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Queensland Redistribution Committee

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## OBJECTIONS TO DRAFT BOUNDARIES FROM 2025 REDISTRIBUTION

The Queensland Greens thanks the Queensland Redistribution Commission for these continued opportunities to contribute to the future of Queensland's electoral boundaries.

We also want to reiterate some earlier comments of ours that are out of scope of the Commission that nonetheless constrain the Commission's decision-making in unhelpful ways, resulting in boundary decisions that are less than ideal

As we stated in our original submission, the district quota has increased significantly, to the detriment of adequate representation. There remains a pressing need to increase the number of electoral districts to ensure adequate representation. We support increasing the number of districts.

Increasing the number of electoral districts would ensure better representation for all voters, in particular those in regional areas. Smaller electorates would help create districts that better reflect communities of common interest. For large districts, this would go some way toward addressing the increasing number of notional voters that make up enrollment quotas.

We also wish to restate the need for changes to the regulations that can trigger a redistribution; the time between regular redistributions is too long, and the conditions for one being automatically triggered are essentially impossible. Given rapid changes in population and internal migration, there is a need for more frequent redistributions.

We note disappointment in the specific acknowledgement by the Commission of submissions on possible changes to the calculation of the “additional large district number”, without equal consideration being given to other submissions.

The inclusion of specific suggestions without fully reporting the options proposed could be perceived as the Commission giving preference for legislative change. We recommend that the Commission give a full account of the options presented to address these concerns in future reports.

## **Suggestions we support**

We support the majority of the Commission's proposed changes. In most cases, the Commission chose a reasonable and well-justified proposal for boundary changes within the confines of less-than-ideal redistribution rules and a rapidly growing population.

The proposed changes to Miller and Mount Ommaney are especially worth celebrating, addressing years-old problems with the Chelmer peninsula being passed around districts that share little in common demographically or through transport and community corridors, while being excluded from the district that most closely aligns with their geography and demography – Mount Ommaney.

The redistribution of districts along the M1 motorway through Logan and northern Gold Coast is commendable for better aligning districts with communities of interest. We only wish that the Commission had taken this approach for more areas of Queensland.

## **Suggestions we do not support**

### **District names**

We strongly oppose the Commission's proposal to revert district names to allegedly geographic equivalents. In light of recent political decisions regarding First Nations' self-determination in Queensland, it is difficult to see any moves to rename districts with First Nations names as anything other than politically motivated. We recommend that the Commission not revert district names to pre-2017 names nor remove eponymic or First Nations names. We believe these changes are unnecessary.

In addition to the politically-motivated shift away from First Nations names, we want to highlight two major issues that arise from this renaming:

- The change from McConnell to Brisbane Central now means tens of thousands of voters in Brisbane's inner city will be in districts at all three levels of government with near identical names – Central Ward, Brisbane Central state district and Brisbane federal district – creating significant confusion and reducing voters' capacity to engage meaningfully with politics. For this reason alone, we believe the electorate name should remain McConnell.
- The Commission proposes to retain the name Gregory despite neither the town of Gregory nor the Gregory River being within the district. It is therefore the only district whose namesake is a person rather than a geographic feature that is within or defines the boundaries of a district. This might be an oversight of the Commission but speaks to the perceptions of political motivation that a district named for a colonial surveyor retains its name while districts even named for First Nations geographic terms like Maiwar are changed. To a lesser extent, while the district of Cook may contain Cook Shire, ECQ's own guidance indicates the district is named after James Cook not the shire, river or town.
- We oppose the proposed name Eight Mile Plains (formerly Toohey), as it is neither the most populous district nor well known within these boundaries. Additionally, a portion of the suburb of Eight Mile Plains around Holmead Road is not within the district. We instead propose that the electorate be named Sunnybank.
- We oppose the proposed name Beaudesert, as it represents only a small part of the proposed district and would unnecessarily cause confusion. Instead, we propose retaining the name, Scenic Rim.

