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Submission:

Upon review of the objections, it is obvious that the Australian Labor Party is the only political party that has presented a clear and coherent set of objections that is consistent with the legislative requirements set out in s.45 and s.46 of the *Electoral Act 1992*.

The objections from the LNP are sloppy, incomplete and unfeasible, not befitting the party of government in Queensland.

I note the LNP's comments on suggestions in which they argued the QRC should ignore the entire submission on the basis of numbers the LNP pulled out of thin air, trying to portray the Labor submission in a bad light.

The LNP submission attempts to gerrymander the electorates of Bundaberg and Gaven. The gross failure of the LNP objection to meet the statutory requirements of community of interest means that the objections submitted by the LNP should be thrown out.

The LNP's refusal to submit proposed maps and elector movements as part of their objections keeps Queenslanders in the dark and undermines this final stage of the consultation process, because they know their math doesn't stack up.

I contend that there is only three possible reasons for the LNP to not include maps and SA1 movement calculations as part of their objections to the QRC:

1. The LNP did not have the technical capacity to use the same tools as many submitters and objections, including the mapping tool provided freely by the QRC (not applicable – they included maps in their original submission, although no math)
2. Having proposed unfeasible changes, the LNP were unable to mathematically map their suggestions including their attempts to gerrymander.
3. The LNP sought to escape scrutiny or to obfuscate their political motives by making it as difficult as possible for communities to respond to their objections during this final stage of the statutory community consultation.

This is in stark contrast to the ALP which supplied maps and SA1 calculations proving how their objections can be met.

Relevant objections: 719; 724