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**Submission:**

**Submission Summary:** The **attached submission** presents a formal objection to the proposed rezoning of Ipswich communities (Karalee, Chuwar and Barellan Point) into the Brisbane-based state electorate of Moggill (as proposed by Submission S-110). The submission examines the significant differences between the two regions in terms of demographic composition, local government priorities, infrastructure connectivity, socio-economic factors, and service delivery needs.

A comprehensive proposal is provided to amend the suggested electoral boundaries in the S-110 submission for the state electorates of Moggill, Ipswich and Ipswich West. The proposal offers a more balanced redistribution by ensuring electorates are shaped around shared socio-economic characteristics, local council services, infrastructure priorities, and established community ties, whilst also contributing to an equitable distribution of electoral enrolments (supported by an analysis of SA-1 population data in the appendices).

**Submission Attachments**

Response to Submission S-110.pdf

**Response to Submission '*S-110 - Liberal National Party of Queensland – All*'**

*Objection to the rezoning of Ipswich communities into the predominantly Brisbane-based State Electorate of Moggill.*

The Liberal National Party's submission proposes extending the state electorate of Moggill across the Brisbane River to incorporate Chuwar, Karalee and Barellan Point ("**Proposed Allocated Suburbs**"). The rationale put forward references historical connections between these suburbs and the adjacent Karana Downs–Mount Crosby area ("**Existing Moggill Suburbs**"), united by semi-rural character and serviced via Colleges Crossing.

However, while historical links may have once aligned these communities, significant changes in demographic trends, socio-economic composition, and local governance over the past 25 years have led to a clear divergence between the two regions. This divergence underscores the inappropriateness of grouping these Ipswich suburbs with the Brisbane-based state electorate of Moggill. The following key points outline these concerns.

**1. Socio-Economic and Governance Considerations**

- **Local Government Boundaries:** The Proposed Allocated Suburbs fall within the Ipswich City Council, while the Existing Moggill Suburbs fall within the Brisbane City Council. The Proposed Allocated Suburbs are separated by the Brisbane River to the remainder of the Moggill electorate, creating both a physical and jurisdictional separation between these Proposed Allocated Suburbs and the Existing Moggill Suburbs.

- **Population Growth and Development:** In contrast to the Liberal National Party's reference to close historical links, the development priorities of the Ipswich City Council and Brisbane City Council has seen a significant divergence in the development strategies in this region (including subsequent infrastructure challenges). For example:

    - Karalee experienced a 49.9% population increase between the 2011 and 2021 Census periods, driven largely by small-lot residential developments approved under Ipswich City Council planning frameworks, and supported by a significant expansion in commercial development (including new supermarkets, fast-food outlets, medical centres, etc).

    - In contrast, Karana Downs' population declined by 0.7% during the same period, maintaining its low-density, semi-rural character typical of the Existing Moggill Suburbs.

- **Urban Orientation and Service Access:**

    - Residents of the Proposed Allocated Suburbs rely primarily on Ipswich City as their retail, sports, educational, medical, community and business centre, with Ipswich CBD just a 13-minute drive away.

- Conversely, residents of the Existing Moggill Suburbs are oriented towards Kenmore and Indooroopilly, with their planning and service access being aligned with Brisbane-based infrastructure and policy.

- The divergent planning frameworks and service requirements between the two communities may impede effective State representation for the smaller number of Ipswich based electors in the Proposed Allocated Suburbs.

**2. Transport and Infrastructure Disconnect**

- **Public Transport Access:**

  - The Existing Moggill Suburbs are connected to the Translink network via Brisbane City Council's Personalised Public Transport service, as well as the nearby Pullenvale park'n'ride, offering access to Moggill Road bus routes and broader Brisbane transit.

  - In contrast, there is currently no direct public transport to the Proposed Allocated Suburbs in Ipswich City Council. While a new bus service to Ipswich is proposed to connect Karalee to the Ipswich CBD, the nearest Translink connection point for residents of the Proposed Allocated Suburbs travelling to Brisbane City is the Dinmore train station (evident by now hosting the largest commuter car park on the Ipswich railway line).

  - State Representation for the transport needs of the Proposed Allocated Suburbs is, again, significantly different to the transportation needs of the existing Moggill Suburbs.

- **Road Infrastructure Orientation:**

  - The Existing Moggill Suburbs are functionally connected to the rest of the Moggill electorate via Mt Crosby and Moggill Roads, consistent with the transport corridors used by Brisbane's western suburbs.