### **Indooroopilly (Maiwar) and Ashgrove (Cooper)**

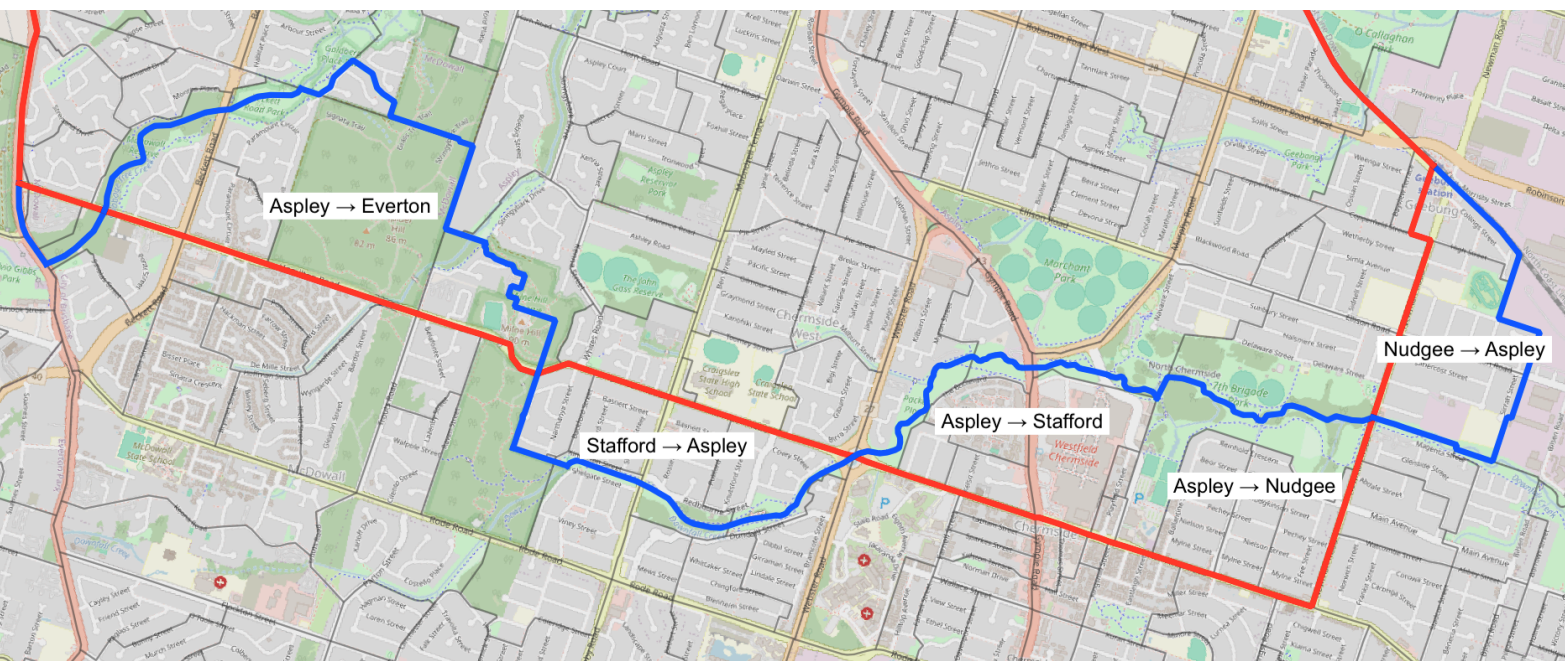
Following consultation with local residents, The Greens no longer support the proposed changes to Maiwar. It is our view that Bardon residents are better represented by the continued inclusion in Maiwar electorate due to the risk that the community of interest centering on Rainworth State School be fractured. We also note that the Commission's draft has Ashgrove ~2,000 voters over quota while Indooroopilly is ~1,000 voters under quota and retaining the current northern boundary would go some ways to addressing this discrepancy while avoiding unnecessary voter transfers.

## Aspley, Everton, Nudgee, and Stafford

The straight boundary adopted by the Commission on the southern edge of Aspley leaves homes physically separated – and in some cases totally inaccessible from their district. An easy change that would balance population without alienating residents would be to replace the southern boundary with Downfall Creek from Geebung Special School up to Raven Street Reserve, then passing through Milne Hill Reserve and Chermside Hills Reserve towards Cabbage Tree Creek, and finally following the creek down to Old Northern Road.

