction, or is it that they don't know where they are, once they get out of Brisbane?

Remember that former Premier, Joh Bjelke-Petersen, always reminded us 'that as sure as the sun will rise in the east of a morning', I believe if the Commission is lost once outside Brisbane, just look for the sun in the morning.

Palm Island

The Commission says:-

The district retains Palm Island, which has its primary transport link to central Townsville.

*The Commission gave consideration to whether Palm Island should be included in Townsville or Hinchinbrook, noting the 2017 proposed redistribution included Palm Island in Hinchinbrook but ultimately decided it should remain in Townsville following consideration of objections to the proposal. The Commission also noted the Palm Island **Aboriginal shire Council resolved to lodge an objection** highlighting Palm Island's social, cultural and service connections with Townsville should the Commission propose its transfer to Hinchinbrook. The Commission will consider any submissions received on the matter.*

I would hope that all submissions received on any matter are given **due consideration**, not just those pertaining to Palm Island.

I totally support the view that Palm Island be retained within the electorate of Townsville.

Why was the Commission concerned about an 'objection' from the Palm Island Aboriginal Council should the Commission propose the Island be transferred to the Hinchinbrook?

Has there been ‘outside pressure’ put on the Commission to transfer Palm Island to the electorate of Hinchinbrook, other than what has been in the ‘Suggestions’ and ‘Comments on Suggestions’?

I note that the LNP ‘suggested’ that Palm Island be transferred to Hinchinbrook saying:- *Palm Island is also transferred here, reflecting the ferry service from Lucinda and longstanding cultural ties.*

It just seems odd that ‘so much space’ was given to this issue in the Report.

Thuringowa & Mundingnurra

These two electorates are basically what I suggested and expected.

As stated in my submission the Commission would not accept, I supported the retention of three electorates in Townsville, because there was growth in the area, but it was outside the existing three electorates.

I believe the Commission has addressed that issue by transferring some of the areas in Hinchinbrook to the proposed electorates of Townsville and Thuringowa and adjusting the boundary with Mundingburra accordingly.

Burdekin

While I believe and ‘suggested’ it be abolished I accept it won’t be.

In my submission, that the Commission would not accept I said:-

The difficulty, I see, after the 2024 election the LNP holds every electorate along the coast from Townsville, south to Rockhampton, in the areas the enrolment figures show there is one 'too many' electorates.

They do not want 'to poke the finger' at one of the MLA's and say 'we are recommending that your seat be abolished' thus their 'suggestion' to go as far as Dimbulah and recommend that the existing electorate of Hill, held by the KAP be abolished, even though the enrolment figures show that Far North Queensland ca sustain five electorates, six if you include Hinchinbrook'.

I stand by what I said then, and am disappointed that the Commission 'went along with the LNP' and propose to abolish an electorate in an area where the enrolment figures clearly show the **electorate should not be abolished.**

I have discussed this electorate at length earlier in this submission and have nothing further to add, other than the by 'keeping it', I believe has made the Commission's task of balancing the electorates to the north and south within the quota variances was made 'more difficult'.

Whitsunday and Mackay

Basically I have no issues with the proposed boundaries however there appears, on the maps provided in the Report changes to Mackay-Whitsunday boundary in the vicinity if the

‘Ring Road’, North Coast Rail Line, the rail line to Mackay Harbour and Mackay-Bucasia Road.

Is that correct?

Mirani

While traditionally Mirani has been a Mackay based electorate and I ‘suggested’ that this time, I accept that for this redistribution it, will venture into Central Queensland.

I have discussed the boundaries around Pink Lily and the Banana Shire earlier in this submission.

I support the addition of Nebo, Glendon and Moranbah to the proposed electorate and believe adding the Collinsville area to it is a ‘perfect fit’, and bring the electorate back to more of the traditional South and West of Mackay electorate.

Why the change the boundary in the Shoalwater Bay?

There only 19 current voters and 22 projected voters, in the whole SA1, and area does not come into either electorate.

In relation to the to the Mirani-Keppel boundary, I said in the submission the Commission would not accept:-

The LNP says:- Keppel adds Glenlee and Rockview so that the Bruce Highway becomes the boundary up to the Caves, reflecting shared commuter, schooling and retail patterns between these localities, the Keppel Coast and Rockhampton.

The ALP says:- Should Keppel need to shed excess enrolments, this can be managed by moving the non-urban areas in the north of Keppel into more regional neighbouring electorates.

