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Submission by Simon Cole

Electorates: Toohey, Stretton, and Inala

I note from the QRC Discussion Paper that Toohey electorate is currently 3.22% below the quota threshold. Neighbouring Stretton is 3.32% below the quota threshold. Algester has a variation from the average enrolment quota of 2.02% and neighbouring Inala's average variation is -1.38%. This means that the Algester excess is not enough to offset Toohey and Stretton's deficiency.

Related Electorates: South Brisbane, McConnell, Clayfield to the north, Jordan, Logan to the south

These electorates are projected to grow in population, most notably, Logan. Therefore there is scope for Toohey and Stretton to absorb areas from these electorates to balance the numbers.

Recommendations for the above electorates

I note that current boundaries align with LGA borders, which is highly recommended because it assists voters to be familiar with their electorates and representatives. I strongly recommend preserving this as far as possible.

To that end, spreading Toohey and Stretton to the north, within the BCC LGA is preferable to spreading south into the City of Logan.

I also note that existing electoral boundaries follow landmarks such as roads and creeks. This also helps voters to be familiar with their electorates and representatives. I strongly recommend preserving this policy, too. Suburb boundaries and post codes could also assist in deciding electorate borders.

South Brisbane and McConnell are both slated to go over the quota threshold by June 2032. Although this is significantly less than the Logan (at 50%+) and Jordan (at 47%+) electorates, if it is possible to avoid crossing the municipal boundary at least until the next redistribution, I recommend it.

I recommend retaining the existing electorate names.

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