We also oppose the transfer of the eastern part of Geebung from Aspley to Nudgee. The areas north of Hamilton Road that are isolated from Aspley should not be retained, and better connect with Nudgee (Newman Road to Chermside Aquatic Centre), Stafford (Chermside Aquatic Centre to Downfall Creek) and Everton (Milne Hill Reserve to Cabbage Tree Creek). Similarly, part of Chermside West (btwn. Hamilton Road and Downfall Creek) is physically isolated in Stafford, and would be better served in Aspley. To accommodate these shifts, the part of McDowall in Stafford (btwn. Trouts Road and Raven St) would be better located in Everton.

This gives a net reduction of ~1800 voters for Aspley (+1.99% to -2.49%), increase of ~1600 voters for Everton (+1.91% to +5.99%), and increase of ~200 voters for Stafford (+8.09% to +8.56). The changes to Nudgee give a net change of less than 50 voters. The gains by Everton would then be offset by addressing the objection raised to the Everton/Ferny Grove boundary.



## Ferry Grove and Everton

The Greens support the proposed exchange of area between Ferry Grove and Everton, but oppose the retention of the small part of Mitchelton and Keperra by Everton. This unnecessarily keeps this small pocket of residents isolated from the surrounding area, and will create confusion for voters as being the only area south of Kedron Brook located within Everton. This could be resolved by continuing the boundary along Kedron Brook from Osborne Road to Dawson Parade.

This would move ~2300 additional voters from Everton to Ferry Grove (projected to ~2400 in 2032). Everton's proposed quota would decrease from +1.91% to -3.86%, and its projected quota from -3.47% to -8.92%. Ferry Grove's proposed quota would increase from -0.65% to +5.12%, and its projected quota would increase from -7.73% to -2.28%.

The reduction in Everton's quota would be largely offset by the gains from Aspley. Combined these give a net loss of ~700 voters by Everton (+1.91% to +0.22%).