The LNP submission splits the suburbs of Etna Creek and The Caves by having the boundary as the Bruce Highway, something I would prefer not to do.

I suggest the Commission may consider placing the whole Glenlee-Rockview SA2 in Keppel and shifting the whole Rockhampton Surrounds-North SA2 into my suggested electorate of Callide.

The Glenlee-Rockyview SA2 has a current enrolment of 3,212, and a projected enrolment of 3,668 in the existing electorate of Mirani.

The Rockhampton Surrounds-North SA2 has a current enrolment of 2,834, and a projected enrolment of 2,943 in the existing electorate of Keppel.

This 'swap' would have a 'near neutral effect' on the enrolment and projected enrolments of either electorate and would condense the electorate of Keppel to mainly urban areas.

I believe this is still feasible but the 'swap' would be with Mirani, and not Callide, as stated above.

I believe then the Commission's propose change in the Shoalwater Bay area would then be necessary, otherwise the portion in the existing Keppel 'would become an island'.

Rockhampton

I believe the alteration of the boundary between Rockhampton and Keppel in the suburbs of Frenchville and Koongal is the

‘best option’ to increase the size of the electorate of Rockhampton.

As set out above I oppose the transfer of the locality of Pink Lily from Mirani to Rockhampton on the grounds ‘that an airport runway crosses over the creek into Pink Lily.

Interruption:-

As it is late on the night of Wednesday, 8th April, 2026, I have decided to interrupt my submission on ‘Objections’ so I can try to email what I have done early on Thursday, 9th April, 2026.

On Tuesday, 8th April, 2026 I emailed what I had completed at that time.

It arrived at the ECQ OK, however the staff member could not ‘open’ my submission while I was talking to him.

He suggested it was because I had an old computer.

I hung up, printed my submission, drove 20km to Cairns, posted it by ‘Express Mail’ Australia Post.

When I returned home, I was advised by email that the ECQ had been able to ‘open’ my submission.

So I had a trip to Cairns and the cost of ‘Express Mail’ for nothing, however I appreciate the efforts of the ECQ staff for persisting to try and ‘open’ the submission.

I just hope this email ‘goes through’ Ok.

I will continue my ‘objection’ tomorrow, and hope that email ‘goes through’ before ‘objections’ close.

Yours faithfully

R J Richardson.

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Wednesday, 8th April, 2026

Secretary
Queensland Redistribution Commission
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Dear Secretary,

Part 3

This is the third part of my submission.

I acknowledge receipt by the QRC of Parts 1 (with attachments) and Part 2 of my submission to 'Objections' to the proposed Queensland State electoral boundaries.

I request that this part be added to the other parts (O-00571).

Keppel

I have discussed Keppel in both Rockhampton and Mirani and have no further issues with the proposed electorate.

Gladstone

The Commission says in its Report on Page 99:-

The Commission proposes that Gladstone largely retain its existing boundaries, with minimal changes to gain Calliope and the balance of Benaraby from the Callide district.

I have no issues with the proposed electorate of Gladstone.

Bundaberg

I **congratulate** the Commission for resisting the ‘suggestion’ from the LNP which states:-

The current urban-only footprint, wholly enveloped by Burnett like a doughnut, understates the role of tourism and agriculture in the local economy. Expanding south of the Burnett River to include coastal communities between Burnett River to include coastal communities between Burnett Heads and Elliot Heads brings beaches, resorts and the CBD into one electorate, creating a clearer visitor-economy narrative and allowing Burnett to encompass some urban areas into an otherwise rural electorate.

In my submission which rejected by the Commission I stated:-

Bundaberg has been fully surrounded by the electorate of Burnett since the EARC redistribution of 1991.

Prior to that, partly enclosed by Burnett, and also sharing a border with the now abolished electorate of Isis.

It was based on the Local Government area of the City of Bundaberg.

At the 2007/08 redistribution, the first after the Local Authority amalgamations, I suggested that it no longer be like a 'doughnut' and was ridiculed by the same party or its predecessor, the National Party, for making such a 'suggestion'.

Bundaberg was a safe Labor seat at the time, and they did not want Labor voters in the electorate of Burnett which they lost at 2001 elections, and won back in 2004.

They obviously believe that by seeking to put Bargara-Burnett Heads SA2 in the electorate it would improve their chances of winning the electorate.

