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**Submission of the
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to the 2025 Queensland
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Dear Chairperson,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the redistribution of the State's electoral boundaries by the Queensland Redistribution Commission (QRC).

The ALP submission is intended to assist the QRC in its redistribution to ensure free and fair elections, and maintaining Queensland's robust parliamentary democracy.

The ALP submission will cover:

1. General Principles for Redistribution
2. Other Matters for Consideration
3. Regional Suggestions to Meet Statutory Criteria

If the QRC requires any further information or clarification of matters contained in this submission, please do not hesitate to contact me.

The ALP will participate in future rounds of consultation as part of the redistribution process.



Ben Driscoll
ACTING STATE SECRETARY

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES FOR REDISTRIBUTION

The ALP's submission seeks to present a sustainable redistribution of electorate boundaries, compliant with the legislative requirements, and addressing statutory factors for consideration as set out in the *Electoral Act 1992*.

The ALP maintains that the fundamental purpose of the redistribution process set out in the *Electoral Act 1992* is to ensure that, except in limited circumstances set out in section 45(1)(b), the principle of one vote, one value is advanced in Queensland.

The redistribution process as defined reflects the original *Electoral Districts Act 1991*, that:

- removed the zonal system that resulted in a significant departure from one vote, one value as a guiding principle; and
- introduced an independent QRC for the redistribution of electoral boundaries.

The ALP submits that the independence of the QRC is significant in both ensuring free and fair elections in Queensland, and upholding the public's faith and confidence in our democratic process and institutions. The ALP reiterates publicly stated concern regarding the composition of the QRC, particularly relating to section 6(7)(a) of the *Electoral Act 1992*, and the subsequent legal validity of decisions made by the QRC under section 51.

The ALP emphasises the importance of the true and perceived independence of the QRC, and its members, in determining electoral boundaries that maintain the trust of Queensland voters. The QRC should consider exercising its powers under section 55 and hold public hearings to further strengthen public confidence in the process.

Notwithstanding the formula contained in section 45(1)(b), the ALP submits that the large district weighting is a departure from the principle of one vote, one value.

The QRC should continue the work of previous redistributions and seek to equalise the value of all Queenslanders' votes wherever possible. The ALP acknowledges this is somewhat constrained by the maintenance of 93 electorates.

There are currently 28,465 notional enrolments for the weighting calculation, representing approximately 79 per cent of an electorate on the lower threshold of the May 2025 quota.

The ALP submits further minimising weighted electorates would deliver electoral boundaries that better reflect the one vote, one value principle and electorates that are smaller in geographic area. In instances where electorates over 100,000km² are necessary, an attempt should still be made to reduce the notional enrolment numbers by managing the geography of electorates.

2. OTHER MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

The *Electoral Act 1992* section 46 sets out matters which the QRC must consider in its determination of boundaries, with the QRC retaining the discretion to give weight to these matters.

2.1 Enrolment projections – section 46(1)(e)

While the projections for enrolment growth to 2032 are important, the ALP notes the commentary throughout the Discussion Paper released alongside invitation for public suggestions regarding the accuracy of previous population projections.

The ALP submits that this criteria:

- is secondary to the enrolment requirements in section 45(1); and
- has no more significance than the other criteria in sections 46(1)(a-d) and 46(2).

The ALP submits caution should be exercised to avoid making major boundary changes or determining overall seat representation of regional areas based on population projections.

2.2 Existing boundaries – section 46(1)(d)

The ALP submits that in many cases electoral boundaries reflect existing communities of interest as set out in section 46(1)(a) and continuity of electoral districts should be preserved wherever possible.

2.3 Ways of communication – section 46(1)(b)

When considering this factor, the ALP submits that the QRC should consider, on a case-by-case basis, whether transport networks act as a uniter or divider of communities.

Roads can provide a spine, bringing communities together, particularly in Regional Queensland. However, roads may also provide physical barriers that separate communities, particularly in urban areas.

3. REGIONAL SUGGESTIONS TO MEET STATUTORY CRITERIA

Queensland has experienced significant population growth, well above the growth predicted in the previous redistribution. However, this growth has been mostly concentrated in South East areas of the State and presents challenges for the QRC to balance enrolments between regions that have grown at different rates.

