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Introduction

The 2017 Redistribution was deeply flawed. Part of that was due to projections ignored by the former QRC, part of it was due to decisions made internally that were not a part of any submission but were generated within the QRC without the opportunity for review, and partly because the four seats added created substantial dislocation across Queensland.

Jeff Waddell's submission on the 2017 population projections and where they went off the rails says it better than I can.

The purpose of a redistribution should be to meet the numerical requirements under the Electoral Act, to keep communities together as much as possible, to draw boundaries that use clear, defensible demarcations between electorates and to remove partisan considerations.

One of the issues I found was that anything short of including all 93 electorates had the potential to create unaddressed issues for adjoining electorates. Many of the submissions developed in isolation simply ignored the impact of their choice on the other 92 electorates.

At the heart of it should be to make the act of voting easy to understand and participate in. No redistribution is perfect, but the aim should always be to make the voting process better than it was.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to make a difference.

Naming of Electorates

As I noted in my submission the QRC has the opportunity to set guidelines for naming electorates. I believe that their comments in the discussion paper are an invitation to review both the process and the outcome from the 2017 redistribution.

What is the purpose of naming an electorate? In my view it's to make it easier for people to know where to vote, who the local member is and to communicate effectively about their electorate without creating issues around difficulties of spelling or context. It shouldn't act to confuse people, to recognise some people and not others and to have vague and conflicting rules about the process. This time around we have suggestions for new names including Runbank, Dugulumba and Hayden.

I believe that the QRC has to opportunity to set the electorate naming process in stone at this redistribution, before we end up naming seats after Bluey characters and I note that a number of submissions also feel the need for guidelines.

S-016 *I strongly believe that politics should be as transparent as possible and electorate names, where the name does not give an indication of its location, is inherently none transparent. There is no way to know, where the electorate of McConnel is, without looking it up. I propose that all new electorates, are named after its current or Aboriginal name. If the current name could be confused with a local or federal seat, it could be amended or the Aboriginal name used, i.e. Brisbane Inner North, Brisbane Central, or Meanjin.*

S-022 *A general comment, but please, for the sanity of Electorate Officers (and voters), rename any electorate that is named after a place. One example is Waterford, which doesn't cover all of the people who live in the suburb of Waterford. The electorate of Logan is named after the whole city.*

S-110 *The LNP strongly advocates for a return to the longstanding and practical convention of naming electorates after prominent geographic features, rather than historical figures. We urge the Commission to reverse recent changes and adopt names that reflect the natural or well-known geographic landmarks of each electorate. Queensland is a vast and rapidly growing state, experiencing substantial migration from interstate and overseas. As our population becomes more diverse and mobile, it is essential that electorate names remain intuitive and geographically grounded. Names based on local geography help voters quickly and clearly identify their community, fostering a stronger connection to their electorate and reducing confusion at election time. In line with this principle, the LNP has proposed a number of name changes throughout this submission that prioritise recognisable geographic features over less familiar historical references.*

S-112 *As a consequence of our recommended boundary changes, some seats will need to change their name. We have chosen names that are predominantly geographic in nature and better reflect the communities of interest in those seats. Some of these name change recommendations equally apply to existing boundaries where boundary drift or changes in the urban fabric mean that the current name no longer makes intuitive sense to voters. Recent redistributions have recommended names of historic figures to avoid having to rename districts too often. While we appreciate the intent, voters find non-geographic names confusing — particularly where there's federal electorates of the same name. Where possible, we support the use of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander language place names and recommend these be used after appropriate consultation has been conducted with traditional owners by the Commission.*

I would like to believe that my submission is a good start on developing a consistent process and I've reiterated it below.

I propose the following process for naming of electorates.

- *Electorates must be named exclusively after geographic locations.*
- *Electorates currently named for people or other reasons must be renamed during this redistribution process.*
- *Electorates should be named after the core locality of the electorate, ideally centrally located but in all cases should be a significant area. They should not need to be renamed due to boundary changes at the next redistribution. In some cases I have deliberately suggested names BECAUSE there is very little likelihood of them being affected by a redistribution — Rathdowney and Coolangatta come to mind.*
- *Electorate names should be singular, brief and easy to spell. Exceptions to this should be circumstances where there is no alternative.*
- *Signifiers such as Mount or Island may be omitted if the name is otherwise understood.*
- *Adding a compass direction indicates a tragic lack of imagination.*
- *Electorates should not be named after*
 - *Federal electorates;*
 - *Local Government regional areas, wards or divisions unless the electorate contains the entirety of the area.*

An exception will be proposed for the electorate containing Parliament House.