Instead of fully enclosing the electorate, the LNP suggestions only encloses about 75%, a big deal.

I believe the LNP's 'suggestion' is all about what they believe they have to do to increase their chances at the next election, and very little about the matters set out in Section 46 of the Electoral Act.

Again **congratulations** for leaving the electorate more or less as it has been since the EARC redistribution of 1991.

The Commission states in its Report under Losses:-

Loses the portion of Woongarra currently in the district to Burnett.

While your map shows the Ring Road as the existing boundary, the ABS maps do not.

Which is correct?

Also why alter an existing boundary?

The whole SA1 3190 1149306 has 556 current, and 625 projected electors, and the part inside the ring Road is only a small portion of the SA1.

A similar situation exists with 3190 114974, Batchlers Road area of Gooburrum

Which is correct?

Also why alter an existing boundary?

A further situation exist where SA1 3190 1149718, suburb of North Bundaberg has been transferred to the proposed electorate of Burnett, without any explanation in the Commissions Report.

The ABS maps shows the SA1 in Bundaberg.

The Commission's map does not.

Which is correct?

There are only 168 current and 164 projected voters in the SA1.

I believe the existing boundary should per-vale.

Burnett

The Commission in its Report states:-

Loses Kensington and Branyan to Bundaberg. Loses all of the Gladstone local government area currently in the district, in addition to the locality of Monduran to Callide

I have reservations about transferring that area of the Gladstone Regional Council area out of Burnett and placing it in the proposed electorate of Callide, as it makes Callide more 'scattered'.

I believe it may have been better to leave this area in Burnett and leaving that part of Burrum-Fraser SA2 which the Commission proposes to transfer to the proposed electorate of Burnett be retained in the electorate of Maryborough, and Callide 'picking up' more of the Maryborough Surrounds-South SA2.

As I stated in the submission which the Commission would not accept:-

My 'suggestion' is to compensate the transfer of 3,816 current voters, and 4,049 projected voters to my suggested electorate of Bundaberg, with 4,462 current voters and 4,540 projected voters from the existing electorate of Callide.

This encompasses transferring that part of the Gin Gin SA2 in the existing electorate of Callide and the North Burnett SA2 (Kalpower & Dalga) to my 'suggested' electorate of Burnett.

They're both in the Bundaberg Regional Council Area.

I have not 'done the numbers' as to how many voters and projected voters the Commission has proposed to be transferred to the proposed electorate of Bundaberg.

This would have a bearing on whether the Gin Gin SA2, and the North Burnett SA2, should be left in Callide or transferred to Burnett.

The coastal portion of the proposed electorate of Callide would be then concentrated in the Maryborough Surrounds-South and the Kilkivan SA2's, especially if the Gin Gin SA2 is absorbed into the Burnett electorate.

Hervey Bay

At this point of time I have no issues with the proposed electorate of Hervey Bay, however will wait until I read other 'objections' before making a 'final comment'.

Maryborough

In my submission that the Commission would not accept I stated:-

From what I have read in the media that Howard and/or Torbanlea has become the 'industrial area' of Maryborough, with train manufacturing occurring there.

If this is the case I believe many of the employees would live in Maryborough and travel out there to work, so there is a connection between those towns and Maryborough.

As such I believe, if possible, they should be in the same electorate.

I still believe that way however, I wait and see what the 'locals' have to say in 'Objections' and the respond in 'Comments on Objections'.

The 'swap' would have to be with the proposed electorate of Callide, in the Maryborough Surrounds-South SA2, including Tiaro, some of which is already proposed by the Commission to go into the proposed electorate of Callide.

This would 'work out' if:-

- (a) that part of the Gladstone Local Authority area that is proposed to go into Callide stays in the existing of Burnett
- (b) that part of the Burrum-Fraser SA2 the Commission proposes to go into the proposed electorate of Burnett, remains in the electorate of Maryborough.
- (c) Some of the Maryborough Surrounds-South SA2 proposed by the Commission to stay in the electorate of Maryborough is transferred to the proposed electorate of Callide.