3.1 Far North Queensland

Barron River, Cairns, Cook, Hill, Mulgrave

Electoralates	Weighted Enrolment		Seat Quotas		Avg. Quota Variation	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
5	205,042	222,007	5.09	4.97	1.85%	-0.62%

The electoralates of Barron River, Cairns, Cook, Hill and Mulgrave are within statutory enrolment requirements, both now and on projection.

As there is no case for material change, the ALP submits the five electoralates in Far North Queensland do not need significant adjustment.

3.2 Central and North Queensland

Electoralates	Weighted Enrolment		Seat Quotas		Avg. Quota Variation	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
14	534,399	572,474	13.27	12.81	-5.20%	-8.48%

The ALP submits that Central and North Queensland should be considered as a whole, as changes to balance enrolments in one part of this region will have implications for the boundaries of other seats in the region.

3.2.1 North Queensland

Burdekin, Hinchinbrook, Mackay, Mirani, Mundingburra, Thuringowa, Townsville, Traeger, Whitsunday

At present, Mundingburra is outside the statutory criteria and needs to gain electors. In 2032, electorates projected to be under the acceptable deviation include Burdekin, Townsville, Mundingburra, Thuringowa and Mirani.

The ALP submits that the Townsville region, as the main urban centre of North Queensland, should retain its current representation of three provincial city electorates, with the boundaries rebalanced as necessary.

On 2032 projections, Mirani will need to gain electors. The ALP submits Mirani should move to the north to achieve this, with the southern areas of Mirani also moving to Gregory. A more northern location would better align Mirani's communities of interest in the areas surrounding Mackay, with a potential to also extend Mirani into areas north of Mackay that are currently located within the Whitsunday electorate. The ALP submits a potential southern boundary for the reprofiled Mirani should be the existing Mackay Region LGA boundary.

The ALP submits the suburban communities on the southern fringes of Mackay, including Racecourse, Ooralea and Paget be moved into Mackay, sharing a much stronger community of interest with the provincial centre of Mackay than the regional surrounding areas.

3.2.2 Central Queensland

Callide, Gladstone, Keppel, Rockhampton, Gregory

At present, electorates are currently within the acceptable deviation, except Gregory. However, Callide is projected to fall below in 2032, with Gladstone potentially also needing to gain electors.

The ALP submits Gladstone should gain electors by moving the communities based around Calliope, and including the balance of Benaraby, into Gladstone. Calliope and Benaraby have a clear community of interest with Gladstone as their services, amenities and employment hub, connected directly by the Dawson Highway and Gladstone Benaraby Road.

The ALP notes commentary from the QRC in the final report from the last redistribution that it accepted Calliope residents' community interest arguments, but were unable to manage these enrolments in Gladstone at the time. The ALP submits there is now an opportunity to move electors in this area to Gladstone.

As Callide is projected to fall below the acceptable deviation, and following our submission regarding Gladstone, it will need to gain electors. The ALP submits this should include gaining Ambrose and Mount Larcom.

The ALP also submits Callide could take electors from Burnett and Maryborough, including areas like Seventeen Seventy and Agnes Water, further assisting in managing growth in the Sunshine Coast/Wide Bay area to the south.

Rockhampton and Keppel are both within quota and projected to remain within quota. They are seats that unite key communities of interest based around the Rockhampton area. For Keppel,

being the northern suburbs of Rockhampton and the coastal communities of Yeppoon and Emu Park, and for Rockhampton, the majority of the city itself and satellite communities, like Gracemere.

The ALP submits that if any changes are made, these principles should be upheld. Should Keppel need to shed excess enrolments, this can be managed by moving the non-urban areas in the north of Keppel into more regional neighbouring electorates. Should Rockhampton need to grow, this can be managed by adding Mount Morgan into Rockhampton, another satellite community with key links to Rockhampton.

The ALP submits that Gregory, as needing to gain electors, should grow to both the east and north, taking the communities currently within the southern areas of Mirani, and the mining communities within the Isaac Region including Moranbah, Clermont, Dysart and Middlemount, potentially extending as far as Collinsville. These communities share a similar history and economic base throughout the broader region, and it would unite them with other mining communities in the south of the Bowen Basin, like Blackwater.

3.3 Brisbane North

Aspley, Clayfield, Cooper, Everton, Ferny Grove, Maiwar, McConnel, Moggill, Nudgee, Sandgate, Stafford

Electorates	Weighted Enrolment		Seat Quotas		Avg. Quota Variation	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
11	443,224	474,672	11.01	10.62	0.07%	-3.42%

Seats within Brisbane North are currently within quota and the collective growth projections in these districts suggest the region will remain within an acceptable deviation from quota by 2032.

