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COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS FOR 2025 REDISTRIBUTION

The Queensland Greens thanks the Queensland Redistribution Commission for these continued opportunities to contribute to the future of Queensland's electoral boundaries.

We are disappointed at how few proponents provided shapefiles for their suggestions – certainly other political parties. Shapefiles provide a key point of comparison, critical for analysing proposed changes for evidence of political motivation. Failing to provide shapefiles is a significant transparency risk.

We recommend that the Commission investigate processes adopted in other jurisdictions where the Commission produces a webtool allowing proponents to shift boundaries using SA1 geographies, tally and balance populations, and export as shapefiles. These interactive webtools, such as those produced by Elections ACT, have not only improved the quality of suggestions but empowered more everyday people to participate by making the sometimes arcane redistribution rules built into the tool itself.

We also want to flag that the LNP's suggestions should only be considered with the utmost care. Their suggestions are politically-motivated, despite their assurances otherwise. The LNP are proposing to move a radically high proportion of voters in these redistributions, with nearly one in five Queenslanders being moved if their suggestions were adopted.

Many of their proposals fail to balance populations between seats and do not follow logical or natural boundaries, nor respect communities of interest.

The reason for this is obvious.

By our estimation, their suggestions would make at least seven currently marginal Labor or Katter's Australia Party seats into marginal LNP seats, while turning others either more marginal in favour of the LNP, or far safer for Labor, by consolidating their voters.

In multiple places, the LNP have engaged in a practice known as *cracking and packing*. We have provided an appendix demonstrating this with four districts — **Ipswich West**, **Ferny Grove**, **Gaven**, and **Gladstone**. To produce these maps, we aligned voronoi diagrams overlapping with SA1s apportioned by an averaging of prepoll and election day votes weighted by the respective votes.

The results are telling and *prima facie* — and definitionally — gerrymandering. It goes without saying that we **strongly oppose the LNP's proposed boundaries** in these seats and elsewhere.

Given the questions that have already been raised by Labor (115) about the integrity of the Commission and the possibility of political tampering with independent electoral redistributions — a cornerstone of our free and fair elections — we would caution the Commission against entertaining many of the LNP's suggestions lest its legitimacy be called into question.

Suggestions we support

We support the broad consensus of proponents that new seats should be created around **Caboolture** and **Logan Valley** and that seats in north or central Queensland regional cities and Brisbane's inner south should be merged to accommodate the new seats.

We support shifting Fig Tree Pocket into **Moggill** district, a suggestion supported by at least 12 other proponents (14, 19, 32, 77, 95, 99, 100, 101, 108, 109, 115 and 117) and opposed only by the LNP (110) and one other proponent (65).

We support retaining the Indooroopilly Woods precinct in **Maiwar** district, the suggestion by Andrew Stewart (65) and in general support retaining this district with the majority of Indooroopilly proper. Unlike Lower Indooroopilly, Indooroopilly Woods does not have significant transport, geographic or community connections with Kenmore or Chapel Hill.

We support shifting Milton and Rosalie into **Maiwar** district, a suggestion supported by at least 7 proponents (19, 81, 95, 100, 101, 109 and 117). Additionally, we support shifting all remaining parts of Bardon south of Ithaca Creek into **Maiwar** to prevent these neighbourhoods being exclaves, inaccessible from the remainder of their electorate.

We support shifting Kelvin Grove, Herston and Victoria Park Barrambin into **Cooper** district, a suggestion supported by at least 10 proponents (14, 77, 99, 100, 101, 108, 109, 110, 114 and 117). These neighbourhoods share a common community of interest, many demographic features and are united by their use of Victoria Park Barrambin. They should be moved together in their entirety to retain that connection.

We support shifting East Brisbane out of **South Brisbane** district, a suggestion supported by 2 other proponents (99 and 101) albeit into different districts.

We support consolidating the remainder of Annerley into **Miller** district, a suggestion supported by at least 9 proponents (14, 19, 95, 100, 108, 110, 114, 115 and 117).