Closure:

Whatever question further issues I have with the Commission's proposed electorates in rural and regional Queensland I will leave until the next phase 'Comments on Objections'

Yours faithfully

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Suggested Electorate of Cook

Description	Current enrolment as at 30/5/ SA2	Current enrolment as at 30/5/ SA2	Projecte enrolme In 2032 SA2	Projecte enrolme In 2032 SA2	Area in sqkms
QRC proposed Electorate of Cook		43017		45692	188870
Suggested changes to proposed Electorate of Cook					
Additional					
From the existing Electorate of Cook					
Mareeba SA2					
SA1					
3060 5117009 (Mareeba Airport)	198		260		29.30324
3060 5117017	491		512		5.240257
Tablelands SA2					
SA1					
3150 1140009 (Part) (Arriga & Chewko)	206		175		371.3273
Total	895		947		405.870797
2% notional votes	8		8		
Additional electors	903	903	955	955	
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Cook		43920		46647	
Quota		40188		44679	
% of Quota		109.29		104.4	

Notes:-

If the Commission considers that the suggested electorate to too close to the upper limit on current enrolment I suggest it revert to the existing boundaries on the Western Cape in the Localities of Yagoonya & Maramie

Suggested Electorate of Flinders

Description	Current enrolment as at 30/5/SA2	Current enrolment as at 30/5/SA2	Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2	Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2	Area in sqkms
QRC proposed Electorate of Flinders		39292		40355	
To other proposed electorates					
To the proposed Electorate of Hinchinbrook					
Malanda-Yungaburra *1	1215		1244		434.366563
To the proposed Electorate of Cook					
Mareeba SA2					
SA1 3060 5117009 (Mareeba Airport)	198		260		29.30324
3060 5117017	491		512		5.240257
Tablelands SA2					
SA1 3150 1140009 (Part) (Arriga & Chewko)	206		175		371.3273
To the proposed Electorate of Burdekin					
Dalrymple (Part) SA1 31801146310 Greenvale/Valley of Lagoons	151		155		10506.61
Northern Highlands	2282		2182		108517.4652
Total to other proposed Electorates	4543		4528		119864.3126

2% Notional Votes	2397		2397	
Total to other proposed QRC electorates	6940	6940	6925	6925
Remainder of the proposed Electorate of Flinders		32352		33430
From other proposed Electorates				
From the proposed Electorate of Mulgrave				
Atherton (Part not in the QRC proposed Electorate of Flinders)	8325		8993	129.82093
Malanda-Yungaburra	2263		2423	395.153209
Total from other proposed QRC electorates to proposed Electorate of Flinders	10588		11416	524.974139
2% Notional Votes	10		10	
Total from other proposed QRC electorates to proposed Electorate of Flinders	10598	10598	11426	11426
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Flinders		42950		44856
Quota		40188		44679
% of Quota		106.87		100.4

Notes:-

*1 Malanda-Yungaburra

SA1 suggested to be
to the electorate of
Hinchinbrook

30505116903		185		
30605116904	188	328		185.836
30605116905	301	296		138.4193
30605116920	304	230		107.1926
30605116922	232	205		1.113805
	190			1.804858
Total		1215	1244	1244
	1215			434.366563

Localities suggested to be transferred to the
Electorate of Hinchinbrook:-

Millaa Millaa, Tarzali,
Middlebrook, Mungalli, Maalan, Minbun,
Moregatta and Jagan.

*2

If the Commission considers that the suggested electorate
of Cook is too close to the upper limit on current
enrolments I suggest it reverts to the existing
boundaries on the Western Cape in the
localities of Yagoonya & Maramie.

Suggested Electorate of Burdekin

Description	Current enrolment as at 30/5/ SA2	Current enrolment as at 30/5/ SA2	Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2	Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2	Area in sqkms
Proposed Electorate of Burdekin		38819		41724	88254
To the Proposed electorate of Mirani					
Collinsville SA2 (Part-west of Clarke Range)*	1642	1642	1559	1559	18260.9477
Remainder for Electorate of Burdekin		37177		40165	69993
From the proposed Electorate of Flinders					
Dalrymple (Part) SA1 31801146310 Greenvale/Valley of Lagoons	151		155		10506.61
Northern Highlands	2282		2182		108517.4652
Total from the proposed Electorate of Flinders	2433	2433	2337	2337	119024.0752
Total suggested Electorate of Burdekin		39610		42502	189017
2% Notional Votes		3780		3780	
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Burdekin		43390		46282	
Quota		40188		44678	
% of Quota		107.97		103.59	

Notes:-

*1

SA1's to be transferred to
the proposed Electorate of
Mirani

31201134991	120	114
31201134002	172	156
31201134003	187	167
31201134004	239	222
31201134005	188	175
31201134006	136	123
31201134007	223	197
31201134008	377	405
Total	1642	1559