The ALP submits that these 11 electorates can have projected population growth managed through exchanges within the current external boundaries of the region.

Moggill is projected to need to gain electors by 2032. In addition to moving Fig Tree Pocket into Moggill, the ALP submits areas of Indooroopilly closer to Fig Tree Pocket, using Witton Road as a boundary, also move to Moggill. These river communities have many similarities and communities of interest, bordered by the river, linked by Fig Tree Pocket Road and connected to communities north and south of the river by the Centenary Highway.

While not required to gain enrolments, Sandgate is projected to fall just outside the acceptable deviation by 2032. As Sandgate is bordered by the Pine River and Moreton Bay to its north and east, and the rail corridor and Gympie Arterial Road forming a strong physical boundary to the west, the ALP submits that should the QRC determine to add electors, this be achieved by minor boundary amendments to the south.

The ALP submits Kedron Brook is a strong natural boundary at the south of Nudgee, and any growth needs should be managed by gaining area to the west, potentially the remaining areas of Wavell Heights by extending the boundary towards Gympie Road, as used throughout other parts of the northside.

Should Stafford need to gain electors, the ALP submits area to the west of Lutwyche Road should be moved from Clayfield to Stafford, allowing Clayfield to gain electors from McConnel through Newstead and parts of Bowen Hills to manage the high projected growth in McConnel.

While not required to meet enrolment requirements at this time, should other minor boundary amendments create a need for Cooper to gain electors, the ALP submits this can be done through the balance of the suburb of Ashgrove to its north so the strong Kelvin Grove Road boundary between Cooper and McConnel is retained.

Ferny Grove is expected to fall below quota by 2032, providing the opportunity to unite the suburbs of Arana Hills, Keppera, Mitchelton, Gaythorne and Enoggera within one electorate, by moving the portions of these suburbs south of Kedron Brook to Ferny Grove.

Everton will therefore need to gain electors. The ALP submits the suburbs of Bridgeman Downs and McDowall move into Everton. These communities have more in common with the communities of Albany Creek in terms of shopping, sporting club catchments and larger block sizes and outer-suburban lifestyle. Locals here shop at Albany Creek and are often not commuters into the Chermide and Aspley shopping precincts and centres of employment.

Following the significant objections from Bunya residents during the last redistribution, the ALP submits that strong consideration should be given to these concerns, with the potential to accommodate Bunya in Everton.

The ALP submits that Aspley, an electorate based around Gympie Road as its spine and main way of transportation throughout the north-south orientation of the electorate, should gain electors from Chermide and Chermide West to rebalance Stafford's exchange with Clayfield. The ALP also submits that the northern boundaries of the electorate are retained, as to not disturb the strong natural boundary of the Pine River and existing Brisbane City Council northern boundary.

3.4 Wide Bay/Burnett/Fraser Coast

Bundaberg, Burnett, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Maryborough, Nanango

Electoralates	Weighted Enrolment		Seat Quotas		Avg. Quota Variation	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
6	257,337	273,537	6.39	6.12	6.52%	2.04%

Bundaberg is within the allowable deviation for enrolments at present, but projected enrolments show a potential need for further voters to be moved into the electorate. Should the QRC determine to add electors to Bundaberg, the ALP submits that suburban areas in Branyan and Kensington on Bundaberg's southern fringe, connected to Bundaberg by Childers Road, should be moved from Burnett to Bundaberg. Branyan is currently split between electoralates, with key unifiers of this community already in Bundaberg, such as Branyan Road State School and CQUniversity's Bundaberg Campus.

While projected to trend back towards quota, Hervey Bay needs to lose electors. Although Maryborough is close to exceeding the acceptable deviation, it will have to take electors from Hervey Bay to manage its section 45(1)(a) requirements. The ALP submits only small changes should be made, with an additional portion of Urraween, south of Urraween Road and west of Main Street moving to Maryborough.

The ALP notes that rebalancing Hervey Bay may cause a similar issue for Maryborough. Referencing our submission above where Callide is able to take electors from Burnett, this would allow Burnett to take electors from Maryborough's north as necessary, for example Burrum Heads.

