



Overview of suggestions about the redistribution

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Introduction

Background

A review of Queensland's electoral boundaries and electorate names is currently in progress. The electoral redistribution will include four stages of community consultation as required by the *Electoral Act 1992*.

The first stage of consultation on the redistribution was conducted over a 30-day period to 6 August 2025 in accordance with section 42 of the *Electoral Act*. Notice of the invitation for suggestions on the redistribution was published in the *Queensland Government Gazette* on 7 July 2025, and promoted state-wide through print and digital newspapers, social media and stakeholder communications.

Interested parties were invited to provide written suggestions on electoral boundaries and/or district names via either an online submission form hosted on the Commission's website, by email or by mail.

A total of 116 suggestions were received, exceeding the 41 suggestions received during the equivalent consultation stage for the 2017 redistribution. The Commission is pleased to see a high level of community engagement with the redistribution process.

Of the 116 submissions received, the majority (97) were from individuals, while the remainder (19) were from organisations including political parties, local governments, businesses and community groups. The Commission's online submission form and accompanying interactive map were well utilised by the public, with 97 of the 116 suggestions submitted through the online form.

The Commission thanks all persons who have contributed to this stage of consultation and commends the quality of submissions. Queenslanders may be assured the Commission will consider all submissions with the attention they deserve.

Invitation for comments on suggestions

The Commission has published all suggestions relating to the redistribution on its website at redistribution.ecq.qld.gov.au. An index of all submissions received can be found in this document.

In accordance with section 43 of the *Electoral Act*, the Commission now invites members of the public to make comments about the suggestions. This will allow the Commission to consider the full range of views across the community about potential changes to electoral boundaries or electorate names.

After this stage of public consultation closes, the Commission will review all comments and suggestions and use them to inform the development of the proposed electoral distribution.

Overview of submissions

Whole of State submissions

A number of submissions proposed new boundaries for the whole State, or significant areas of the State. Many of these submissions outlined their rationale for making suggestions, including alignment with the criteria in the *Electoral Act* and minimising the impact of changes. The Commission commends the authors of these submissions for their considered contributions.

The Commission notes the variety of solutions and reasoning these submissions have applied to the same problems, for example, how to update the boundaries of the over-quota Coomera and its surrounding electorates.

Also of interest are suggestions that have been reached independently in two or more submissions. In some cases, these commonalities extend to the placement of new electorates and even their names.

These submissions, and the comments to be provided in the coming stage of consultation, will provide valuable options to inform the Commission's deliberations.

Submissions regarding large electorates and north Queensland

The large districts of Cook, Traeger, Gregory and Warrego, along with several north Queensland electorates will require adjustment during this redistribution. As at August 2025, both Gregory and Traeger are below the minimum enrolment range, while a number of other regional and north Queensland electorates are at the lower end of the threshold.

Various options regarding the large districts were presented through the suggestions received. Submissions generally indicated greater support for minimising changes and constraining the geographic growth of the large electorates to the extent possible.

The Commission also notes concerns raised in several submissions regarding potential diminished representation for north Queensland. Some submissions have also suggested legislative changes to address this issue, including changes to the calculation of the 'additional large district number' applied to large electorates under the *Electoral Act*.

While the Commission is highly aware of the challenges of representation in the geographically large and dispersed electorates that are a feature of Queensland's electoral landscape, legislative amendments fall outside the scope of the Commission's responsibilities.

Noting the Commission is bound by the *Electoral Act* to ensure that all districts fall within the permissible tolerance of 10 per cent above or below the State average, the Commission welcomes further comments on the suggestions related to the large districts and other north Queensland electorates.

Submissions regarding communities of interest

The Commission received suggestions from various interested individuals and community groups from across Queensland regarding electorate boundaries in their local areas. These submissions typically suggested changes to boundaries intended to unite communities with shared interests within the same electorate.

Clusters of submissions sharing a common theme or suggestion are briefly outlined below. The Commission welcomes further comment on these suggestions, including how the boundaries of the relevant districts may be updated to incorporate the community's feedback.

In some cases, the Commission also received one or two submissions regarding a particular electorate or community of interest. Submitters should be assured that the matters outlined below are not exhaustive, and all submissions will receive due consideration.

Calliope and Benaraby

A total of 13 submissions from the community suggested that Calliope, currently situated in the electorate of Callide, should instead be included in the electorate of Gladstone. The submissions highlighted the physical proximity and shared community of interest between Calliope and Gladstone.

A number of these submissions also suggested the locality of Benaraby, which is split between the electorates of Gladstone and Callide, be wholly contained within Gladstone. Some submissions covering the whole of the State made similar suggestions.

