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Dear commissioners, please find attached my submission of suggestions for the 2025 Redistribution.

Regards,  
Andrew Kamler

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Dear Commissioners

Thank you for the opportunity to make suggestions for the 2025 Queensland Redistribution. Please be aware that these suggestions are carefully considered, however, exact numbers of electors are difficult to ascertain within the time frame provided. Proposed enrolment numbers and changes to electorate boundaries are based on individual SA1 areas provided by the commission and, where possible, I have tried to keep LGAs together, however, there may be some minor discrepancies or errors in my calculations. These suggestions are offered in good faith, and hopefully, with some decent reasoning.

*Basis of determination:*

Seat Group	Total enrolment	Current number of seats	Seat entitlement (Group/State enrolments)	Net change
Far North Qld (incl. Cook)	205042	5	5.1	0
Coast – Ingham to Gladstone	425490	11	10.6	- 1*
Coast – Gladstone to Caboolture	591735	14	14.7	+ 1*
Metro North	703541	17	17.5	0
Metro South	969642	24	24.1	0
Gold Coast	440900	11	11	0
Non-weighted inland Rural	326325	8	8.1	0
Remote (ex. Cook) <sup>#</sup>	110375	3	2.7	0

*Figure 1 – List of electorates in each group found in Appendix 1*

\* See interpretation of data below

<sup>#</sup> Cook was excluded from this as it was in quota, consistent with other FNQ seat enrolments

Greater Brisbane/SEQ LGAs	Total enrolment	Current number of seats	Seat entitlement (Group/State enrolments)	Net change
Brisbane	905630	23	22.5	- 0.5
Logan	213673	5	5.3	+ 0.3
Ipswich	176821	4	4.4	+ 0.4
Redlands	116742	3	2.9	- 0.1
Moreton Bay	303739	7	7.5	+ 0.5
Sunshine Coast	293848	7	7.3	+ 0.3

*Figure 2 – List of electorates in each group found in Appendix 2*

The above data was used to guide these suggestions. Figure 1 was used to initially determine electorate entitlement in various regions and Figure 2 used to identify the best location for an additional electorate in southeast Queensland. While they are based on current and not projected enrolments, I understand that this can be informative but limited. Nevertheless, these are suggestions to guide redistribution, not a final determination.

## *Analysis and suggestions*

Despite a corridor of very over-quota seats existing just south of Brisbane, electorate numbers appear to still be in balance with the enrolment in Southeast Queensland south of the Brisbane River. Even the presence of massively over-quota Coomera on the Gold Coast hasn't changed the Gold Coast entitlement at all. This means potentially, Coomera can be redistributed solely within the footprint of the 11 current electorates from Coomera south towards the border.

In the Greater Brisbane area, the loss of electors from the Brisbane and Redland City Council areas are offset by the excess in Ipswich and Logan City Council LGAs. This will mean that no new seats will need to be added to the total footprint that these electorates currently occupy. The only potential issue will arise with the arrangement as it will appear likely that several seats may straddle the Brisbane City Council boundary to the south to make up the under-quota southern Brisbane seats. As a result of this, it may appear that seats are abolished but have just shifted and/or extended south.

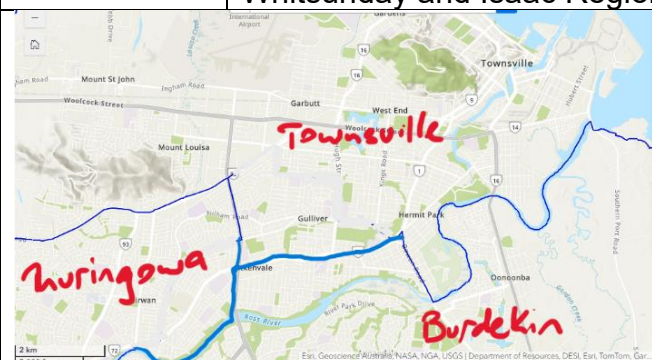
On the coast between the Brisbane River and Gladstone, there is a total of +1.2 electorates required above the current entitlement. The vast majority of this is due to the massive growth of electors in the Brisbane to Sunshine Coast corridor. This is evidenced by the enrolment in the combined area covered by the Moreton Bay City and Sunshine Coast Regional LGAs requiring an additional 0.8 electorates. This area would seem to be the logical placement of the new electorate. The new electorate would take pressure off the high-end quota seats in this area like Morayfield, Kurwongbah, Redcliffe and Murrumba in Moreton Bay City LGA, Caloundra in Sunshine Coast Regional LGA and the projected growth of Glass House that straddles both LGAs. It is suggested that the new seat be called **Ahern** for The Honourable Mike Ahern AO (1942 – 2023), 32<sup>nd</sup> Premier of Queensland. Mr Ahern represented parts of this area when the electorate was known as Landsborough and should be recognised for his efforts to implement the Fitzgerald Inquiry recommendations in the late 1980s.