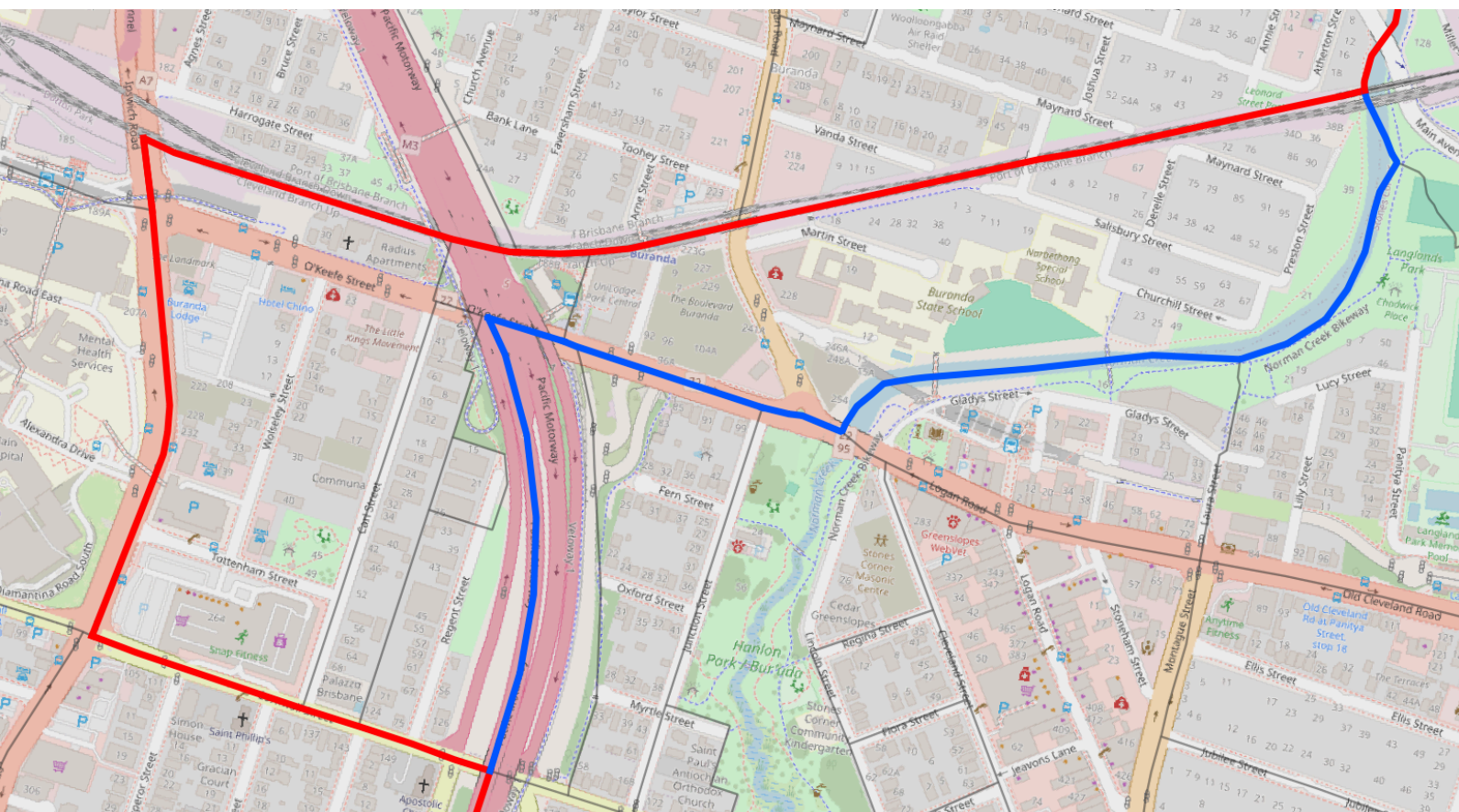


## Greenslopes and South Brisbane

The proposed changes to the boundary between Greenslopes and South Brisbane, following the train tracks rather than Norman Creek, splits off a primary school, a park, and a number of houses from the rest of the Buranda area, unnecessarily dividing an existing community based on a non-geographic feature.

Seeing as the southern section of that same SA1 would be better served by being a part of the Greenslopes electorate, it is suggested that the boundary split the SA1 (30302105805) along Logan Road and O'Keefe Street up to the Pacific Motorway, before running South to the Annerley/Greenslopes boundary.

This would have the benefit of minimising the number of electors moved and maximising the consistency of local communities, while also improving the margin of safety of projected electors for South Brisbane from 0.66% (48,853, +9.34% of quota) to 3.13%-3.91% (47,750-47,401, +6.87% to +6.09% of quota), depending on the proportion of projected electors in the two sections of the SA1 (up to 349 for a total change of 1,103-1,452 electors). This would result in Greenslopes' projected enrolment being between 0.19% and 0.98% of quota.