We support shifting the entirety of Moorooka, Salisbury and Nathan into **Miller** district, a suggestion supported by at least 8 proponents (14, 77, 95, 100, 101, 110, 114 and 117).

We support shifting the entire Chelmer peninsula and historic Shire of Sherwood along the Indooroopilly Reach to the Pamphlett Bridge into **Mount Ommaney** district, a suggestion supported in part by at least 9 proponents (41, 52, 57, 77, 95, 99, 101, 114 and 117).

We support consolidating the remainder of the Buranda and Stones Corner neighbourhood south of the train line into **Greenslopes** district, a suggestion supported by at least 7 proponents (14, 77, 95, 99, 100, 115 and 117). The existing boundaries create a largely inaccessible exclave of a few homes to the detriment of residents.

We support shifting Gordon Park into **Stafford** district, a suggestion supported by at least 3 proponents (95, 99 and 109). Gordon Park lacks transport or community connection to **Clayfield** district.

We support shifting Landsborough and Beerwah from **Caloundra** to **Glass House**.

We support shifting Calliope and Bernaby back to **Gladstone**, as supported by a number of submissions (2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12).

Suggestions we do not support

We do not support reverting electorate names to purely geographic. While we have a preference for electorate names that are intuitive to residents and broadly geographic features make the most sense, it is unnecessary to rename existing electorates with non-geographic names. In light of recent political decisions about First Nations' self-determination in Queensland, it is difficult to see any moves to rename districts with First Nations names to be anything other than politically-motivated. We recommend that the Commission not revert district names to pre-2017 names nor

remove eponymic or First Nations names without both additional consultation with affected communities and significant boundary shifts that would render the existing name unusable.

We do not support the LNP's proposals (110) to have electorates cross the hard geographic boundary of the Brisbane River, notably in **Moggill** and **Maiwar** districts. In other electorates, a single access road connecting two otherwise-disconnected parts of an electorate — for example, the Jinker Track in **Everton** district — is evidence of no communities of interest. A single bridge is no different. Population shifts are eminently accountable without crossing the river and the LNP's proposal to do so is politically motivated. Their intention is to retain Fig Tree Pocket, an LNP-friendly suburb, in **Maiwar** district and avoid Labor-friendly areas around Milton and Rosalie being shifted in from **Cooper** district— despite this change being the most obvious and most broadly supported by proponents.

We do not support the LNP's proposal for The Gap to be moved into **Ferny Grove**. The Gap retains a strong community of interest with Ashgrove along Waterworks Road. The Gap does not have a strong community of interest with the constituent neighbourhoods of Ferny Grove and is separated by a hard barrier in Keperra Bushland, with only a rural track, Settlement Road, connecting the two parts.

For similar reasons, we do not support the proposals by two proponents (108 and 114) to shift the entirety of The Gap into **Maiwar** district. Without significant boundary changes, The Gap would be completely disconnected from the remainder of the district, since the only connecting roads would go through adjoining districts — Gap Creek Road through **Moggill** district and Coopers Camp Road through **Cooper** district.

We do not support shifting Petrie Terrace out of **McConnel**, a suggestion proposed by multiple proponents. Petrie Terrace is intimately connected geographically to Brisbane's CBD and forms part of the Normanby-City West growth corridor. The majority of its transport and community connections are to Brisbane's CBD in the east rather than to Milton or Paddington to its west. The necessary population transfers can be accommodated without this change.

We do not support shifting Dutton Park out of **South Brisbane**, a suggestion proposed by the LNP (110). The only logical boundaries are Cornwall Street, south of South Brisbane Cemetery, using the cemetery, trainline and Princess Alexandra Hospital as the border, or further north along the Green Bridge Busway, Annerley Road and Boggo Road Gaol as the border. Given the second option would isolate a small pocket of homes around Dutton Street from the remainder of its district, the southern boundary is preferred.

We do not support splitting Coorparoo between **Greenslopes** and **Bulimba** districts, proposed by the LNP (110) and three others (77, 101, 114). While this change would

make balancing population easier, Coorparoo has a very clear community of interest along the Cavendish Road corridor, centred on Coorparoo State School and Coorparoo Square shopping precinct. The mid-rise, urban character of this area has more in common with Stones Corner in **Greenslopes** and Woolloongabba in **South Brisbane** than it has with Bulimba district which is predominantly low-rise suburbia. This change would also result in **Greenslopes** district electorate office needing to be relocated.