A smaller number of submissions argued there should be no change to the current boundaries in this area.

The Commission notes that objections were also raised during the 2017 redistribution regarding the inclusion of Calliope in the Callide electorate.

Mount Cotton and Sheldon

Seven submissions from community members suggested that the localities of Mount Cotton and Sheldon do not share a strong community of interest with their current electorate of Springwood, sharing closer ties with Redland City electorates to the east. Several submissions covering the whole State, or part of the State, also suggested these localities be moved into one of the electorates in the Redland City area.

The Commission notes that objections were also raised during the 2017 redistribution regarding the inclusion of Sheldon in the electorate of Springwood.

Noosa hinterland

Eleven submissions from community members suggested the town of Cooroy, currently in the electorate of Nicklin, shares a stronger community of interest with the electorate of Noosa. Several submissions covering the whole State, or part of the State, also suggested Cooroy be included in Noosa.

Some submissions also argued the northern parts of the electorate of Ninderry, particularly the towns of Eumundi, Verrierdale and Doonan, also hold stronger community of interest ties to the electorate of Noosa.

The Commission notes that similar suggestions were raised during the objections stage of the 2017 redistribution, however, the former Commission was unable to accommodate the changes at that time without significant impact on the proposed surrounding districts.

Babinda

Five community submissions suggested the locality of Babinda, currently in the electorate of Hill, shares a greater community of interest with the electorate of Mulgrave. Some submissions covering the whole of the State made similar suggestions.

Mount Ommaney

Highlighting that diverse communities of interest exist in the same geographic area, the Commission received a variety of suggestions from members of the community regarding the electorate of Mount Ommaney.

Some suggestions argued the electorate should expand in the east to encompass more of Sherwood and Oxley. Other suggestions argued an equally strong community of interest exists in the west of the electorate, highlighting important transport links and suggesting that Wacol be included in the electorate.

Kawana Forest/Meridan Plains

Four community submissions suggested the suburb of Meridan Plains shares closer community of interest connections to Birtinya and the wider electorate of Kawana than other surrounding electorates including Caloundra. These submissions argued Meridan Plains should remain in the Kawana electorate.

Electorate names

The Commission is charged with the responsibility of determining the names of electoral districts. The discussion paper published to support the first stage of consultation sought suggestions from the public about electorate names to determine whether they are appropriate or whether name changes are required.

While the majority of submissions (89) related to electoral boundaries, the remaining 27 suggestions related to electorate names (two suggestions) or both electoral boundaries and names (25 suggestions).

Of those submissions that addressed district names, either generally or regarding specific electorates, a greater number of submissions preferred district names to be based on geographic locations or landmarks as opposed to significant persons. However, the Commission notes that both views were presented across the submissions received.

The Commission welcomes comments about the suggested district names to assist it in determining appropriate names of electorates.

How to comment on the suggestions

In accordance with section 43 of the *Electoral Act*, the Commission has published all suggestions received during the first stage of consultation to the website.

The Commission now invites comments on the suggestions. Submissions can be made in writing for a period of 21 days.

Submissions can be made:

- **Online:** ecq.qld.gov.au/QRConsultation
- **Email:** QRSubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au
- **Post:** Queensland Redistribution Commission, GPO Box 1393, Brisbane, QLD, 4001

For more information about the redistribution and making a submission, please refer to the discussion paper and submission guidelines published on the Commission's website.

List of submissions

ID	Name	Organisation	Topic	Electoral District *
S-001	Michael McNeilly		Boundaries	Cook; Traeger
S-002	Kayleen Guascoine		Boundaries	Callide
S-003	<i>Withdrawn at request of author</i>			
S-004	Stewart Evans		Boundaries	Callide; Gladstone
S-005	Shane Gibson		Boundaries	Callide; Gladstone
S-006	Deborah Walters		Boundaries	Callide; Gladstone
S-007	Richmond Walters		Boundaries	Callide; Gladstone
S-008	Jemma Manwaring		Boundaries	Callide
S-009	Gregory Brown		Boundaries	Callide
S-010	Nicholas Adnum		Boundaries	Gladstone
S-011	Helen Watson		Boundaries	Gladstone
S-012	Kerith Roby		Boundaries	Gladstone
S-013	Matthew Norton		Boundaries	Condamine; Toowoomba South
S-014 #	Caleb Brook		Boundaries	Aspley; Bancroft; Broadwater; Bundaberg; Caloundra; Capalaba; Chatsworth; Clayfield; Coomera; Cooper; Ferny Grove; Gaven; Greenslopes; Hervey Bay; Kurwongbah; Logan; Macalister; Mansfield; McConnel; Miller; Moggill; Mount Ommaney; Murrumba; Nudgee; Oodgeroo; Pine Rivers; Redcliffe; Redlands; Rockhampton; Sandgate; South Brisbane; Springwood; Toohey
S-015	<i>Consolidated with S-014</i>			
S-016	Sven Lotzvie		Names	McConnel
S-017	Mitchell Trimmer-Rowan		Boundaries	Gympie; Hervey Bay; Maryborough