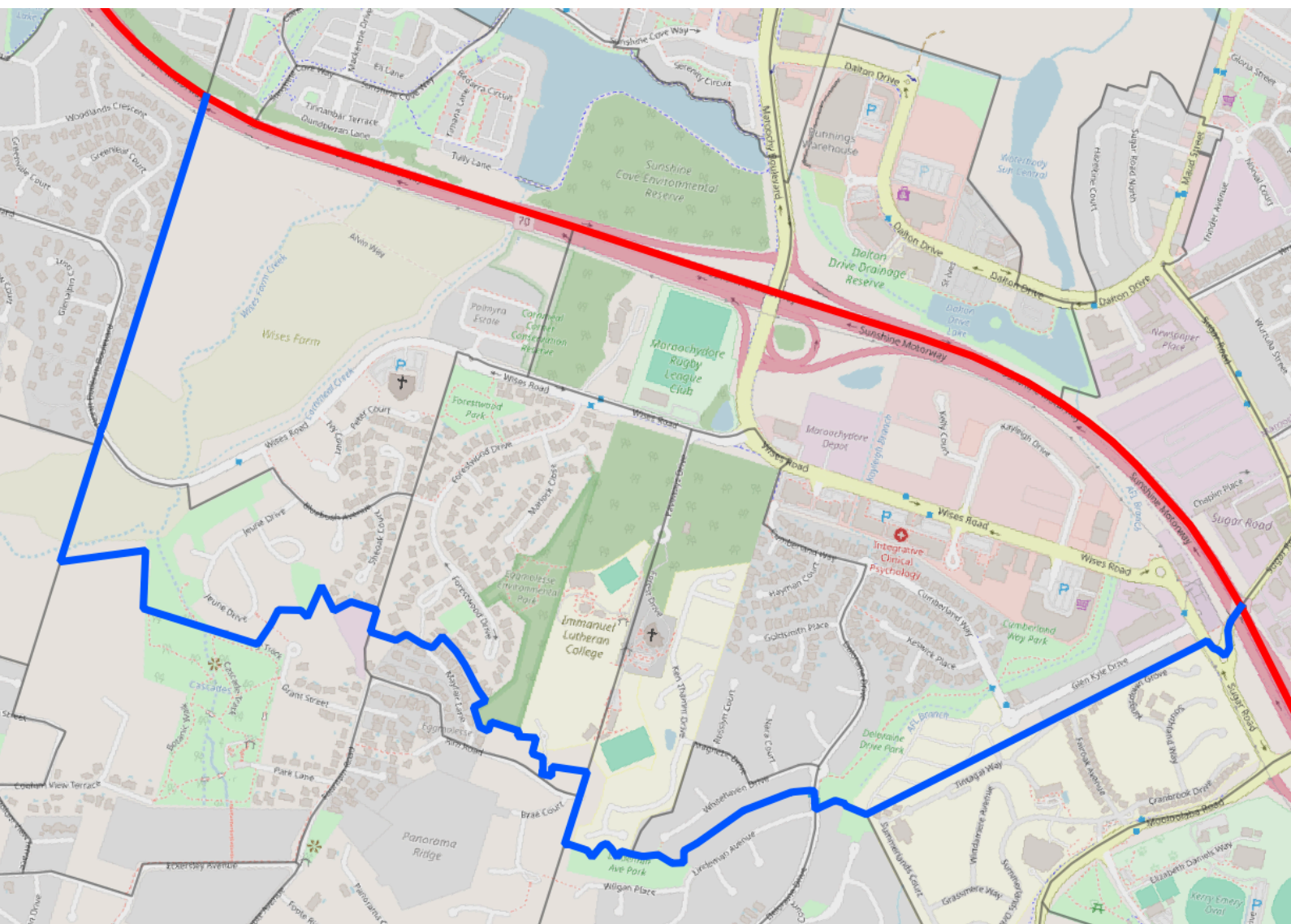


## Buderim and Maroochydore

The Greens oppose the transfer of the southern part of Mountain Creek (Brightwater) to Maroochydore. This unnecessarily separates Mountain Creek between two districts, and this area specifically is considerably distinct from the rest of Maroochydore. An adequate reduction in voters for Buderim can instead be achieved with transferring the northern part of the district surrounding Wises Road.

Though it is officially part of the suburb of Buderim, it is physically isolated from the rest of the suburb, and is more identified with Maroochydore (many businesses, and government services, located here are branded as in Maroochydore).

From the proposed boundaries, this shifts a net ~3000 voters to Buderim. Buderim's current enrollment increases from -5.39% to +2.25% and its projected from +2.37% to +9.46%. Maroochydore's current enrollment decreases from +7.65% to +0.01%, and its projected from +7.24% to +0.16%.





## Coolum and Maroochydore

We oppose the proposed Coolum and Maroochydore boundaries, and by extension the renaming of Ninderry to Coolum if these boundaries are used. Part of Coolum Beach and almost all of Mount Coolum are not located within the proposed district of Coolum.