We do not support suggestions that split the Chelmer peninsula across multiple districts (namely **Mount Ommaney**, **Miller** or **Maiwar**) without following natural boundaries (for example in proposals 99 and 110). This change would represent serious breaks in communities of interest in an area that is already confused by splits in representation (see proposals 52 and 57).

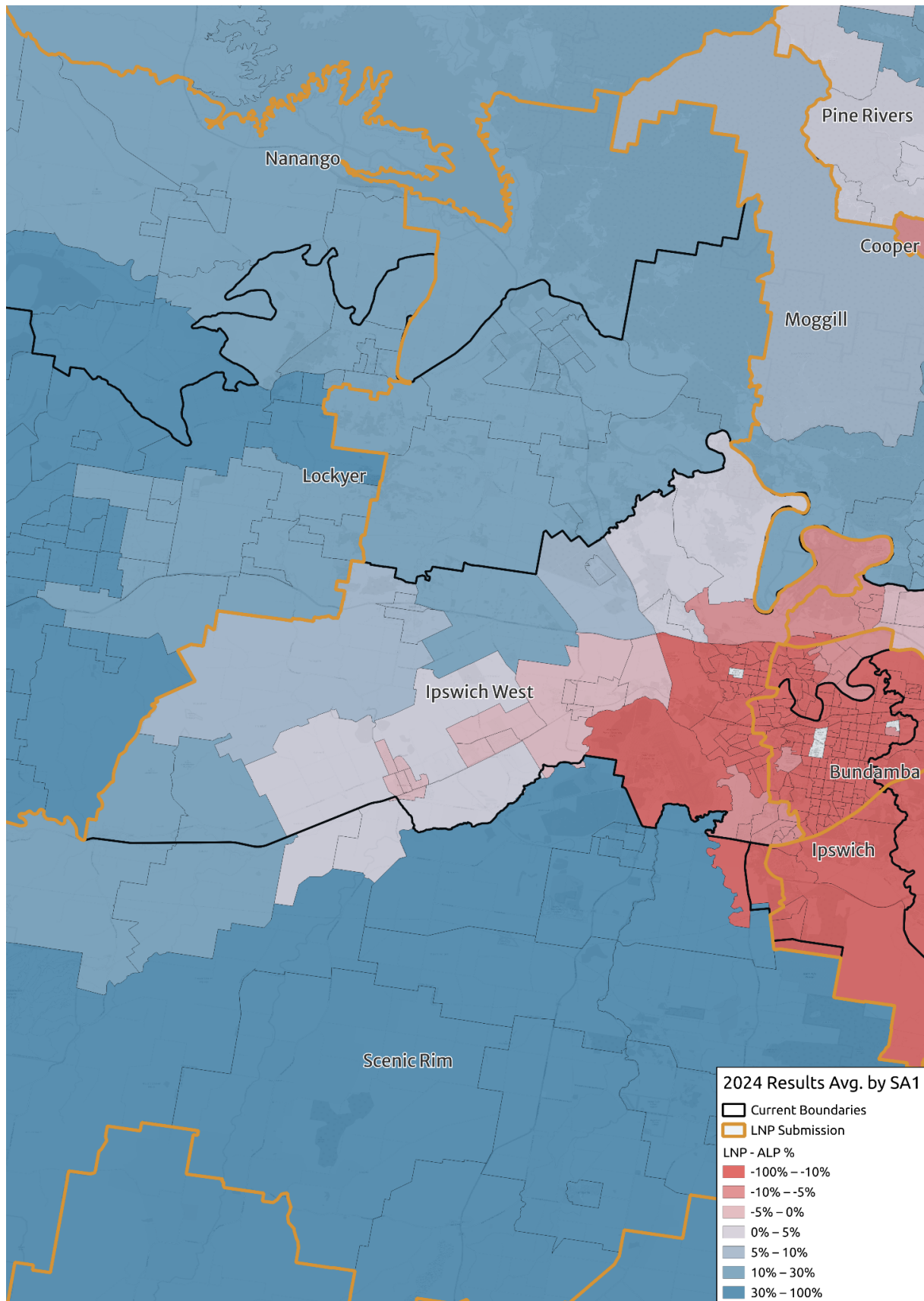