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S-018	Steven Macklin		Boundaries	Murrumba; Redcliffe
S-019 #	Nether Portal @ The Tally Room		Boundaries and names	All
S-020	Rowanne McKenzie		Boundaries	Redlands
S-021	Rikki Gee		Boundaries	Glass House
S-022	Anthony Bellion		Names	All
S-023	Dieter Hitchins		Boundaries	Condamine
S-024	Suzanne Miles		Boundaries	Springwood
S-025	Tim Winter		Boundaries	Springwood
S-026	Emma Gibson		Boundaries	Redlands
S-027	Heath Low		Boundaries	Springwood
S-028	Erica Harris		Boundaries	Redlands; Springwood
S-029	Jodie Walshe		Boundaries	Springwood
S-030	Simon Cole		Boundaries	Clayfield; Inala; Jordan; Logan; McConnel; South Brisbane; Stretton; Toohey
S-031	John Talty		Boundaries	Redlands; Springwood
S-032	Chris Cox		Boundaries	Maiwar; Moggill
S-033	Andrew McLean		Boundaries	Glass House
S-034	Zachary Wales		Boundaries	Callide; Gladstone
S-035	Sheridan Thompson		Boundaries and names	Callide; Gladstone
S-036	Patricia Bunting		Boundaries and names	All; Callide
S-037	Julie West		Boundaries and names	Burnett; Gladstone
S-038	Sherri Sanders		Boundaries	Callide
S-039	Priscilla Lillyman		Boundaries	Callide
S-040	Dr Paul Inglis		Boundaries	Pine Rivers
S-041	Tian Yi Jordan Dai		Boundaries and names	Algerster; Inala; Miller; Mount Ommaney; Springwood; Stretton; Toohey; Woodridge
S-042	Arush Saraswat		Boundaries	Aspley; Everton
S-043	Adam Bailey		Boundaries and names	Mount Ommaney

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S-044	Aurira Daniels		Boundaries	Noosa
S-045	Diana Morrison		Boundaries	Noosa
S-046	Sally Devlin		Boundaries	Noosa
S-047	David Nelson		Boundaries	Noosa
S-048	Darcy Ringland		Boundaries	Maroochydore
S-049	Lidewij Koene-Sloss	Western Downs Regional Council	Boundaries	All
S-050	Rosemary Baker		Boundaries	Nicklin; Noosa
S-051	Claudia Gaber		Boundaries	Noosa
S-052	Aaron Chambers	Sante Medical Services Pty Ltd trading as Growlife Medical	Boundaries	Mount Ommaney
S-053	Julie Ainscough		Boundaries	Noosa
S-054	Joy Ringrose		Boundaries	Noosa
S-055	Leonie Bradbury		Boundaries	Noosa
S-056	Lee McAlister-Smiley	White Lies Brewing Company	Boundaries	Mount Ommaney
S-057	Karen Hayes	Sherwood Neighbourhood Centre Inc		
S-058	Cecile Saraiva		Boundaries	Noosa
S-059	Marie Sulda		Boundaries	Noosa
S-060	Kent Burchard	Harmonic Futures Pty Ltd	Boundaries	Callide
S-061	Christopher Wolfs		Boundaries	Callide; Gregory; Keppel; Mirani; Rockhampton
S-062	Paul Casbolt		Boundaries	Macalister; Waterford
S-063	Kristie Virgo		Boundaries	Noosa
S-064	Jonathan Anstock		Boundaries	Ninderry
S-065	Andrew Stewart		Boundaries	Maiwar; Moggill
S-066	Belinda Anstock		Boundaries	Ninderry
S-067	Sandy Bolton MP	Member for Noosa	Boundaries	Noosa
S-068	Dale Knuth		Boundaries	Traeger