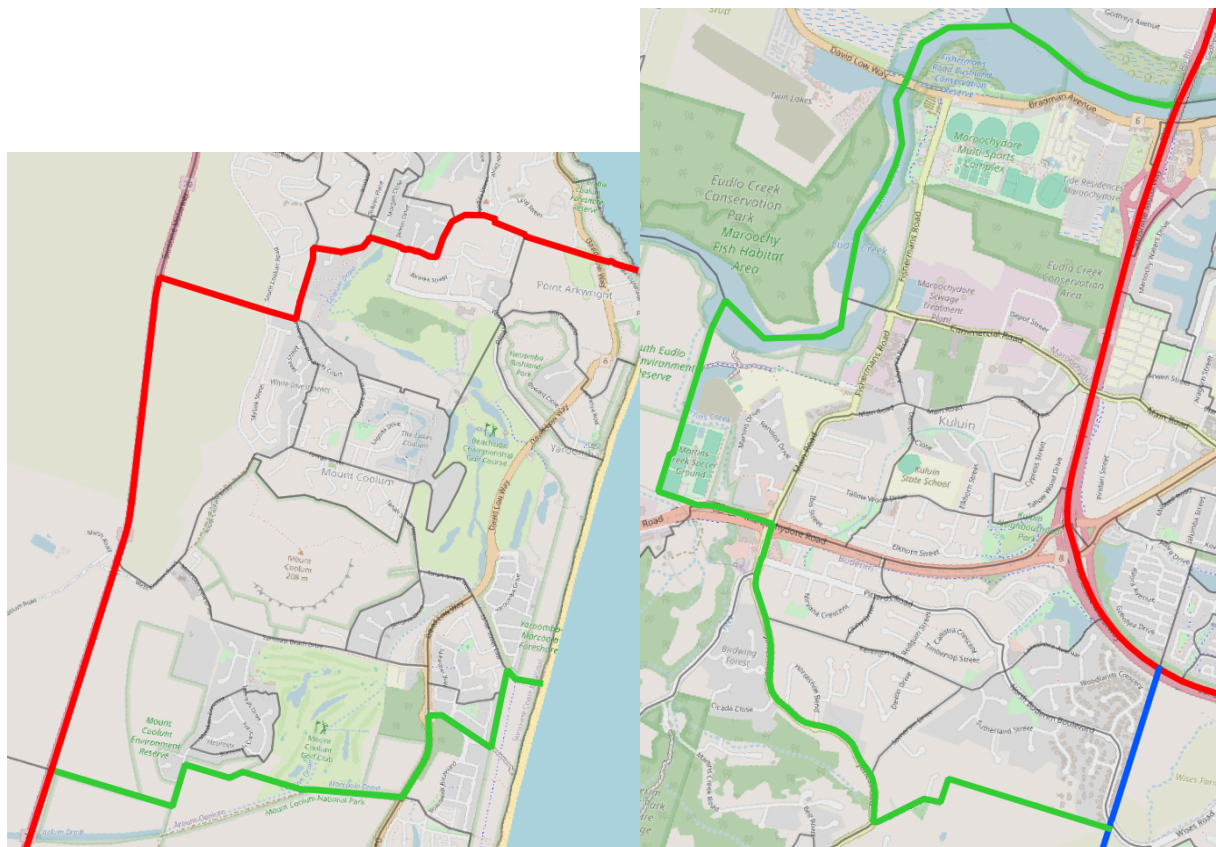
This is likely to cause considerable confusion for voters of these suburbs, especially as Ninderry's electorate office is located in Coolum Beach. Additionally, the current/proposed boundary cuts through Coolum Beach and creates isolated pockets (e.g. Opal Pl and part of Jenyor St), and in one case cuts along the boundary between two adjacent houses (111 and 113 Grandview Drive).

As part of the suburb of Maroochydore is in Coolum, the two districts can exchange ~5000 voters each. Maroochydore gains Buderim North, Kuluin, and the remainder of Maroochydore (suburb); and Coolum gains the remainder of Coolum Beach, Yaroomba, and most of Mount Coolum. This gives a net change of <10 voters for each district.