The ALP submits Nanango can extend its boundary eastward to help ease enrolment pressure on Gympie which is currently over quota. In addition, exchanges between Callide, Burnett and Maryborough can be managed to allow Maryborough to gain electors from Gympie by extending its boundary south of Tiaro to include smaller communities along the Bruce Highway as necessary.

3.5 Sunshine Coast

Buderim, Caloundra, Glass House, Kawana, Maroochydore, Nicklin, Ninderry, Noosa

Electoralates	Weighted Enrolment		Seat Quotas		Avg. Quota Variation	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
8	332,760	387,564	8.26	8.67	3.31%	8.43%

Strong population growth on the Sunshine Coast has resulted in Caloundra being outside the allowable deviation, with Buderim and Glass House also projected to continue strong growth.

The ALP submits there is an opportunity to define Caloundra's boundaries by the established, coastal suburbs around the main urban centre in Caloundra, with the potential inclusion of Little Mountain, Meridan Plains and Aroona sharing this coastal community of interest.

This would provide the opportunity to define a seat through the southern Sunshine Coast's inland growth corridor west of Caloundra including the communities of Landsborough and Beerwah in the south-west, Baringa, Nirimba and Banya in the east, and Sippy Downs in the north. The inland estate-based developments share strong communities of interest distinct from the coastal suburbs, have uniting road connections and rail connections along the North Coast line and future spur to the Sunshine Coast.

With Caloundra becoming a seat defined by coastal communities of interest, further changes to electoralates north along the coast may be required to rebalance enrolments.

The ALP submits Kawana gains electors from the suburbs of Mooloolaba and Alexandra Headland. This change has Mooloolaba River and the waterways around it used as a defining feature of the electorate. Maroochydore should extend its boundaries north to include the portion of Coolum Beach east of the Sunshine Motorway to rebalance enrolments.

Maroochydore and Caloundra are used as two distinct hubs of the Sunshine Coast, both as suburbs and electoralates, separated by the entirely coastal electorate of Kawana containing the suburbs between them connected by Nicklin Way and including Mooloolaba.

Should Ninderry's boundaries need adjustment as a result, in the same way we proposed Coolum Beach be moved into Maroochydore to unite the coastal suburbs, the ALP submits Peregrine Springs be moved into Noosa such that the residential community is united with a clear coastal community of interest in Peregrine Beach.

For Buderim, the ALP submits it move north as far as Maroochydore Road and the Maroochy River to include the inland suburbs of Forest Glen and Kuluin.

These changes leave Ninderry in the north, and Nicklin in the central/south, as hinterland seats. This will allow further changes to balance enrolments to the north and west Sunshine Coast hinterland regions.

3.6 Moreton Bay

Bancroft, Kurwongbah, Morayfield, Murrumba, Pine Rivers, Pumicestone, Redcliffe

Electorates	Weighted Enrolment		Seat Quotas		Avg. Quota Variation	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
7	303,739	351,439	7.54	7.87	7.77%	12.37%

The Moreton Bay region has experienced strong growth. At present, Murrumba is the only electorate needing adjustment to satisfy immediate quota requirements.

The ALP submits that the Murrumba portions of Rothwell and Kippa-Ring be moved to Bancroft, using Saltwater Creek as a natural boundary. This adjustment retains Murrumba's identity as an electorate built around Murrumba Downs and Mango Hill, as well as reinforcing Bancroft as an electorate with Deception Bay Road/Anzac Avenue as its connecting spine.

While not required under section 45(1)(a), should the QRC determine to move electors out of Redcliffe, the ALP submits this should be done while respecting its natural peninsula boundary.

Kurwongbah is not required under section 45(1)(a) to lose electors. However, should the QRC determine to move electors out of Kurwongbah, the ALP submits moving parts of Burpengary into Morayfield, allowing reprofiling of seats to the north to accommodate projected regional growth, and having regard to the former boundary between Morayfield and the old Kallangur electorate.

The ALP also submits the growth suburb of Burpengary East and the remainder of Morayfield move into the Morayfield electorate. This would unite these suburbs in a single electorate, where there already exists a strong community of interest, particularly between localities on the east of the M1 connected by road to the west.

The ALP submits that the Pine Rivers electorate does not require any adjustments.

To allow Glass House to relieve pressure on Sunshine Coast enrolments, we submit Pumicestone lose electors from Caboolture and extend further north, along the passage for which it is named, taking in communities around the Bruce Highway along the inter-urban break.

