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Dear Queensland Redistribution Commission (QRC),

Thank you for conducting such an open community consultation process to obtain the communities' thoughts on Queensland's Electoral boundaries. Although, I missed the opportunity to provide a submission for the Noosa electorate, I am thankful that many from this community did take the time to do submissions on our behalf. I am glad to say that there is a clear consensus across the submissions on what should constitute Noosa electorate not just bases on quota equality, but community connectiveness and collegiality too.

It is clear that the Noosa's electoral quota deficiency is a product of substantial population growth of the broader Sunshine Coast region, which does not extend to the Noosa Shire as it has a population cap. So, based on this fact alone Noosa's local council population base will always be smaller than its southern neighbours. So, to achieve electoral quota parity its state electoral area has to be increased to incorporate some of the surrounding communities and suburbs. It is also very clear that having an electoral boundary which cuts Cooroy in half, the main entry point to Noosa from the Bruce Highway, has led to an inability for state members (of Noosa or Nicklin) to adequately advocate for the needs of the Cooroy community and its ailing infrastructure. This current electoral boundary redistribution process is a great opportunity to enhance Noosa's standing both in electoral quota equality and community cohesion. Perhaps the State electoral boundary, at a bare minimum, should mirror the Noosa Shire boundary.

For these reasons, as the communities submissions have pointed out the Noosa's State Electoral Boundary should indeed be realigned to include the localities of:

- Federal
- West Cooroy
- Eerwah Vale
- Eumundi
- Verrierdale
- And all of Peregian Springs

The inclusion of these localities into the State Electorate of Noosa would certainly go close to equalising electoral quota parity with the State average, but most

importantly reconnecting these fringing communities with the electorate of Noosa would rebuild their connectiveness and cohesion that has been significantly corroded by its current position of the state electorate boundary.

I encourage the QRC to work with the Noosa's broader communities to reestablish their connection with the heart of this Electoral region and the stunning locality that is Noosa Heads. I look forward to seeing the outcome of this important process which has the ability to improve all elements of the communities, and their livelihoods, which call this electorate home now and into the future.

Best regards

Luke Barrowcliffe
A longstanding and proud Noosa Shire resident