The Far North Queensland electorates appear to be aligned with electorate entitlement. These electorates have the bonus of all currently being in quota and projected to stay that way. As a result of this, Barron River, Cairns, Cook, Mulgrave and Hill don't really need to be redistributed. There is also argument that Hinchinbrook does not need to be redistributed either, but that may depend on changes that I will propose in the Townsville area.

The non-weighted inland rural electorates do not need to change in number, however, Callide is in the unfortunate position of being a low growth electorate surrounded by other low-growth electorates. This electorate will most likely need a significant redraw. I have proposed some changes below. I haven't attempted to adjust the electorates of Traeger and Warrego, and I have adjusted slightly Gregory as outlined below. As these electorates are subject to a separate enrolment formula, any suggestions here are potentially unhelpful.

As there is an extra electorate to be drawn just north of Brisbane, there needs to be one abolished elsewhere. As there is an over-representation of low-quota and low growth enrolment electorates between Gladstone and Townsville, I propose the abolition of an electorate in this region. The following is a summary of these changes and maps to indicate potential changes.

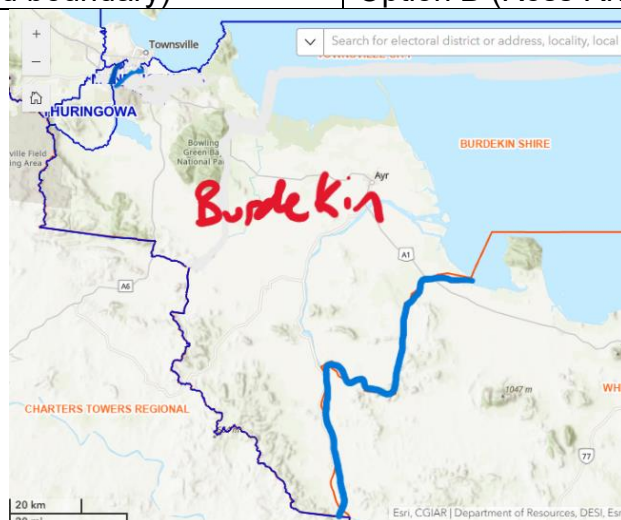
Seat	Described changes	New enrolment (not projected)
Thuringowa	The part of the current Mundingburra electorate west of Nathan Street and north of the Ross River moved to Thuringowa. This includes most of the suburb of Cranbrook. Nathan St and Ross River are well defined boundaries.	43244. At higher end of quota but within 10%
Townsville	The part of the current Mundingburra electorate east of Nathan Street and north of Ross River Road moved to Townsville. This is mostly the suburbs of Vincent and Gulliver. Ross River Road is a well-defined boundary. If it is undesirable to have this pocket of Townsville in proposed Burdekin, consideration could be given to putting South Townsville and Railway Estate into proposed Burdekin instead. Ross Creek is also a strong geographic boundary.	43470. At higher end of quota but within 10%.
Mundingburra	Suggested changes to Thuringowa and Townsville remove nearly 10000 electors from the already out of quota seat. New electors would ideally come from the balance of the Townsville City LGA, however, this falls over 10000 electors short. SA1s that make up the Burdekin Shire LGA allow the required number of electors to make an electorate. While it is not ideal for the electors currently in Mundingburra between Ross River Road and the Ross River, more electors are drawn from Burdekin Shire LGA. Mundingburra would be abolished.	Abolished
Burdekin	Burdekin Shire LGA + electors in Townsville City LGA not enrolled in Hinchinbrook, Thuringowa or Townsville electorates. Electorate loses all other parts of current electorate from Whitsunday and Isaac Regional LGAs	42389