This would allow the QRC to consider a seat based on existing areas in the north of Caboolture, while also catering for the significant projected growth in coming years to the west. Should the QRC consider this, a significant portion of the current Glass House electorate would be needed, allowing the existing Glass House to rebalance enrolments further north into the Sunshine Coast hinterland and inland growth corridor, while these more southern communities would be united under a Caboolture electorate where stronger communities of interest exist.

3.7 South of Brisbane

Electorates	Weighted Enrolment		Seat Quotas		Avg. Quota Variation	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
24	969,642	1,085,968	24.08	24.31	0.34%	1.28%

Areas south of the Brisbane River between Brisbane, Ipswich and the Gold Coast have seen significant population growth.

With infill development leading to a continuous urban expansion throughout the broader areas south of the Brisbane River, resulting in fewer natural boundaries and less defined discrete communities separated by existing local government boundaries, the ALP submits that the QRC treat these regions together.

3.7.1 Redland Coast

Capalaba, Oodgeroo, Redlands

In the Redlands coastal area, Oodgeroo needs to gain electors with Redlands being able to rebalance these enrolments.

With Oodgeroo needing to grow, the ALP submits a greater portion of the suburb of Thornlands should be transferred to Oodgeroo from Redlands, with this suburb already split between these electorates. There exists a strong community of interest and way of connection along Cleveland-Redland Bay Road between Thornlands and Cleveland, within Oodgeroo.

Capalaba is projected to fall outside the allowable deviation and consideration could also be given to transferring the entirety of Thornlands from Redlands to Oodgeroo, allowing a small exchange between Oodgeroo and Capalaba in the north, such as more of southern Wellington Point, to balance projected growth.

3.7.2 Brisbane South

Algester, Bulimba, Chatsworth, Greenslopes, Inala, Lytton, Mansfield, Miller, Mount Ommaney, South Brisbane, Stretton, Toohey

At present, Toohey needs to gain electors. The ALP submits this could be achieved by moving parts of Acacia Ridge surrounding Archerfield airport from Algester to Toohey. Further, Toohey should also gain electors from the inclusion of Sunnybank Hills, where there exists a strong community of interest with the existing way of travel along Mains/Pinelands Road, and strong community and cultural connections between these suburbs.

Stretton also needs to gain electors. The ALP submits this could be achieved by gaining parts of Underwood sharing a strong community and cultural link with existing migrant communities in Kuraby. Also, the existing western border, Beaudesert Road/Mount Lindesay Highway, could be extended further south to include the parts of Browns Plains that have an existing community of interest with the parts of Drewvale currently in Stretton, but isolated by a physical barrier (Logan Motorway) from existing communities in Stretton.

Should Algester need to grow as a consequence, the ALP submits it could also extend south, keeping the existing border of Beaudesert Road/Mount Lindesay Highway, potentially taking in parts of Boronia Heights.

With strong growth projected in South Brisbane the ALP submits the remainder of Annerley be moved to Miller, uniting the suburb in one electorate where existing transport connections link communities to the south, and using the rail corridor as the northern boundary. The ALP also submits the small portion of Woolloongabba east of the M1 and south of the rail corridor be transferred to Greenslopes, recognising its connections to Stones Corner in the east. This also allows the Norman Creek boundary between South Brisbane and Bulimba to be maintained, with Bulimba not otherwise requiring adjustment and minimising disturbance to existing natural boundaries.

The ALP submits that the Lytton electorate does not require any adjustments.

While Mansfield is currently under quota but within the allowable deviation, projected enrolments are stronger than other electorates in the region with the enrolment trending back towards quota. As such the ALP submits changes to the Mansfield electorate are not required. However, noting changes might be required in nearby electorates, any consequential changes should be minimised and focus on retaining the suburbs of Mount Gravatt East, Mansfield, Upper Mount Gravatt, Wishart and Rochedale together.

The ALP notes electorates in this region, particularly with respect to Toohey, Stretton and Mansfield, contain substantial migrant communities on citizenship pathways.

Chatsworth is projected to fall outside the allowable deviation. Should the QRC determine to add electors, the ALP submits the suburb of Camp Hill should be moved to Chatsworth as a Carindale based electorate. Camp Hill shares a strong community of interest with Carina, Carina Heights and Carindale with multiple transport routes, frequent buses along Old Cleveland Road and Samuel/Winstanley Streets.