  - The Proposed Allocated Suburbs, however, primarily connect to Brisbane via the Warrego Highway and Ipswich Motorway, which are arterial routes shared by the state electorate of Ipswich.

**3. Demographic Trends**

The Liberal National Party has proposed expanding the Moggill electorate westward to address projected population stagnation within the existing boundaries. However, as highlighted previously, this approach introduces significant challenges due to the misalignment of demographic, socio-economic, and infrastructure profiles between the Brisbane-based Existing Moggill Suburbs and the Ipswich-based Proposed Allocated Suburbs.

**Proposed Alternative Realignment**

As a more appropriate and cohesive alternative to the Liberal National Party's submission, it is recommended that any necessary expansion of the **Moggill** electorate be directed eastward and incorporate suburbs such as Fig Tree Pocket. These areas are not only geographically contiguous, but also share more closely aligned demographic trends, land use patterns, and infrastructure priorities with the existing Moggill electorate.

The Proposed Allocated Suburbs should not be added to the Moggill electorate, but should be consolidated into the state electorate of Ipswich, which better reflects their urban growth dynamics, service and infrastructure needs, and community links. The Liberal National Party has itself already proposed extending the Ipswich electorate north to the Warrego Highway, supporting this alternative alignment.

On a concurrent note, these Proposed Allocated Suburbs also exhibit little in common with the current state electorate of Ipswich West, which includes communities such as Brassall, Rosewood, and Yamanto. It is proposed that these suburbs do not remain a part of the state electorate of Ipswich West because they share minimal service, infrastructure, commercial and community links.

To further improve electoral coherence and representation across the state electorates of Ipswich and Ipswich West, it is proposed that:

- The Coominya and Fernvale regions remain within the state electorates of **Nanango** and **Lockyer** respectively, where their local services with the Somerset Regional Council, rural character and community ties are more appropriately represented (noting that the proposed Liberal National Party boundary changes for the state electorates of Nanango and Lockyer are not required to retain them within their respective electoral quotas in 2032).

- The state electorate of **Ipswich West** be realigned to include Flinders View and Churchill; suburbs that share the same socio-economic compositions and development profiles with Yamanto. This proposed redistribution would align with the broader urban development trajectory of the Ripley Valley, where future infrastructure needs and investments along the Cunningham Highway, Centenary Highway and Ripley Road corridors will significantly shape regional planning. Furthermore, it is strongly recommended that the state electorate of Ipswich West retains the Bremer River bound suburb of Brassall in its entirety to ensure this community retains effective representation.

Appendix A and Appendix B confirm that these proposed changes to the Liberal National Party's submission would ensure that the state electorates of Ipswich and Ipswich West remain within the legislated quotas by 2032. A map overlay of the proposed boundary revisions for the state electorate of Ipswich is also provided in Appendix C.

**Conclusion**

The proposed inclusion of Chuwar, Karalee, and Barellan Point within the Moggill electorate does not adequately reflect the significant differences in demographic composition, local governance, infrastructure connectivity, and service orientation between these Ipswich-based suburbs and the predominantly Brisbane-based communities of Moggill. While historical associations via Colleges Crossing once offered some connection, these ties have been overtaken by decades of divergent growth, planning frameworks, and community identity.

It is therefore recommended that any expansion to the state electorate of Moggill be directed eastward to incorporate Fig Tree Pocket, a suburb within Brisbane City Council that shares strong socio-economic alignment with the existing Moggill communities. At the same time, it is proposed that the Ipswich suburbs of Chuwar, Karalee, and Barellan Point be incorporated into the state electorate of Ipswich, reflecting their strong socio-economic, infrastructure, and community alignment with this region. To further support a more cohesive redistribution, it is recommended that suburbs adjacent to Yamanto, along with a portion of Brassall, be transferred from the Liberal National Party's proposed Ipswich electoral boundary to the state electorate of Ipswich West.

To maintain consistency in regional representation, it is further recommended that the Coominya and Fernvale regions remain within the state electorates of Nanango and Lockyer respectively, where community connections and access to local services are more appropriately aligned.

These adjustments to the Liberal National Party's proposal would deliver a more balanced redistribution by ensuring electorates are shaped around shared socio-economic characteristics, local council services, infrastructure priorities, and established community ties, while also contributing to an equitable distribution of electoral enrolments.

