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Submission:

Inclusion of the “Whole Town of Cooroy Black Mountain and Federal” area in the Noosa State Electorate

Introduction

This submission supports those already forwarded to the Qld Redistribution Commission:

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I am writing to strongly support the inclusion of the “whole Town of Cooroy, Black Mountain and Federal area” within the Noosa State Electorate. Cooroy is not just geographically close to Noosa – it is part of the same community. Families, businesses, and organisations in Cooroy and Noosa are deeply connected, and the electoral boundaries should reflect this lived reality and should never have been changed.

There are 4 strong reasons for this change from Nicklin to Noosa

1. Community Connections

Cooroy and Noosa share a strong sense of community identity. Families from Cooroy regularly use schools, health services, and recreational facilities in Noosa. Local sporting clubs, arts groups, and volunteer networks have active participation from both sides of Cooroy town.

For example, the Cooroy Butter Factory Arts Centre has strong ties with Noosa’s cultural scene, hosting exhibitions, pottery workshops, and events that attract audiences from across the Noosa electorate. The organisation’s focus is not Nambour, Yandina or other Nicklin areas. Cooroy is heavily marketed by Tourism Noosa as a hinterland town with a wide diversity of attractions.

As a committee member of the Cooroy Future Group and having to deal with 2 MP’s for 2 sides of Cooroy, adds extra involvement for retired volunteers in not for profit organisations.

Similarly, other prominent community organisations such as the Cooroy Chamber of Commerce and the Cooroy-Noosa Lions Club are having to deal with 2 MP’s as well.

2. Economic and Daily Life Links

Cooroy is widely known as the gateway to Noosa. Visitors to the region often stop in Cooroy before heading on to Noosa, supporting local cafes, galleries, and shops. Many Cooroy residents commute into Noosa for employment in tourism, retail, hospitality, and services, while others run small businesses that rely directly on Noosa’s visitor economy.

Events such as the Noosa Festival of Surfing and the Noosa Eat & Drink Festival also attract active involvement from Cooroy businesses and residents, showing the shared economic and social interests of our communities.

3. Shared Local Government and Services

Cooroy, Black Mountain and Federal already falls within the Noosa Shire Council area, meaning that local government and service provision are aligned. Residents pay rates to the same council, access the same planning framework and participate in the same civic processes. Aligning the state electorate boundaries with these local government boundaries would reduce confusion and provide stronger, more consistent representation.

4. Transport and Accessibility

Cooroy and Noosa are directly connected by the Cooroy–Noosa Road, a well-travelled link used daily by a **public transport bus service**, commuters, students, and families. Whether heading to work, school, medical appointments, shopping, or community events, residents move freely and frequently between the two towns. This natural connection demonstrates why we should be part of the same state electorate.

Conclusion

Cooroy, Black Mountain, Federal and Noosa are not separate communities – we are one. We share services, culture, and identity and our local economy is deeply interdependent.

Including Cooroy within the Noosa State Electorate will ensure that state representation reflects the way people actually live, work and connect.

Recommendation:

That the Queensland Redistribution Commission include Cooroy, Black Mountain and Federal within the Noosa State Electorate to ensure fair and accurate representation.

Yours faithfully

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