Mount Ommaney is projected to fall outside the allowable deviation. While not required under section 45(1)(a), should the QRC determine to add electors to Mount Ommaney the ALP submits this should be achieved by including the remaining parts of Darra and Oxley to unite them in one electorate.

If Miller has gained enough electors from South Brisbane, Mount Ommaney could also gain further areas of Sherwood, that is already divided between Miller and Mount Ommaney, as necessary.

Adjustments to the Mount Ommaney-Inala boundary would enable Inala to gain further electors to the west, reducing pressure on Ipswich region enrolments, and could include the suburbs of Gailles, Carole Park and Camira. These suburbs connect to Wacol and Ellen Grove through Formation Street/Old Logan Road and Boundary Road, with Gailles in particular sharing a clear community of interest with southern Wacol.

3.7.3 Logan

Logan, Macalister, Springwood, Waterford, Woodridge

The ALP submits that the Mount Lindesay Highway and Waterford-Tamborine Road be used as spines. These two roads provide a clear way of north-south communication for localities like Jimboomba and Yarrabilba. These roads being frequented by commuters creates a clear community link between suburbs like Park Ridge, North and South Maclean and Jimboomba, and Logan Village, Logan Reserve and Yarrabilba. This would also separate the two distinct growth areas of Jimboomba and Flagstone, and Yarrabilba to spread projected growth across two electorates.

The ALP submits that Logan could extend its boundary west, to include suburbs such as Flagstone, New Beith and Greenbank, balancing any transfers in its north and managing enrolments in Jordan. These communities on the growing fringes of the Logan region have stronger communities of interest with the Logan region than with Ipswich.

At present, Springwood is within the allowable deviation but is projected to continue growing slower than other areas in the region. Should the QRC determine to add more electors to Springwood, the ALP submits that the QRC could consider localities where communities of interest follow roads that

cross the M1. While the M1 forms a strong physical boundary, in some cases (such as for Tanah Merah) there are regularly used ways of road connection for shopping and public transport across it.

3.7.4 Ipswich

Bundamba, Ipswich, Ipswich West, Jordan

Bundamba and Jordan are both currently outside the allowable deviation, with all seats in the region projected to experience continued growth.

We note that Jordan is currently an electorate contained in both the Ipswich and Logan LGAs. Should Jordan lose electors on its southern fringes to Logan-based electorates, it can become an Ipswich-based seat, with Springfield at its centre, having a clear community of interest with surrounding areas defined by their ties through the Centenary Highway as new development continues.

The ALP submits this reprofiling of Jordan could include localities further west along the Highway in the southern Ripley Valley and White Rock. In addition to better aligning communities of interest, it would also take enrolment pressure off Bundamba.

Other consequential small exchanges may be required to further balance regional enrolments with the inclusion of Jordan as an Ipswich-based seat. The ALP submits these should be minimised.

3.8 Gold Coast

Bonney, Broadwater, Burleigh, Coomera, Currumbin, Gaven, Mermaid Beach, Mudgeeraba, Southport, Surfers Paradise, Theodore

Electorates	Weighted Enrolment		Seat Quotas		Avg. Quota Variation	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
11	440,900	511,980	10.95	11.46	-0.45%	4.17%

While certain areas of the Gold Coast region have experienced significant growth, current and projected enrolments support the retention of 11 seats. At present, the Gold Coast region has only Coomera and Gaven outside the allowable deviation, with these electorates projected to remain outside the deviation in 2032.

The 11 Gold Coast electorates are currently completely contained within the Gold Coast LGA. The ALP submits that maintaining this outer border for the 11 seats both reflects the strong Gold Coast identity and principles in section 46(2).

The ALP submits the excess enrolment in Coomera should be spread south throughout the Gold Coast region.

As the suburbs of Coomera and Upper Coomera are split by existing electorate boundaries, the ALP submits these suburbs should be moved completely into Theodore (Upper Coomera) and Broadwater (Coomera). There exists an obvious rationale under section 46(1) to unite these suburbs within single electorates, and so doing would leave the existing Coomera electorate within allowable enrolment deviation now and on projection.

The part of the suburb of Coomera contained in Theodore should also be moved to Broadwater to achieve this goal. The ALP submits that as part of this exchange, the small portion of Helensvale

north of Hope Island Road be transferred to Broadwater, with communities of interest to similar waterway estates in Hope Island connected by Hope Island Road, and connected to the Broadwater by Broadwater Avenue.