Review of non-compliant submissions

There were a number of submissions that were significantly defective, either because they went outside the Electoral Act or covered areas that were EXPLICITLY noted by the QRC in their original guidelines. Unfortunately this included three Local Government submissions and one from a major party, which will be covered in their respective sections. For some submissions I have not commented as I assume the issues will be sufficiently obvious.

S-036 *Do not change Names or Boundaries NOTHING WILL BE ACHIEVED*

S-060 *Composed almost entirely of issues outside of the scope of the redistribution.*

S-068 *it would appear that fairness of representation is limited solely to highly populated areas only. Basically an extended whinge.*

S-070 *Rexit Australia Inc. suggest that the Queensland Redistribution Commission review be halted until it can assure the Queensland public that the electoral roll is accurate, any detected anomalies have been remedied and the issue of the continuing decline in voter participation be examined with the express purpose of improving the participation rate. The request for delay would breach the Electoral Act, my general view is that no assurance from the QRC could satisfy the author and voter participation is very much outside the realm of the QRC.*

S-071 *Reject any redistribution that divides or reduces historically independent-held electorates or community clusters that have demonstrated strong support for non-major party candidates. This is specifically covered in the QRC guidelines as an area that is outside the scope of the redistribution.*

S-085 *Caloundra is too big and needs to be divided in to 2 electorates. I live in the satellite city of Aura and with the amount of dwellings existing and the amount that are under construction and the land still to be built on or developed this must warrant its own elected official in local, state and federal governments.* While I understand the frustration involved in being part of an accelerated growth area, I have some comments. 1) Aura is not a city. 2) It may eventually have its own State Member; its location and population should be suitable to have a Sunshine Coast Regional Council representative; it is significantly distant from having its own bespoke Federal MP. No part of the submission relates to the purpose of the redistribution.

S-086 *Get rid of preferential voting!*

S-091 *Ipswich City Council local government area should have at least one new State Electorate and it should be called Bremer.* Ipswich LGA has an entitlement to approximately 3.5 State electorates. There are currently four electorates that cover the Ipswich LGA – Bundamba, Jordan, Ipswich and Ipswich West.

S-094 *Remove Camira from Ipswich altogether- make it part of Brisbane.* This is a request for a Local Government boundary change, explicitly not part of a redistribution as noted by the QRC.

S-096 *“...there needs to be other considerations for issues other than the old process “one vote one value”.”*

S-116 *“1. An increase to the current 2% weighting for large-area electorates, to better reflect the geographic and logistical challenges associated with serving these communities. 2. The introduction of minimum and maximum physical size threshold, ensuring the redistribution of electorates boundaries are not continually expanded beyond practical limits.”* Profoundly disturbing, not just for the underlying assumption that land gets a vote, but also for the deliberate negative impacts on higher density areas. The fact that none of this submission is within the QRC guidelines is the least of the problems.

Electorate Additions or Deletions

There seems to be a general consensus that a seat on Brisbane’s southside will be removed – the majority of submissions support the elimination of Toohey with one suggestion for Mansfield and one for Stretton. The resulting additional seat falls somewhere within the existing seats of Coomera, Logan LGA and Ipswich LGA.

In Northern Queensland the submissions range from eliminating Thuringowa, Burdekin, Mirani or merging Traegar and Cook.

There are suggestions for adding an extra electorate somewhere on the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast or Moreton Bay, but that is not required at this time.

In some cases substantial population shifts mean that the domino effect from adjoining electorates may add or remove seats by rewriting their boundaries. This is particularly evident in Moreton Bay, the Sunshine Coast, Logan, Ipswich, and patches of the Gold Coast.

Review of Major Party submissions

Australian Labor Party

Once again the ALP submission has no maps and no numbers - just "the vibe". It doesn’t really say anything wrong because it doesn’t really say anything – the phrase *“does not require any adjustments”* appears more often than it should.

Over the past couple of redistributions the ALP has put forward increasingly nebulous proposals and then relied on generating community opposition to other party submissions. I note that the Members for Pine Rivers and Bancroft have built social media campaigns designed to generate submissions to the QRC.

Liberal National Party

The LNP submission has maps but no numbers. While the submission is mostly sensible, at times it becomes obviously partisan. This leads to statements which are incorrect.

For example, the electorate of Springwood has only crossed the Brisbane/Logan boundary once in the past 30 years, and was remedied at the very next redistribution. The Underwood Road and Rochedale Road border is not just a Local Government boundary, but also a Federal and State electorate boundary. Despite the name, Rochedale and Rochedale South have wildly different communities of interest. While the majority of the submission is well detailed, some of the details are wrong.