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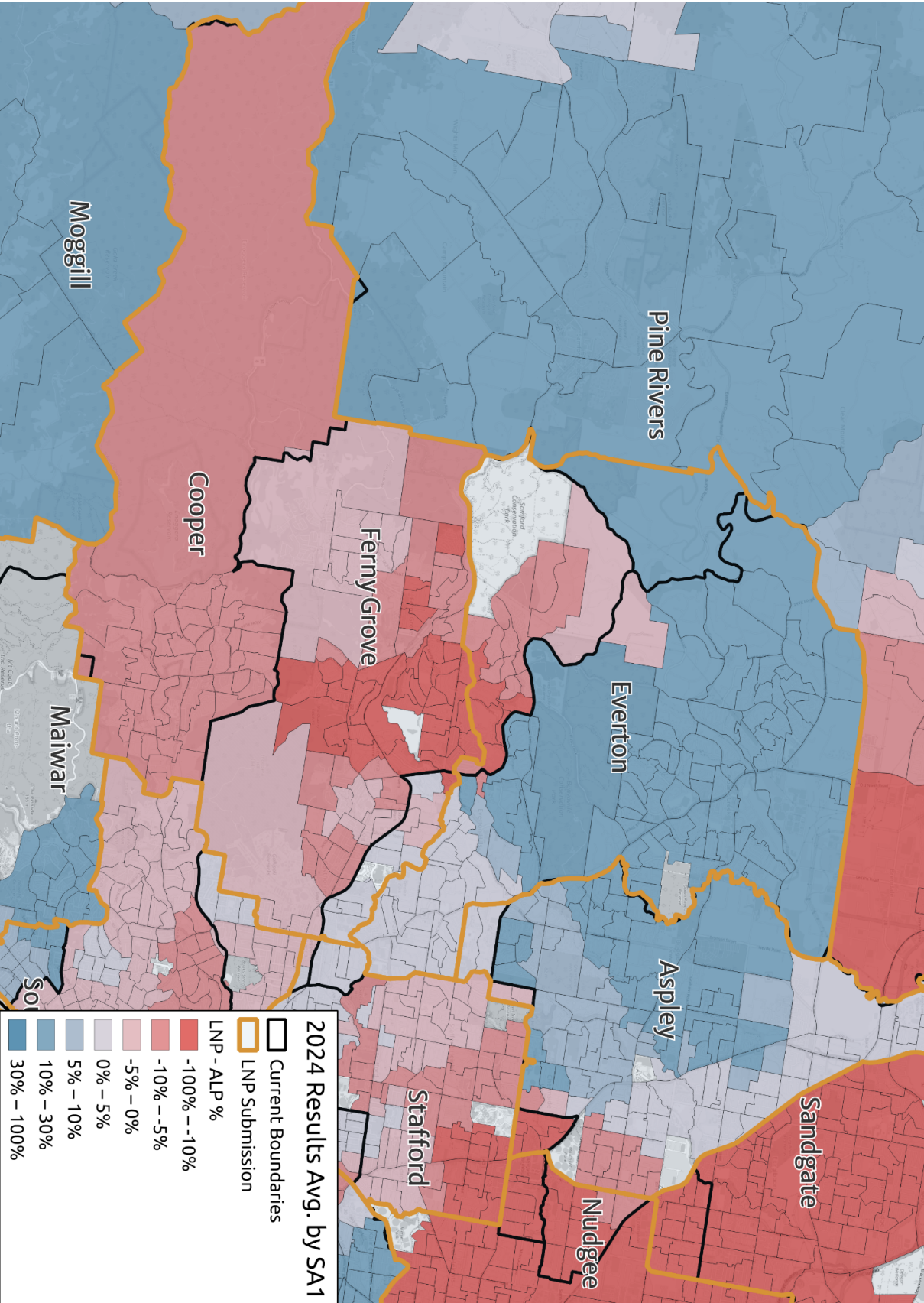
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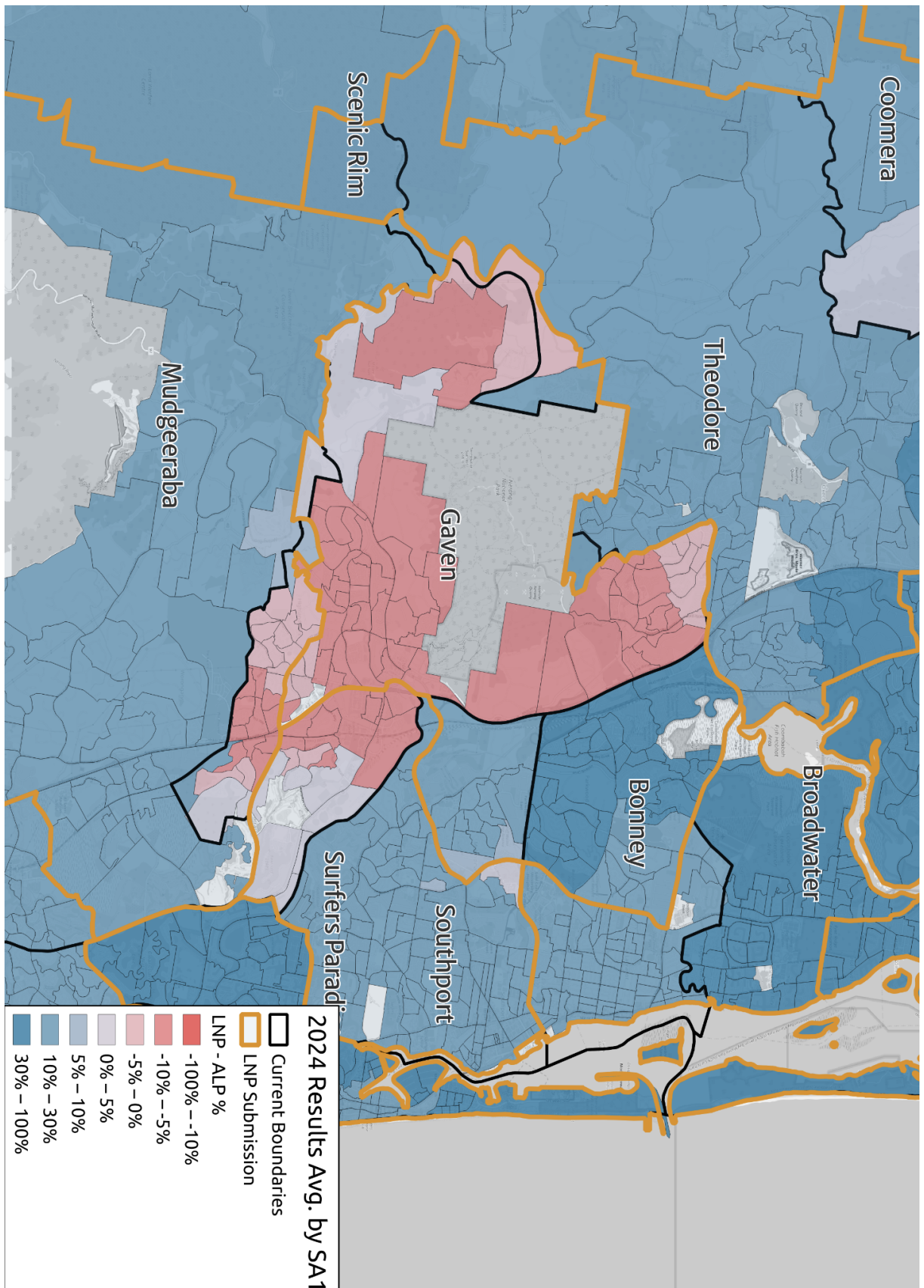
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