Additionally, there is a portion of Helensvale currently in Bonney, only connected to the north by road. The ALP submits that this portion of Helensvale move into Theodore from Bonney.

To continue rebalancing excess Gold Coast region enrolments south, and as Broadwater would gain electors from its north, it also would need to transfer electors south. The ALP submits this be achieved by the transfer of the suburbs of Coombabah, Runaway Bay, and the balance of Biggera Waters to Bonney. This retains Broadwater as an electorate based on the northern part of the Gold Coast Broadwater.

Gaven needs to gain enrolments. The ALP submits that the remainder of Pacific Pines and the locality known as Studio Village, the part of Oxenford located south of Movie World and Wet'n'Wild, should be included in this transfer to Gaven. The use of Saltwater Creek as a natural boundary and existing connection with Pacific Pines, already partially in Gaven, support this submission.

With Gaven still needing more electors, the ALP submits that the small estate off Southport-Nerang Rd be transferred to Gaven from Bonney, as it is connected directly to Nerang by road underpass across the M1 and shares a stronger community of interest with localities in Gaven to the west than those to the east. Additionally, there is a new estate named SkyRidge that the ALP submits should be transferred to Gaven from Mudgeeraba. Given SkyRidge's location and design, this submission is supported by sections 46(1)(a) and 46(1)(b).

Notwithstanding the exchanges out of Bonney, the southward transfer of Coomera's excess enrolments through Broadwater would leave Bonney over quota.

There is an opportunity to realign the electorates of Bonney and Southport as north-south electorates instead of the current east-west alignments. The ALP submits this could be achieved with a transfer from Bonney to Southport including the suburbs of Labrador, Southport and potentially a portion of Biggera Waters south-east of Biggera Creek with a stronger community of interest and well connected coastal suburbs to the south.

As a result of Southport gaining from Bonney, the ALP also submits that Molendinar be transferred to Bonney to balance the north-south realignment of these seats. Southport would then also need to transfer electors in the suburbs of Ashmore, Benowa and Bundall to Surfers Paradise to continue the southward transition of excess enrolments in the north.

The ALP submits that in addition to the exchange from Southport, Surfers Paradise should also gain the Emerald Lakes estate, uniting this area with other similar estates in Benowa.

Surfers Paradise would then need to shift electors further south to continue the transfer of additional enrolments in the north. The ALP submits this can be achieved by transferring the suburbs of Broadbeach, Broadbeach Waters and Clear Island waters to Mermaid Beach.

The southern transfer would then need to continue through Mermaid Beach, with the suburb of Miami and the balance of Burleigh Waters moved to Burleigh. Should the QRC require a further balancing of enrolments, consideration could be given to a greater portion of Robina, south of Robina Town Centre, be transferred to Mudgeeraba.

With Burleigh gaining enrolments from the north, a portion of Palm Beach should be transferred to Currumbin, along with the areas of Burleigh Heads south of the M1.

3.9 South Western Queensland

Condamine, Lockyer, Scenic Rim, Southern Downs, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South, Warrego

Electorates	Weighted Enrolment		Seat Quotas		Avg. Quota Variation	
	Current	Projected	Current	Projected	Current	Projected
7	286,007	303,936	7.10	6.80	1.48%	-2.82%

While no changes under section 45(1)(a) are required to electorates in this region. The ALP submits that boundaries of the Toowoomba-based electorates be adjusted to ensure Toowoomba's suburbs are united in both urban electorates, also helping balance enrolments in Condamine.

The ALP submits the Northern boundary of the Toowoomba North electorate be moved to Hermitage Road or the Bypass, this will result in the Highfields area being removed from the Toowoomba North electorate.

Doing so will help restore the Highfields Region's unique historical identity as part of the former Crows Nest Shire LGA. Many long-term residents of Highfields hold a special affinity to the old shire and the Crows Nest area.

To make up for this transfer out, the ALP submits Toowoomba North should grow to the west, picking up other suburban Toowoomba areas from Condamine including Torrington, Glenvale and the area surrounding the showgrounds.

For Toowoomba South, the ALP submits moving communities around the University of Southern Queensland Toowoomba Campus, including Drayton and Westbrook out of the regional electorate of Condamine and into the more appropriate suburban electorate of Toowoomba South.

The ALP submits that the Scenic Rim electorate does not require any adjustments.