The Greens

The Greens submission is better put together with maps AND numbers but it only covers 34 of Queensland's 93 electorates. Consequently the electorates closest to the Brisbane CBD demonstrate a good grasp of local boundaries, becoming less informed the further the electorates are from Parliament House.

The recommendation to abolish the electorate of Thuringowa might carry weight if it also included details about the consequent changes – and if the name of the electorate had not been spelt “*Thuwingowa*”.

They are also not averse to making partisan changes. Unfortunately that means the consequential effects on adjoining seats lead to wildly incorrect assertions. As an example, in order to draw a more favourable Bulimba there are ridiculous contortions forced upon Chatsworth, noted in their comments contained within Capalaba. “*The current district of Chatsworth is a very odd shape because it follows local government boundaries and fills the gap between Brisbane City and the Redlands. It joins the denser inner suburban areas of Carina and Carindale with more semi-rural areas of Chandler, Gumdale and Ransome, despite these areas sharing no community of interest, geographic proximity, and are separated by the natural boundary of the Pacific Motorway. These communities have a natural connection with Capalaba along the Old Cleveland Road corridor to the major commercial hub in the area.*”

Let's unpack that.

1. Following Local Government boundaries is, surprisingly, a good thing.
2. Chandler, Gumdale and Ransome are all constrained for future development. While Carindale becomes increasingly dense, those inter-urban areas are subject to flooding and as a catchment area for the Leslie Harrison Dam.
3. The road that bisects the area is the Gateway Motorway, not the Pacific Motorway.
4. Travelling from Chandler, Ransome or Gumdale to Capalaba to shop is not a thing – Carindale and the significant area around Westfield are the major commercial catchment for the entirety of this part of the Brisbane LGA. Just because the submission says it doesn't make it true.

Katter's Australian Party

While the previous major party submissions all have issues, they pale into comparison with the work from Katter's Australian Party.

- *Key Recommendation 1: Increase the Area Allowance weight from 2% to 4% to better reflect the challenges of vast electorates.*
- *Key Recommendation 2: Ensure the geographic footprint of Queensland's four largest electorates does not significantly expand in the 2025 redistribution.*
- *Key Recommendation 3: Address under-quota seats in the Townsville region by adjusting boundaries within urban and peri-urban areas, not just by pushing large electorates further east.*
 - o *Adjust the Hill–Hinchinbrook boundary southward.*
 - o *Move Babinda to Mulgrave*
 - o *Expand Hinchinbrook's boundary further into northern Townsville.*

o Allow Traeger to move marginally eastward if required, but restrict significant eastward expansion.

- *Key Recommendation 4: Ensure the seat of Cook is focussed on Cape York, to ensure a socially and economically cohesive electorate*
- *Key Recommendation 5: Apply weighted enrolments for each Indigenous Council in an electorate.*

Recommendations 1, 2 and 5 are not just outside the scope of the redistribution, but are offensive to basic democracy;

Recommendation 2 is an attempt to block any future merger of Cook and Traegar for partisan reasons; and

Recommendation 3 is the only compliant part of the submission, but I have substantial concerns about the current and projected numbers for the Townsville seats given these self-imposed limits.

Elected Members submissions

While it is natural for elected Members to want to “cherry-pick” their boundaries, I believe that voters should choose their representatives and not the other way around. That is not to say that I reject submissions from those with a vested interest in the outcome, just that I urge a heightened amount of caution.

Mark Furner MP, Member for Ferny Grove

This submission urges exchanges between Ferny Grove and Everton. However moving all of Bunya into Everton is supported, as is uniting Everton Hills and Everton Park along the South Pine Road natural boundary with the electorates of Stafford and Aspley. My submission makes Ferny Grove a long electorate running the length of Samford Road while Everton becomes a more compact electorate based around significant community of interest concerns and the entirety of The Hills district.

Sandy Bolton MP, Member for Noosa

The suggestion to include Cooroy, Black Mountain in Federal within the Noosa electorate is sensible. The implied recommendation to base it around the Noosa LGA is also realistic, but provides an argument against including those areas outside the Noosa Shire Council, such as Peregrine Springs and Eumundi.

Nick Dametto MP, Member for Hinchinbrook

In my view, the current boundaries of Hinchinbrook are appropriate and should remain unchanged. I strongly suggest that any boundary movement be made southwards, toward the northern suburbs of Townsville. Expanding into areas such as Kalynda Chase would simply increase the electorate's footprint without fragmenting the core rural and suburban communities that define this seat.