Proposed Boundary

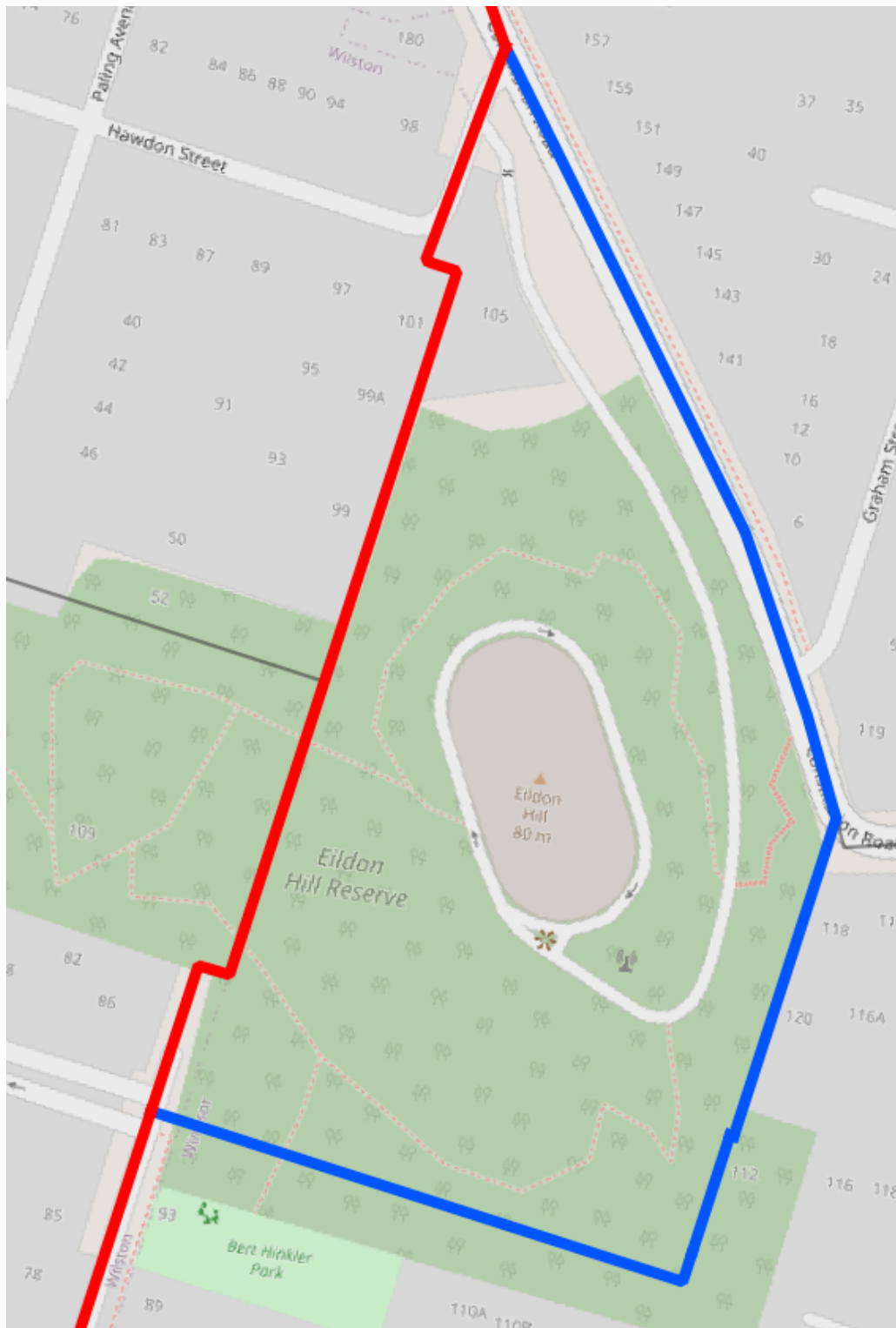
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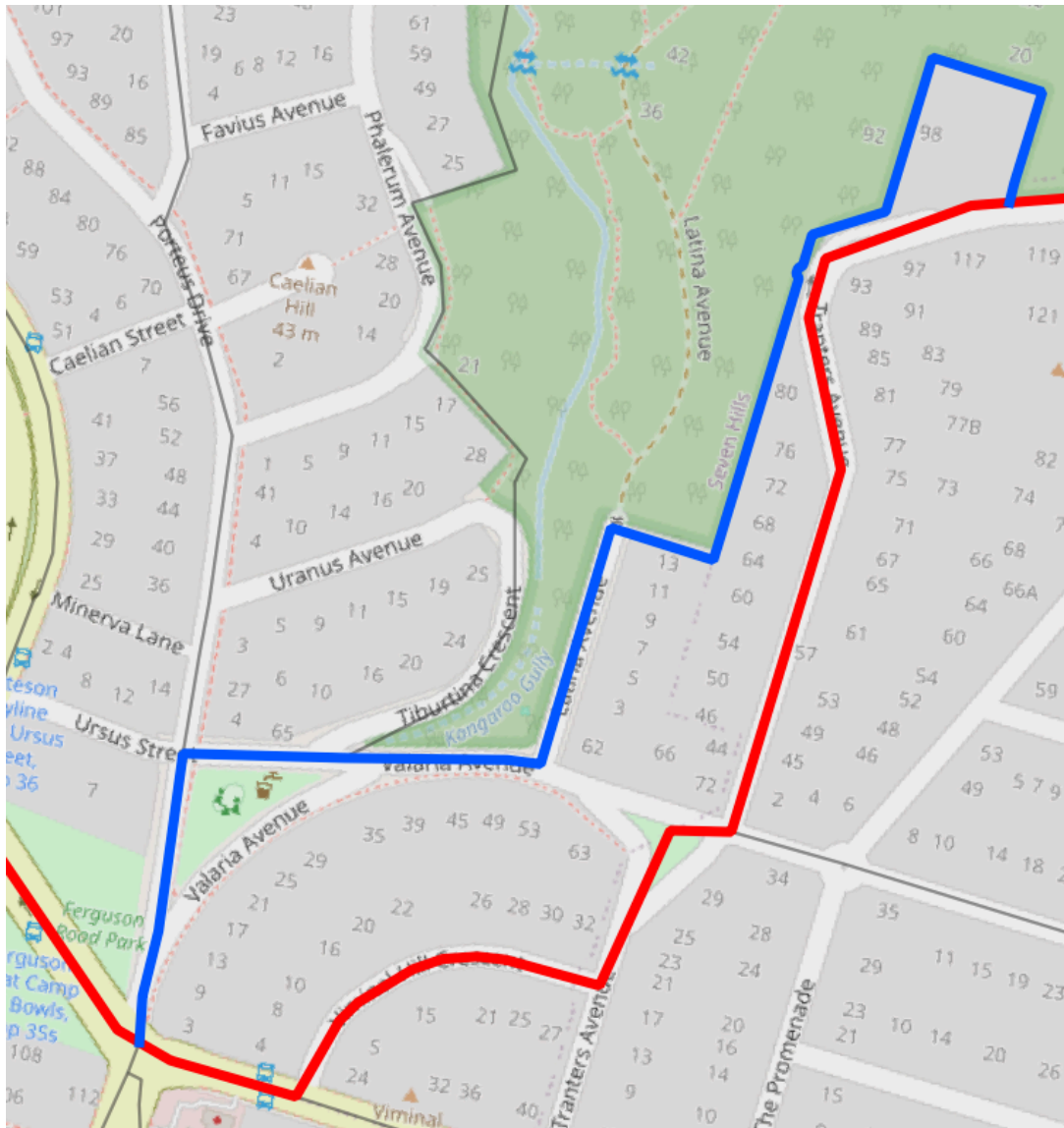
## Clayfield and Stafford

The proposed Clayfield/Stafford boundary keeps one house (105 Hawdon Street) isolated in Clayfield, while the rest of the street is in Stafford. This is a minor change but will reduce confusion for residents of this street. This can be fixed by running the boundary along the southern and eastern boundaries of the Eildon Hill Reserve.



## Bulimba and Carindale

We object to the continued use of the eastern edge of SA1 30502111721 (following Tranters Avenue and Viminal Hill Crescent) as the boundary. This puts ~50 houses in Bulimba that are physically separated by Perrin Creek and Robert Hanley Park. This SA1 could be split along Ursus Street, with the south-eastern part transferred to Carindale.



Kind regards

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