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S-069	Mark Nucifora		Boundaries	Hill; Mulgrave
S-070 #	William Bates	Rexit Australia Inc	Boundaries and names	All
S-071	Ray Seres		Boundaries	All
S-072	Richard Mills		Boundaries	Burleigh; Mermaid Beach
S-073	Bruce Stephen Stevenson		Boundaries	Nicklin; Noosa
S-074	Morrison Lakey		Boundaries	Buderim; Caloundra; Glass House; Nicklin
S-075	Sue Brooks		Boundaries	Hervey Bay
S-076 #	Mark James Spencer		Boundaries	Coomera; Logan; Scenic Rim
S-077	Jonathon Pont		Boundaries and names	All
S-078	Andrew Kamler		Boundaries and names	All
S-079	Mark Furner MP	Member for Ferny Grove	Boundaries	Ferny Grove
S-080	Nick Dametto MP	Member for Hinchinbrook	Boundaries	Hinchinbrook
S-081	Blair Martin		Boundaries	Cooper
S-082	Alana McEwen		Boundaries	Caloundra; Kawana
S-083	Louise Smith		Boundaries	Caloundra
S-084	Lindsay Brewer		Boundaries	Caloundra; Kawana
S-085	Meaaghan Wheatley		Boundaries and names	Caloundra
S-086	Lindsay Elliott		Boundaries	Bundaberg
S-087	Fiona Baverstock		Boundaries	Hill; Mulgrave
S-088	Robert Joubert		Boundaries	Ninderry; Noosa
S-089	Luke Robinson		Boundaries and names	Algester; Inala; Jordan; Logan; Miller; Scenic Rim; Stretton; Toohey; Woodridge

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S-090 ^#	Robert Richardson		Boundaries and names	Barron River; Bundaberg; Cairns; Callide; Condamine; Cook; Gladstone; Gregory; Hill; Hinchinbrook; Keppel; Lockyer; Mackay; Mirani; Mulgrave; Mundingburra; Nanango; Rockhampton; Southern Downs; Thuringowa; Toowoomba North; Toowoomba South; Townsville; Traeger; Warrego; Whitsunday
S-091	Janes Madden		Boundaries and names	Ipswich
S-092	Pierina Dalle Court	Burdekin Shire Council	Boundaries and names	Burdekin
S-093	Brett Walsh	Longreach Regional Council	Boundaries	Gregory
S-094	Pamela Beitz		Boundaries and names	Jordan
S-095	Wayne Window		Boundaries and names	All
S-096	Graham Page		Boundaries	All
S-097	Paula Ridler		Boundaries	Cooper
S-098	Jessica Harvey		Boundaries	Caloundra
S-099	Brendan Andrews		Boundaries and names	All
S-100	Jeffrey Waddell		Boundaries and names	All
S-101	Phillip Pease		Boundaries and names	All
S-102	Patsy Hannam	Babinda Visitor Information Centre Inc	Boundaries	Hill; Mulgrave
S-103	Tanya Tuttle	Babinda District Community Association Inc trading as Babinda Taskforce	Boundaries	Hill; Mulgrave
S-104	Abraham Gubler		Boundaries	Springwood
S-105	Cameron Parker	Katter's Australian Party	Boundaries	All
S-106 #	Tyler Rolls		Boundaries	Maiwar; Stafford

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S-107	Lachlan O'Neill		Boundaries	Coomera
S-108	Luke Dixon		Boundaries and names	All
S-109	Corey Baker		Boundaries and names	Aspley; Clayfield; Cooper; Everton; Ferny Grove; Maiwar; McConnel; Moggill; Nudgee; Sandgate; Stafford
S-110	Ben Riley	Liberal National Party of Queensland	Boundaries and names	All
S-111	Melanie Baverstock		Boundaries	Hill; Mulgrave
S-112	Gemmia Burden	Queensland Greens	Boundaries and names	Algester; Aspley; Bulimba; Bundamba; Capalaba; Chatsworth; Clayfield; Cooper; Everton; Ferny Grove; Greenslopes; Inala; Ipswich; Jordan; Logan; Lytton; Macalister; Maiwar; Mansfield; McConnel; Miller; Moggill; Mount Ommaney; Nudgee; Oodgeroo; Redlands; Sandgate; South Brisbane; Springwood; Stafford; Stretton; Toohey; Waterford; Woodridge
S-113	Sarah Vogler	Local Government Association of Queensland	Boundaries	All
S-114	Benjamin Close		Boundaries and names	All
S-115	Ben Driscoll	Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland)	Boundaries	All
S-116	Alicia Ruhl		Boundaries	Cook; Gregory; Traeger; Warrego
S-117	Mark Yore		Boundaries and names	All
S-118 ^	Liz Schmidt	Charters Towers Regional Council	Boundaries	Traeger

* Electorates and topics are as identified by submitters, or by the Commission where the submission was received by email or letter. May not be exhaustive of all matters raised in the submission.

Includes multiple submissions consolidated under one Submission ID.

^ Submission or partial submission received after the deadline of 6 August 2025 accepted by the Commission.



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