A reasonable submission, however I argue that moving further north would provide a more cohesive community of interest. Hinchinbrook is relatively stable while the Townsville seats would benefit from the high-growth areas in the north of the City.

Review of Local Government submissions

Submissions from Local Government were disappointing. Of more concern is the fundamental lack of understanding of the purpose and restrictions of the redistribution process. I am alarmed that a significant part of Queensland's governance doesn't appear to understand how basic processes work.

Western Downs Regional Council

That the Queensland Government give consideration to amendments to the Electoral Act 1992 to enhance equity in rural and regional representation prior to the upcoming redistribution. Specifically: Amend Section 45(1)(c) to introduce a minimum electorate size of 75 km².

Amend Section 45(2) to increase the additional large district number from 2% to 5% for electorates exceeding 50,000 km².

... These reforms do not seek to undermine the principle of one vote, one value.

Despite the disclaimer at the end the undermining of basic democratic principles is EXACTLY what this proposal would achieve.

Burdekin Shire Council

Burdekin Shire Council respectfully requests that the current boundaries of the Burdekin electorate remain unchanged. The electorate is growing in population, industry and investment and is defined by strong geographic, economic and community cohesion. Altering the boundaries risks fragmenting a region that is functioning, unified and strategically important to Queensland.

The electorate of Burdekin works and it should remain whole.

While I appreciate the hard work involved in turning a 60 word request into a 25 page marketing document the purpose of a redistribution appears to have been lost in the razzle dazzle. Burdekin is currently 8.26% under quota and projected to drop out of quota to 11.42% under. At the moment Burdekin is on the edge of being out of quota and is likely to meet this milestone by the next State election in 2028.

Longreach Regional Council

While we understand that no firm proposal has been put forward to eliminate or substantially alter the boundaries of the Gregory electorate, we wish to register our strong concern about any potential move that would dilute representation for communities in Central Western Queensland. In particular, we would be concerned by any scenario in which Gregory is to be subsumed, either in whole or part, into the neighbouring electorates of Traeger or Warrego.

This is a reasonable submission which only asks that Gregory survive. It is out of quota now and projected to be significantly out of quota. Consequently it needs more areas, and more electors, added. I've suggested that as Warrego contracts and moves east Gregory can pick up the excess. In a scenario where Traegar and Cook merge to create an oversized regional seat, Gregory could do the same.

Charters Towers Regional Council

I am suggesting that there is no increase to the size of the State Electorate of Traeger as I am concerned that representation for local authorities and constituents in the State Electorate of Traeger will decrease.

Traegar is sitting on -9.99% now and projected to blow out further to -17.38%. Business as usual is not an option. Neither is making it into an urban seat.

Local Government Association of Queensland

The LGAQ, is representing the views of their members and, as such, are not required to provide a concrete proposal. Particularly since there is likely to be multiple conflicts between different Councils on their preferred outcomes.

Review of group geographic locality issues

There were a number of group submissions arguing that certain areas should be put into particular electorates, generally using restatements of the same argument. While I am inclined to accommodate those requests I am also aware of the need to follow the Quota guidelines as well as the Additional Considerations outlined by both the QRC and the Electoral Act.

Mulgrave/Hill S-087, S-102, S-103, S-111

There were four submissions arguing that Babinda should return to Mulgrave and not remain in Hill. The difficulty is that the Cairns LGA currently has 2.313 quotas and is projected to fall to 2.279. The Cairns seats are Cairns, Barron River and Mulgrave. The argument that the Cairns LGA should be split amongst three electorates instead of four is a valid consideration. My submission left Babinda in Hill as the communities in the southern part of the electorate have large gaps between them. However it is certainly possible to share the Cairns LGA amongst the three electorates by incorporating parts

of other adjoining electorates to fill three quotas; or more simply by stretching the tolerance for the existing electorate of Mulgrave.

Toowoomba South/Condamine S-013, S-023 *Westbrook should stay in Condamine electorate and not get moved to Toowoomba South.* This is a reasonable submission based on community of interest considerations and I avoided moving this area in my submission. Both North and South Toowoomba are reasonably balanced and simply require internal adjustments.

Gladstone/Callide S-002, S-004, S-005, S-006, S-007, S-009, S-010, S-011, S-012, S-034, S-035, S-038, S-039

Multiple submissions stated that *"Calliope should be included in the Gladstone electorate, not Callide"*. One submission argued against including Calliope in Gladstone (S-008) and specifically states *"I have a good relationship with my MP"*, a factor outside the allowable considerations.

It is an easy adjustment and I made the choice to include Calliope within the electorate of Gladstone.