The localities are Collinsville, Scottville,
Mount Coolan, Springlands and
Bogie

The suggested boundary follows
the existing Federal
Boundary between
Capricornia and Dawson

Suggested electorate of Mulgrave

Description	<i>Current</i>	<i>Current</i>	<i>Projected</i>	<i>Projected</i>	Area in sqkms
	<i>enrolment</i> <i>as at 30/5/</i>	<i>enrolment</i> <i>as at 30/5/</i>	<i>enrolment</i> <i>In 2032</i>	<i>enrolment</i> <i>In 2032</i>	
	SA2	SA2	SA2	SA2	
QRC proposed					
Electorate of Mulgrave		42285		48388	
Suggested changes to proposed Electorate of Mulgrave					
To the proposed Electorate of Flinders					
Atherton (Part not in the QRC proposed electorate of Flinders	8325		8993		
Malanda-Yungaburra (Part)	2263		2423		
Total to other proposed Electorates	10588	10588	11416	11416	
Remainder of the proposed Electorate of Mulgrave		31697		36972	
From other proposed Electorates					
From the proposed Electorate of Hinchinbrook					
Babinda	3388		3536		
Innisfail (Part)*1	1466		1572		
From the proposed Electorate of Cairns					
White Rock (Part)*2	1607		1821		
Total from other proposed Electorates	6461	6461	6929	6929	
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Mulgrave		38158		43901	

Quota	40188	44678
% of Quota	94.24	98.26

Notes:-

*1 Innisfail SA1's in
the suggested electorate of
Mulgrave

30603115925	311	297
30602115927	125	118
30603115928	282	289
30603115929	179	174
30603115930	351	373
39693115931	43	159
30603115932	175	162
Total	1466	1572

The area is East and North
of Johnstone River and includes
the localities of
Flying Fish Point
Innisfail Estate, Eaton &
Coconuts

*2 White Rock SA1's in the
suggested electorate of
Mulgrave

30602115501	429	538
30602115502	135	161
30602115503	313	330
30602115511	415	463
30602115512	315	329
Total	1607	1821

The area is North of Sheehy Road & is
currently in the existing electorate
of Mulgrave

(Including the part in the existing Mulgrave)	3388		3536	
Innisfail (Part)	4460		4684	
All the SA2 except SA1's 3060				
3115901 entol 289/280				
3115904 enrol 177/199				
3115916 enrol 300/313				
3115917 enrol 303/289				
3115818 enrol 230/228				
3115919 enrol 202/191				
3115920 enrol 163/164				
3115922 enrol 266/268				
3115923 enrol 106/255				
Total		2036/2187		
Suburbs of East & South Innisfail, Webb & Conquette Point bounded by the Johnstone & South Johnstone Rivers				
Total from the proposed QRC electorate of Hinchinbrook	7848	7848	8220	8220
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Hinchinbrook		7848		8220
Quota		40188		44679
% of Quota		97.69		101.15

Suggested Electorate of Hinchinbrook

Description	Current	Current	Projecte	Projecte	Area in
	enrolment as at 30/5/ SA2	enrolment as at 30/5/ SA2	enrolmer In 2032 SA2	enrolmer In 2032 SA2	sqkms
QRC proposed Electorate of Hinchinbrook		42740		46146	
Suggested changes to proposed Electorate of Hinchinbrook					
To the suggested Electorate of Mulgrave					
Babinda	3388		3536		
Innisfail (Part)*1	1466		1572		
Total to the suggested Electorate of Mulgrave	4854	4854	5108	5108	
Remainder Electorate of Hinchinbrook		37886		41038	
From other proposed Electorates					
From the proposed of Flinders					
Malanda-Yungaburra (Pa	1215	1215	1244	1244	
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Hinchinbrook		39101		42282	
Quota		40188		44679	
% of Quota		97.28		94.64	

Notes:-

*1 Innisfail SA1's in
the suggested electorate of
Mulgrave. The remainder in
Hinchinbrook

30603115925	311		297
30602115927	125		118
30603115928	282		289
30603115929	179		174
30603115930	351		373
39693115931	43		159
30603115932	175		162
Total	1466		1572

The area is East and North
of Johnstone River and includes
the localities of
flying Fish Point,
Innisfail Estate, Eaton &
Coconuts

