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Rockhampton; Coolum (formerly Ninderry);  
Greenbank (formerly Jordan)

**Submission:**

Please find attached my comments on the redistribution.

**Submission Attachments**

Comments on redistribution.pdf

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Dear Commissioners,

Overall, the redistribution looks balanced however, I wish to comment and make suggestions on several electorates.

I do note that this is the first redistribution undertaken during a term of conservative government since the 1980s and their first opportunity to redistribute since the introduction of “One vote, one value”. It is good to see this has continued but I do note the very conservative flavour. This is most obvious with the return of geographic electorate names, a move that I wholeheartedly endorse and should be maintained. There are a few suggestions on the names of electorates I wish to raise.

Proposed name	Alternative name	Reasoning
Coolum	Ninderry	While Coolum is the largest centre in the district, there are locations like Bli Bli, Kunda Park and Forest Glen that are reasonably detached from Coolum in the electorate. With no significant population centre that is central in the electorate, there is difficulty in assigning a name that is geographically inclusive. I have discounted the name of Maroochy (named for the river) as this is too similar to neighbouring Maroochydore. As Mount Ninderry is in the geographical centre of the electorate and it is largely unchanged, I suggest that the current name of <b>‘Ninderry’</b> remains.
Mirani	Broadsound	The continued expansion southwards into Banana Shire further diminishes the relevance of the name Mirani as an electorate name. While the town of Mirani remains in the electorate, it is at the extreme northern border and is no way the largest population centre. I suggest renaming Mirani to <b>‘Broadsound’</b> . Broad Sound is more centrally located on the coast of the electorate and was the name of the former LGA on the coast between Sarina and Marlborough. Broadsound Shire Council amalgamated with Belyando Shire Council and Nebo Shire Council to form Isaac Regional Council from which a substantial portion of the electorate enrolment resides in. It was also the name of a former electorate in the area. It is for these reasons that <b>‘Broadsound’</b> is more appropriate than Mirani.

I have one suggestion for adjustment.

Electorate	Description
Cairns	It makes sense that the urban portion of Aeroglen is placed into the Barron River electorate and the use of the Captain Cook Highway and Barron River as strong electorate boundaries. On paper however, it appears odd and looks like urban Aeroglen is detached from the rest of the Barron River electorate due to Mount Whitfield. I do not see a good reason why the entirety of Aeroglen including Cairns Airport should be split between Cairns and Barron River. The only rationale I can see for this decision is that the commission feels that the airport needs to be in its namesake electorate. This makes no sense as neither Brisbane Airport nor Gold Coast Airport, the two busiest airports ahead of Cairns are in electorates called by their host city. As there is minimal, if any, enrolment east of Captain Cook Highway between Lily Creek and Barron River, I suggest that the entirety of Cairns Airport north of Lily Creek transfer to Barron River.

The following are comments that should be considered but do not necessarily have obvious solutions unless the commission can find a way to address.

Electorate	Comment
Callide	The inclusion of Chinchilla and Miles continues to be an inappropriate fit for Callide. While it does give a boost to Callide's diminishing numbers, the fact that Chinchilla and Miles are removed from the electorate that includes communities either side of them on the Warrego Highway makes no sense geographically and socially. Unless Dalby is included in Callide (an unlikely and unrealistic move), the continued presence of Chinchilla and Miles in Callide will be problematic for effective representation in these Darling Downs communities. I would argue that Wondai and Murgon would be a better fit for Callide than Miles and Chinchilla.
Greenbank	This is difficult to solve given the massive growth experienced in the Greenbank and Springfield region. The inclusion of South Ripley and Spring Mountain communities in an electorate more focused on Logan instead of one focused on Ipswich seems like a curious decision given the tenuous communication and road links between Greenbank, Flagstone and South Ripley. It will appear likely this area will have significantly redrawn boundaries at the next redistribution.
Rockhampton	The inclusion of more of the urban area of Rockhampton at the base of Mount Archer is welcome but is still well short of passing the community of interest test. It would be more appropriate to move all of Frenchville and the community at the top of Mount Archer to the electorate of Rockhampton as road links are only direct to the central part of Rockhampton City. It would be more appropriate to offset this change by including more of Parkhurst and Kawana into Keppel given the proximity of these suburbs to areas already in Keppel and links to Yeppoon via Yeppoon Road.
Gaven	While I am sure not the intention, Gaven has the appearance of a gerrymandered electorate. It does seem bizarre that an electorate has Guanaba, Merrimac and Carrara yet still splits the main population centre of the area in Nerang and Highland Park in between. It is even more curious given the changes made with the significant redrawing of electorates in North and Far North Queensland that were arguably unnecessary while coastal Gold Coast seats were so special they could not be changed. It also makes a mockery of the argument that the Pacific Motorway should be maintained as a strong boundary for other electorates. This has resulted in one of the more bizarrely arranged electorates that needed expand to reach quota. I would suggest consideration be given to swap at least Merrimac to Mudgeeraba for a greater portion of Nerang, Highland Park or Mount Nathan west of the Pacific Motorway into Gaven. If the motorway must be crossed, it should be between neighbouring communities such as Merrimac and Worongary. This would give at least some credibility to the community of interest criteria for these communities.
Maroochydore	This appears to be an unintentional coincidence. The inclusion of Mountain Creek between the Sunshine Motorway, Kawana Way and Mooloolah River while appropriate for numbers, also has the appearance of a gerrymander (not that it would matter given the conservative the nature of the electorates in this part of the world). It is curious this little addition to the side and base of elongated Maroochydore is included. That said, other than the aesthetics of it, it would not matter too much to the outcome of an election.

Finally, the abolition of Hill. I understand why Hill was abolished to maintain three urban electorate in Townsville. That said, given there was no real requirement to touch electorates north of Townsville, it is a bold move. If an electorate was abolished in Townsville, while there would be protests from Townsville City Council, the reaction to its abolition would have been less hostile given the loss of an urban electorate as opposed to a country one. To remove an electorate that has been affiliated with KAP as opposed to one that would more naturally be affiliated with the ALP and currently held by the LNP will directly feed into the anger that many in this part of Queensland already feel. While Hill's abolition does allow Flinders to be a more manageable size and allow Charters Towers to be part of a more compact electorate, I do suspect that the politics will backfire on those in the LNP that would see this as a way to reduce the representation of KAP. The new electorates of Burdekin, Hinchinbrook and Mulgrave are now part of KAP heartland and potentially increase the presence of KAP in parliament. While not a consideration of the commission, the politics of this move to abolish Hill will be interesting to watch at the next election.

Regards,

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