Option A (Ross River Road boundary)

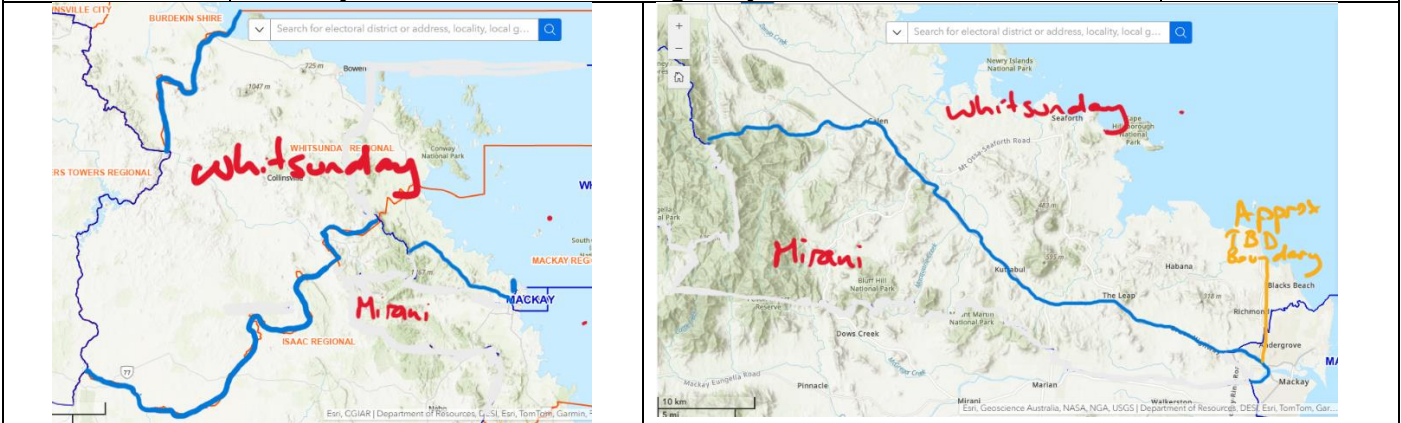


Option B (Ross River/Ross Creek boundary)