**Appendix A: Proposed Enrolment Change to the LNP Submission for the State Electorate of Ipswich**

***Enrolment growth*** in the State Electorate of Ipswich with the addition of Karalee, Karana Downs and Chuwar. *Projected enrolment refers to 2032.*

| Suburb | SA1 code | Enrolment | Projected enrolment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128901 | 220 | 210 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128902 | 314 | 303 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128903 | 323 | 332 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128904 | 536 | 504 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128905 | 188 | 178 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128906 | 1285 | 1345 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128907 | 606 | 688 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128908 | 408 | 429 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128909 | 268 | 282 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128910 | 218 | 207 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128911 | 399 | 460 |
| Karalee / Barellan Point | 31003128912 | 283 | 292 |
| Chuwar | 31003128801 | 389 | 469 |
| Chuwar | 31003128802 | 499 | 584 |
| Chuwar | 31003128803 | 175 | 184 |
| Chuwar | 31003128804 | 253 | 269 |
| | **TOTAL:** | **6364** | **6736** |

***Enrolment reduction*** in the State Electorate of Ipswich with the rezoning of Churchill, Flinders View, Raceview (commercial district) and Brassall (partial). *Projected enrolment refers to 2032.*

| Suburb | SA1 code | Enrolment | Projected enrolment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brassall | 31003128310 | 270 | 280 |
| Brassall | 31003128311 | 267 | 270 |
| Brassall | 31003128317 | 363 | 368 |
| Brassall | 31003128318 | 200 | 207 |
| Churchill | 31003128505 | 373 | 373 |
| Churchill | 31003128506 | 422 | 406 |
| Churchill | 31003128509 | 380 | 371 |
| Churchill | 31003128514 | 191 | 189 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129301 | 202 | 216 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129302 | 260 | 272 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129303 | 270 | 279 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129304 | 232 | 245 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129305 | 262 | 259 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129306 | 274 | 285 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129316 | 383 | 455 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129317 | 303 | 301 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129318 | 265 | 270 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129319 | 7 | 7 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129326 | 254 | 256 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129327 | 181 | 184 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129328 | 343 | 363 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129329 | 353 | 377 |
| | **TOTAL:** | **6055** | **6233** |

**Appendix B: Proposed Enrolment Change to the LNP Submission for the State Electorate of Ipswich West**

***Enrolment growth*** in the State Electorate of Ipswich West with the addition of Flinders View, Churchill, Raceview (western industrial zone only) and Brassall (partial). *Projected enrolment refers to 2032.*

| Suburb | SA1 code | Enrolment | Projected enrolment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Brassall | 31003128310 | 270 | 280 |
| Brassall | 31003128311 | 267 | 270 |
| Brassall | 31003128317 | 363 | 368 |
| Brassall | 31003128318 | 200 | 207 |
| Churchill | 31003128505 | 373 | 373 |
| Churchill | 31003128506 | 422 | 406 |
| Churchill | 31003128509 | 380 | 371 |
| Churchill | 31003128514 | 191 | 189 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129301 | 202 | 216 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129302 | 260 | 272 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129303 | 270 | 279 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129304 | 232 | 245 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129305 | 262 | 259 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129306 | 274 | 285 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129316 | 383 | 455 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129317 | 303 | 301 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129318 | 265 | 270 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129319 | 7 | 7 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129326 | 254 | 256 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129327 | 181 | 184 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129328 | 343 | 363 |
| Flinders View / Raceview (West) | 31003129329 | 353 | 377 |
| | **TOTAL:** | **6055** | **6233** |

***Enrolment reduction*** in the State Electorate of Ipswich West with the addition of rezoning of the Fernvale Region, Glamorgan Vale and Wanora to the State Electorate of Lockyer. *Projected enrolment refers to 2032.*

| Suburb | SA1 code | Enrolment | Projected enrolment |
|---|---|---|---|
| Glamorgan Vale | 31002128104 | 513 | 553 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128114 | 390 | 420 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128119 | 406 | 410 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128120 | 235 | 209 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128121 | 445 | 437 |
| Wanora | 31002128124 | 274 | 288 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128125 | 644 | 632 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128126 | 476 | 557 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128127 | 166 | 169 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128134 | 109 | 138 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128135 | 474 | 537 |
| Fernvale Region | 31002128137 | 229 | 342 |
| | **TOTAL:** | **4361** | **4692** |

**Appendix C: Proposed Electoral Boundary Adjustment to the State Electorate of Ipswich**