*1 Malanda-Yungaburra

SA1 suggested to be
to the electorate of
Hinchinbrook

30505116903	188		185
30605116904	301		328
30605116905	304		296
30605116920	232		230
30605116922	190		205
Total	1215	1215	1244 1244

Localities suggested to be transferred to the
Electorate of Hinchinbrook:-
Millaa Millaa, Tarzali,
Middlebrook, Mungalli, Maalan, Minbun,

Suggested Electorate of Cairns

Description	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	<i>Area in sqkms</i>
QRC proposed Electorate of Cairns		43581		47786	
Suggested changes to proposed Electorate of Cairns					
To the proposed Electorate of Mulgrave					
White Rock*1	1607	1607	1821	1821	
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate Cairns		41974		45965	
Quota		40188		44679	
% of Quota		104.44		102.88	

Notes:-

*1 White Rock SA1's in the suggested electorate of Mulgrave

30602115501	429	538
30602115502	135	161
30602115503	313	330
30602115511	415	463
30602115512	315	329
Total	1607	1821

The area is North of Sheehy Road & is currently in the wexisting electorate of Mulgrave

Suggested electorate of Marini

Description	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2	Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2	Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2	Area in sqkms
QRC proposed electorate of Mirani		41139		43301	
Suggested changes to proposed Electorate of Mirani					
To the proposed Electorate Callide					
Banana (Part)*1	634	634	629	629	
Remainder of the proposed electorate of Mirani		40505		42672	
From other proposed Electorates					
From the proposed Electorate of Burdekin					
Collinsville (Part)*2	1642		1559		
From the proposed Electorate of Rockhampton					
Rockhampton Surrounds West (Part)*3	162		176		
Total from other proposed electorates	1804	1804	1735	1735	
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Mirani		42309		44407	
Quota		40188		44679	
% of Quota		105.28		99.39	

Notes:-

Banana (Part)*1

Part in the proposed
Electorate of Mirani
SA1's

30804152804	165	152
20804152812	236	242
20804152818	133	135
30804152826(Part)	100	100
Total	634	629

The is the area from the Banana
Shire which the QRC
proposes to be in the
electorate of Mirani
Localities: Westwood (Part)
Pleasant Creek, Dululu,
Wowan, Dumpy Creek,
Dixalea, Ulogie, Goovigen
Korotungo (Part)

Collinsville (Part)*2

SA1's to be transferred to
the proposed Electorate of
Mirani

31201134991	120	114
31201134002	172	156
31201134003	187	167
31201134004	239	222
31201134005	188	175
31201134006	136	123
31201134007	223	197
31201134008	377	405
Total	1642	0

The localities are Collinsville, Scottville,
Mount Coolan, Springlands and
Bogie

The suggested boundary follows
the existing Federal
Boundary between
Capricornia and Dawson

Rockhampton Surrounds
West (Part)*3

Sa1 30803122001
Locality:- Pink Lily

162

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Suggested electorate of Rockhampton

Description	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	Area in sqkms
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QRC proposed Electorate of Rockhampton

42408

44738

Suggested changes to proposed Electorate of Rockhampton

To the proposed Electorate Mirani

Rockhampton Surrounds West (Part)*1

162

162

176

176

Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Rockhampton

42246

44562

Quota

40188

44679

% of Quota

105.12

99.74

Notes:-

Rockhampton Surrounds West (Part)*1

Sa1 30803122001

162

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Locality:- Pink Lily

Suggested electorate of Gregory

Description	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	<i>Area in sqkms</i>
QRC proposed Electorate of Gregory		40324		40672	481217
Suggested changes to proposed Electorate of Gregory					
From the proposed of Warrego					
Barcaldine-Blackall (Part)	402	402	401	401	13985.15
Total from the QRC proposed electorate of Gregory		40726		41073	
2% Notional Votes		280		280	
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Gregory		41008		41353	
Quota		40188		44679	
% of Quota		102.04		92,56	

Notes:-

Barcaldine-Blackall (Part)*1

SA1's				
31503140801	228		226	1.67
31503140814	174		175	13983.48
Total	402		401	13985.15

Localities:- Tambo,
 Windeyer (Qld),
 Caldervale, Yandarlo,
 Lansdowne (Qld)
 Scrubby Creek (Qld)
 Lumeah (Qld), Minnie Downs,
 Macfarlane, Bayrick, &
 Mount Enniskillen