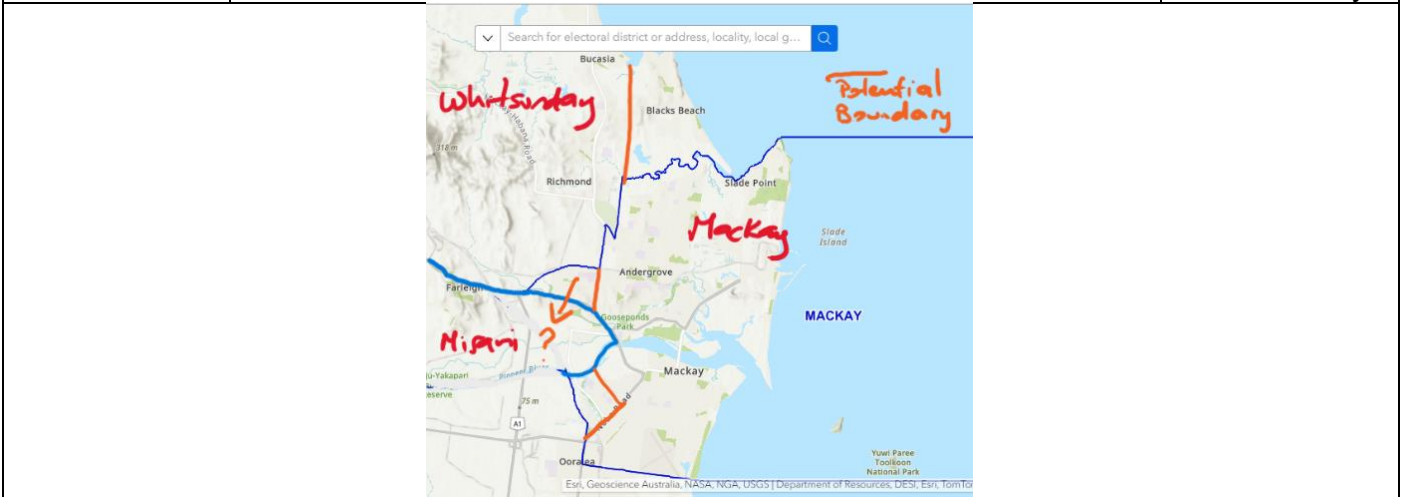
Burdekin

Whitsunday	<p>Unites all of Whitsunday Regional LGA into one electorate. Whitsunday Regional Council enrolment is only about 25000 electors. The balance of electors is obtained from Mackay Regional LGA in the current Whitsunday electorate; however, this results in too many electors. Around 8000 electors need to be redistributed between Mackay and Mirani. The next strongest boundary north of the Pioneer River is the Bruce Highway and/or the North Coast Railway Line. Around 5000 electors are in an area bounded by the Bruce Highway, the current Mirani boundary and a line running west of the township of Calen. These would be added to the Mirani electorate. Additional electors that may be required to be removed would have to occur in the vicinity of Blacks Beach and Eimeo and added to the Mackay electorate to offset some losses from Mackay between the Bruce Highway and Pioneer River.</p>	<p>Approx. 40825. This is low end but can be made up with adjustments with Mackay in the Northern Beaches</p>
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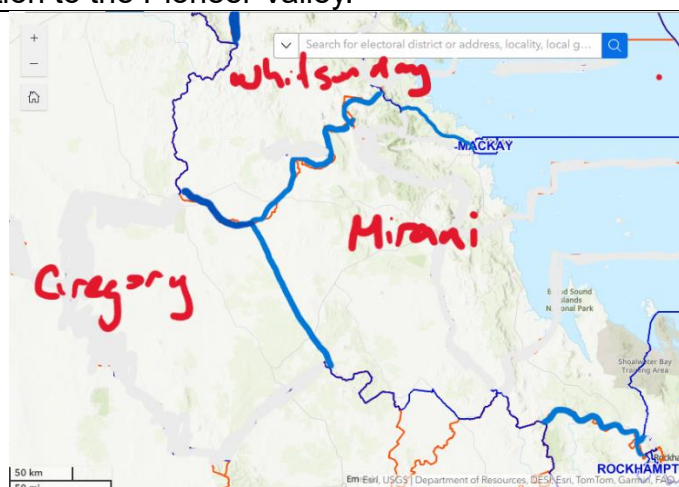
Whitsunday

Mackay	<p>Mackay loosely stays as is, however, adjustments would need to be made due to losses to Mirani between Bruce Highway and Pioneer River around Glenella and additions from Whitsunday around Blacks Beach and Eimeo. It may be needed to lose electors to Mirani around West Mackay. Any elector loss would be best taken west of Nebo Road with a northern boundary of either Bridge Road or Bruce Highway. Other options can be elector movement west of Mackay-Bucasia Road in Mount Pleasant into Mirani, making Mackay-Bucasia Road a strong boundary. (See map)</p>	<p>Approx.43689. Adjustment of numbers required between Whitsunday, Mirani and Mackay can be made in parts of the Northern Beaches and West Mackay</p>
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Mackay

Mirani	<p>Isaac Regional LGA becomes the focus of the new Mirani. As well as the current electors in the Pioneer Valley and around Sarina, Mirani gains electors from Mackay (as detailed above), plus electors from the eastern portion of Isaac Region including Moranbah, Glenden, Nebo, Middlemount and Dysart, but not those in Clermont. As Clermont is close to the current border of Gregory and Emerald is its closest largest centre, this town and the western portion of Isaac Regional LGA should be located in Gregory. To offset the gains in Isaac Regional LGA, Mirani loses all electors currently in Rockhampton Regional LGA and Livingstone Shire LGA near The Caves. Whether The Caves is in Mirani or Keppel will be determined by how electors are redistributed around Mackay. The southern boundary is generally the Fitzroy River, so it is a strong natural border and removes communities such as Mount Morgan and outer suburbs of northern Rockhampton that have no social connection to the Pioneer Valley.</p>	Approx. 41471
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Mirani

