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See below

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23 March 2026



Mr Gregory Koppenol  
Chairperson  
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Dear Mr Koppenol

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the *Proposal for the Redistribution of the State's Electoral Districts* (March 2026).

For Noosa, the Commission's proposed boundary changes are classified as 'minimal' with the electorate remaining within the target enrolment of 40,000 (+/-10%), including for projections through to 2032. If the changes proceed as per the proposal, we will be welcoming our neighbours from the northern portion of Federal to the Noosa electorate from October 2028.

In our submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission (QRC) in July, we raised on behalf of Noosa Shire residents their requests of including Cooroy and Black Mountain in the Noosa electorate, as they are already considered part of the Noosa community and located within the Noosa Shire boundary. While we acknowledge the rationale provided by the Commission in not proceeding with this, understandably there is disappointment that the opportunity to end ongoing confusion including the town of Cooroy being 'split' between two electorates, and we ask that this be reconsidered. In addition, that requests from the areas that share a community of interest with the Noosa electorate be reconsidered such as Doonan, Eumundi, Weyba Downs and Verrierdale.

External to Noosa, the proposed 'absorption' of the North Queensland seat of Hill into its neighbouring three electorates has serious ramifications for remote Queensland, reducing their representation.

The proposal's stated criteria for the decision, 'enrolment viability', seems at odds with the statistics provided, with Hill within the nominated enrolment levels, and section 46 of the *Electoral Act* listing factors to consider in undertaking a redistribution including:



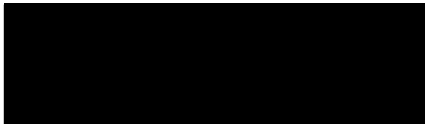
- *the extent to which there is a community of economic, social, regional or other interests;*
- *ways of communication and travel within proposed electoral districts, and*
- *the physical features of each proposed electoral district.*

Our valued agricultural, rural and regional communities covering vast geographical footprints in North Queensland do not need fewer elected representatives, especially given the many identified failings of a unicameral Parliament around transparency, accountability, and representation. They instead need more.

With the significant population growth predicted for South East Queensland in the next decade, existing parliamentary seats in Chamber already at capacity at 93 with an unused chamber next door, the issue of how adequate representation is achieved now and into the future warrants further consideration before the proposed redistribution changes are adopted.

I thank the Commission for your hard work in preparing the proposal and acknowledge the complexity of factors under consideration, which are understandably difficult.

Yours sincerely



**Sandy Bolton MP**  
**Member for Noosa**