Suggested Electorate of Warrego

Description	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	<i>Area in sqkms</i>
QRC proposed Electorate of Warregp		40961		41109	351296
Suggested changes to proposed Electorate of Warrego					
To the proposed Electorate of Gregory					
Barcaldine-Blackall (Part)	402		401		13985.15
2% Notional Votes	280		280		
Total to the proposed Electorate of Gregory	682	682	681	681	
Remanider of the proposed Electorate of Warrego		40279		40428	
From the proposed Electorate of Callide					
Miles-Wandowan (Part)*	565		508		29015
2% Notional Votes	580		580		
Total from the proposed Electorate of Callide	1145	1145	1088	1088	
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Warrego		41424		41516	
Quota		40188		44679	
% of Quota		103.08		92.92	

Notes:-

Barcaldine-Blackall (Part)*1

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 Scrubby Creek (Qld)
 Lumeah (Qld),
 ,Minnie Downs,
 Macfarlane, Bayrick, &
 Mount Enniskillen

Miles-Wandowan (Part)*2

SA1's				
	3070117502	134	129	843.76
	3070117506	242	221	903
	3070117509	189	158	27268.29
Total		565	508	29015.05

Localities:- Dillham,
 Glenaubyn,Bogandilla,
 Gurulmundi,Kowguran,
 Myall Park (Qld),
 Dalwogan, Eurombah,
 Waikola, Clifford, Bundi &
 Grosmont

Suggested Electorate of Callide

Description	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Current enrolment as at 30/5/25 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	<i>Projected enrolment In 2032 SA2</i>	Area in sqkms
QRC proposed Electorate of Callide		40858		42081	
Suggested changes to proposed Electorate of Callide					
To the proposed Electorate of Warrego					
Miles-Wandowan (Part	565	565	508	508	
Remainder in the proposed Electorate of Callide		40293		41573	
From the proposed Electorate of Mirani					
Banana (Part)*2	634	634	629	629	
Total in my suggested QRC proposed electorate of Callide		40927		42202	
Quota		40188		44679	
% of Quota		101.84		94.46	

Notes:-

Miles-Wandowan (Part)*2

SA1's

3070117502	134	129
3070117506	242	221
3070117509	189	158

Total	565	508
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Localities:- Dillham,
 Glenaubyn,Bogandilla,
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 Grosmont

Banana (Part)*1

Part in the proposed

Electorate of Mirani

SA1's

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 electorate of Mirani

Localities: Westwood (Part)

Pleasant Creek, Dululu,
 Wowan, Dumpy Creek,
 Dixalea, Ulogie, Goovigen
 Korotungo (Part)

2025 Proposed State Redistribution

Comparison of various areas

Far North Queensland	Current Enrolment	Notional votes	Projected Enrolment	Notional Votes
Cook	39240	3777	41915	3777
Flinders	31377	7915	32440	7915
Barron River	42410		45457	
Cairns	43581		47786	
Mulgrave	42285		48388	
Hinchinbrook	42740		46146	
Total	241633	11692	262132	11692
Total with Notional Votes	253325		273824	
No of Electorates	6			
Average	40256		43689	
Average with Notional Votes	42221		45622	
Quota	40188		44679	
% of Quota	100.17		97.78	
% of Quota (Including notional votes)	105.06		102.11	

Townsville City

Thuringowa	39249	45536
Townsville	43363	45228
Mundingburra	42624	45140
Total	125236	135904
No of Electorates	3	
Average	41754	45301
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	103.9	101.39

Townsville-Mackay

Burdekin	38819	41724
Whitsunday	39337	45309
Mackay	43416	45707
Mirani	41139	43301
Total	162711	176041
No of Electorates	4	
Average	40677	44010
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	101.22	98.5

Central Queensland

Callide	40856		42081	
Gladstone	41585		44943	
Rockhampton	42408		44738	
Keppel	38147		44005	
Gregory	30700	9624	31048	9624
Total	193696	9624	206815	9624
Total with Notional Votes	203317		216439	
No of electorates	5			
Average	38739		41363	
Average with Notional Votes	40664		43288	
Quota	40188		44679	
% of Quota	96.39		92.58	
% of Quota (Including notional votes)	101.18		96.89	

Wide Bay & Burnett

Gympie	41639	44978
Maryborough	42908	45771
Hervey Bay	40984	44076
Bundaberg	39649	41535
Burnett	40427	42651
Nanango	41242	43013
Total	246849	262024
No of electorates	6	
Average	41141	43671
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	102.37	97.74