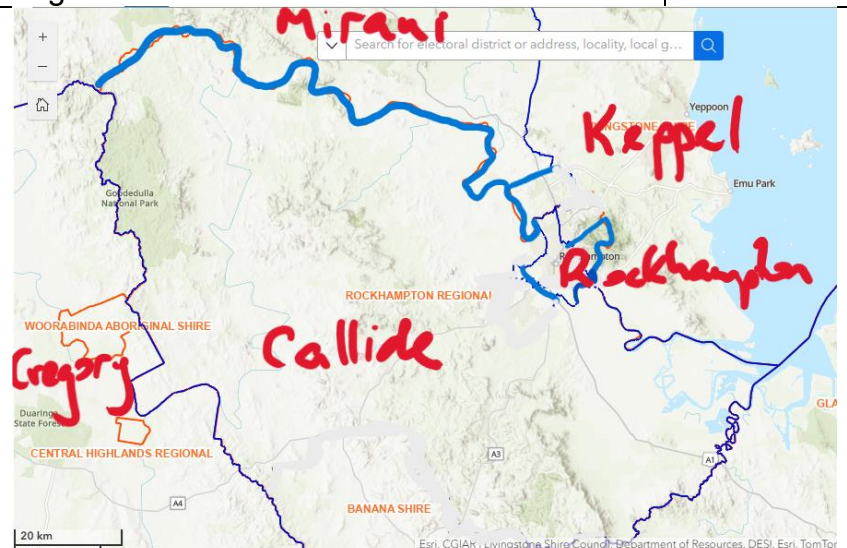
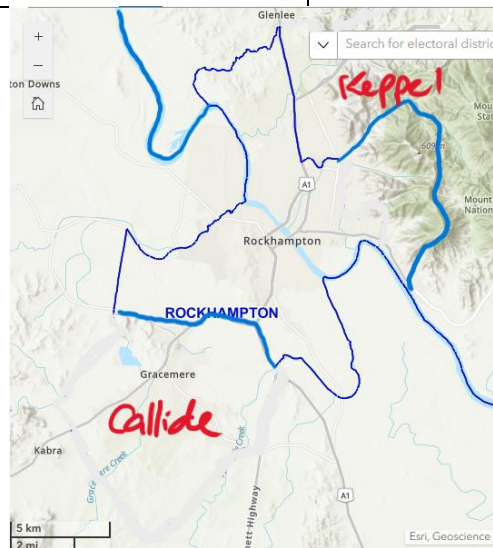
Gregory	<p>The addition of Clermont will increase the actual number of electors in Gregory. In addition to this, the large geographic area of the largely sparsely inhabited Western portion of Isaac Regional LGA should support the weighting for this electorate. Consideration was given to include Moranbah in this electorate with its large elector base and its connection to mining communities already located in Gregory, however, I felt it was better used to make Mirani a more coherent electorate not made up of communities with no shared social connection.</p>	
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Rockhampton,  
Keppel and Callide

While it is numerically impossible to place all urban Rockhampton into one electorate, it doesn't make sense that peri-urban Gracemere is included in Rockhampton while more urban suburbs like Frenchville are not, especially when these areas are wedged against Mount Archer and makes logical community of interest with Keppel tentative at best. While I haven't compiled the estimated figures for these areas, I would consider some of the following to be somewhat commonsense to better align community of interests:

- Priority be given to placing the area of urban Rockhampton bounded by Moores Creek and Mount Archer (including the community at the top of the mountain) from Keppel into the electorate of Rockhampton.
- These extra electors can be offset by the loss of Gracemere. Given the pressure for Callide to keep up with enrolments and squeezed by other low growth electorates, Gracemere, being a growth area, can help allow Callide keep up with population growth. In addition to this, with the move of electors in the south-western portion of Rockhampton Regional LGA out of Mirani, these communities have more direct communication links to Biloela than they do with Sarina. It makes sense that this would form part of Callide.
- Any net loss of electors from Keppel can be compensated with the addition of electors moved out of Mirani between The Caves and Rockyview, as well as focusing on drawing urban Rockhampton electors from around Norman Gardens and north-west of Moores Creek. These suburbs have better community links with the urban area of Yeppoon located in Keppel as Rockhampton-Yeppoon Road is a key link in the area.
- Priority should be given to remove Chinchilla and Miles from Callide and placed with an electorate with closer connections to the western Darling Downs and Warrego.



Rockhampton Area

## *Closing Comments*

With competing agendas from a variety of sources, this task is not enviable. The suggestions provided are based on good knowledge of the areas suggested. I am sure the suggestion of Mundingburra being abolished will draw howls of protest from North Queenslanders. However, if it isn't Mundingburra, it is probably going to be Burdekin, Whitsunday or Mirani. Indeed, Mirani was the first electorate that came to mind to abolish given it was made up of very disparate and unconnected communities. It was only after examining the enrolment numbers around Townsville that I came to realise the abolished seat would have to be closer to Townsville, rather than Rockhampton.

Changes to Gregory, Traeger and Callide will continue to challenge their sitting members: Gregory and Traeger for their ever-increasing sizes and Callide for being the contorted to all parts adjacent to the North Burnett and Dawson Valley. Some obvious solutions to these problems are known to be beyond the scope of the redistribution.

I did find it fascinating when I was doing preliminary numbers for regions that, despite the massive growth rates of some electorates, at a regional level, the number of seats was more or less correct, with the exception of the region of my suggested changes and on the Sunshine Coast.

Finally, I know these are just suggestions and the commission has far more resources at its disposal than a middle-aged professional working full time who has an interest in politics and geography. I do trust that these are in some way helpful to your deliberations.

I look forward to seeing what the commission proposes.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Kamler



## Appendix 1

Seat Group	Seats	
Far North Qld	Barron River Cairns Cook	Hill Mulgrave
Coast – Ingham to Gladstone	Burdekin Gladstone Hinchinbrook Keppel Mackay Mirani	Mundingburra Rockhampton Thuringowa Townsville Whitsunday
Coast – Gladstone to Caboolture	Buderim Bundaberg Burnett Caloundra Glass House Gympie Hervey Bay	Kawana Maroochydore Maryborough Nicklin Ninderry Noosa Pumicestone
Metro North	Aspley Bancroft Clayfield Cooper Everton Ferny Grove Kurwongbah Maiwar McConnel	Moggill Morayfield Murrumba Nudgee Pine Rivers Redcliffe Sandgate Stafford
Metro South	Algester Bulimba Bundamba Capalaba Chatsworth Greenslopes Inala Ipswich Ipswich West Jordan Logan Lytton	Macalister Mansfield Miller Mount Ommaney Oodgeroo Redlands South Brisbane Springwood Stretton Toohey Waterford Woodridge
Gold Coast	Bonney Broadwater Burleigh Coomera Currumbin Gaven	Mermaid Beach Mudgeeraba Southport Surfers Paradise Theodore
Non-weighted inland Rural	Callide Condamine Lockyer Nanango	Scenic Rim Southern Downs Toowoomba North Toowoomba South
Remote	Gregory Traeger	Warrego

## Appendix 2

Greater Brisbane/SEQ LGAs	Seats	
Brisbane	Algeria Aspley Bulimba Chatsworth Clayfield Cooper Everton Ferny Grove Greenslopes Inala Lytton Maiwar	Mansfield McConnell Miller Moggill Mount Ommaney Nudgee Sandgate South Brisbane Stafford Stretton Toohey
Logan	Logan Macalister Springwood	Waterford Woodridge
Ipswich	Bundamba Jordan	Ipswich Ipswich West
Redlands	Capalaba Oodgeroo	Redlands
Moreton Bay	Bancroft Kurwongbah Morayfield Murrumba	Pine River Pumicestone Redcliffe
Sunshine Coast	Buderim Caloundra Glass House Kawana	Maroochydore Nicklin Ninderry

Where electorates are found across LGA boundaries, they are placed in the LGA where most of the population is located. Glass House is loosely 50% in both Moreton Bay and Sunshine Coast.