Southern Queensland

Southern Downs	39514		40934	
Lockyer	40414		45132	
Condamine	38593		42829	
Toowoomba North	41141		43810	
Toowoomba South	41596		42926	
Warrego	33935	7026	34073	7026
Total	235193	7026	249704	7026
Total with Notional Votes	242219		256730	
No of Electorates	6			
Average	39199		41617	
Average with Notional Votes	40379		42788	
Quota	40188		44679	
% of Quota	97.54		93.15	
% of Quota (Including notional votes)	100.48		95.77	

Sunshine Coast

Glass House	38398	42096
Caloundra	38011	54058
Kawana	40770	43762
Buderim	38022	45739
Maroochydore	43262	47914
Coolum	42858	45585
Nambour	38796	42141
Noosa	39281	41089
Total	319398	362384
No of Electorates	8	
Average	39924	45298
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	99.34	101.39

Moreton Bay

Pine Rivers	42491	46700
Kurwongah	39521	46188
Murrumba	40144	48585
Redcliffe	41327	48925
Deception Bay	42689	46430
Morayfield	37165	53740
Pumicestone	38720	42755
Caboolture	37867	47201
Total	319924	380524
No of Electorates	8	
Average	39990	47565
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	99.51	106.46

Brisbane North

Moggill	42515	43856
Indooroopilly	39234	42319
Ashgrove	42543	45057
Brisbane Central	38517	48958
Stafford	43441	46487
Clayfield	39624	45287
Nudgee	39925	41674
Sandgate	40825	41752
Aspley	40989	42818
Everton	40956	43127
Ferny Grove	39927	41227
Total	448496	482562
No of Electorates	11	
Average	40772	43869
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	101.45	98.19

Brisbane South

Lytton	40122	42099
Carindale	41308	41827
Bulimba	39915	41516
South Brisbane	38296	40853
Annerley	40871	42966
Greenslopes	39352	43663
Mansfield	40419	45809
Eight Mile Plains	40243	41963
Algester	42778	45403
Inala	42789	44728
Mount Ommaney	43810	44593
Total	449903	475420
No of Electorates	11	
Average	40900	43220
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	101.77	96.73

Ipswich

Ipswich	40974	45425
Ipswich West	37311	46539
Redbank	37241	51828
Springfield	38436	48493
Total	153962	192285
No of Electorates	4	
Average	38490	48071
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	95.77	107.59

Logan

Logan	38778	47364
Woodridge	43368	45589
Marsden	40703	48188
Beenleigh	40526	45516
Springwood	41714	43043
Beaudesert	40495	44089
Greenbank	39143	53592
Total	284727	327381
No of Electorates	7	
Average	40.675	46769
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	101.21	104.68

Redlands

Capalaba	42286	42607
Cleveland	41836	45168
Redlands	39976	43211
Total	124098	130986
No of Electorates	3	
Average	41266	43662
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	102.68	97.72

Gold Coast

Currumbin	38756	41520
Burleigh	41363	44949
Mermaid Beach	41210	44700
Surfers Paradise	38133	48400
Southport	37353	44802
Labrador	38397	49000
Broadwater	38994	44144
Mudgeeraba	39543	43793
Oxenford	39337	43578
Gaven	41840	44891
Pimpama	36717	53116
Total	431643	502893
No of Electorates	11	
Average	39240	45718
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	97.64	102.33

**Rural & Regional
Queensland**

Far North Queensland	253325	273824
Townsville City	152236	135904
Townsville-Mackay	162711	176041
Central Queensland	203317	216439
Wide Bay & Burnett	246849	262204
Southern Queensland	242219	256730
Total	1260657	1321142
No of Electorates	30	30
Average	42022	44038
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	104.54	98.56

Brisbane

Brisbane North	448496	482562
Brisbane South	449903	475420
Total	898399	957982
No of Electorates	22	22
Average	40836	43544
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	101.61	97.46

**Rest of South East
Queensland**

Sunshine Coast	319398	362284
Moreton Bay	319924	380524
Ipswich	153962	192285
Logan	284727	327381
Redlands	124098	130986
Gold Coast	431843	502893
Total	1633952	1896353
No of Electorates	41	
Average	39852	46252
Quota	40188	44679
% of Quota	99.16	103.52