Noosa/Ninderry/Nicklin S-050, S-073, S-088, S-044, S-045, S-046, S-047, S-051, S-053, S-054, S-055, S-058, S-059, S-063, S-064, S-066, S-067

The majority of submissions argued for the inclusion of Cooroy within the electorate of Noosa. Additional submissions also included Peregrine Springs and Peregrine Beach; Eumundi; Doonan and Verrierdale. There was also a submission to exclude Rainbow Beach, not currently within the Noosa electorate. The estimated population of the Noosa Shire Council is 59,274 with an annual growth rate steady at 1.1 percent. Noosa's planning decisions also mean that it will continue to grow at a slower rate than adjoining LGAs or Queensland as a whole. The entirety of the Noosa LGA cannot be contained within the State electorate, consequently the choice is centred around which bits to leave out. Eumundi, Doonan, Verrierdale and Peregrine Springs are not within the Noosa LGA. I am in favour of continuing to use the Bruce Highway as a natural boundary and, if needed, removing Peregrine Beach from Noosa and including it with Peregrine Springs in Ninderry.

Kawana/Caloundra S-083, S-082, S-084, S-098

These submissions argued for the inclusion of Kawana Forest within the electorate of Kawana instead of Caloundra. With the extreme growth in Caloundra's population this change will happen naturally and I've included that in my submission. It also means that all of the areas named Kawana will be within the Kawana electorate, reducing confusion.

Redlands/Springwood S-104, S-024, S-025, S-026, S-027, S-028, S-029, S-031

These submissions argue that the suburb of Mount Cotton should be in the Redlands electorate and not Springwood. The Springwood electorate stretches across the Logan and Redlands LGA while the Redlands LGA can quite comfortably contain the entirety of Capalaba, Oodgeroo and Redlands within its border. My original submission had Mount Cotton in Capalaba but I have amended the three Redlands electorates to move it into the Redlands electorate. Submission S-024 argued for Sheldon to be moved from Springwood and it is relatively easy to place it within Capalaba, a more suitable fit for both community-of-interest and transport benefits. Submission S-020 urged that the Bay Islands be included within Springwood; not only impossible within the numerical jump required to do so, but also disappointing to see coming from an elected Councillor.

Mount Ommaney/Miller/Inala S-043, S-052, S-056, S-057

Mount Ommaney's population, much like Moggill on the other side of the river, has continued to shrink relative to the rest of Queensland. S-052 and S-057 argue that the expansion should grow further into Sherwood, while submissions S-43 and S-056 argue that it should incorporate Wacol. My view is that neither of these submissions go far enough. I have argued that the electorate should include the entirety of Graceville, Chelmer and Sherwood, contained within the Oxley SA2 and bounded by the Walter-Taylor Bridge crossing. Adding Wacol and the remainder of Darra breaks the existing community of interest as well as historical links for Inala and the history of "Servicetown" - <https://eprints.qut.edu.au/4995/>.

Simple submissions

There are a number of relatively simple submissions that have been lodged that have not been previously discussed. I will summarise the main point and make a quick observation.

S-001 *Would it be feasible to combine Cook and Traeger as an electorate?* In the long-term there is an argument to reduce the number of Large Area electorates in Queensland. Expanding Gregory by moving West, North and South along the NT border and merging Traeger and Cook to form a significant remote community based on indigenous enrolment and the replacement of land transport connections with air and sea would be a viable outcome.

S-017 *If the Gympie electorate is over quota could the northern end (Bauple, Glenwood area) be redistributed to Maryborough. These towns are partially in the Fraser Coast region anyway therefore are serviced from Maryborough. If the Hervey Bay electorate is over quota perhaps that could be split in two? Using Main St as a boundary, Point Vernon, Eli Waters, Pialba (Western side), Urraween & Kawungan in one electorate Wondunna, Pialba (Eastern side), Scarness, Torquay, Urangan, Booral & River Heads.* Gympie is currently well outside the allowed variance for quota but Maryborough doesn't require the excess. Hervey Bay is also outside the allowed variance for quota but can easily transfer that to Maryborough. Hervey Bay is not sufficiently over quota to be able to produce two electorates.

S-018 *Redcliffe state electorate to encompass all of Newport suburb.* This is a reasonable submission that puts the coastal community of Redcliffe within the same area. It also creates a natural break at the airport. Due to population concerns my submission also took part of Kippa-Ring from Redcliffe to Bancroft and removed the three way boundary with Redcliffe, Bancroft and Murrumba.

S-023 *...all of Upper Caboolture should be part of the "Morayfield" state electorate.* I agree. It also provides aligns better on transport links within Morayfield.

S-032 *... the area south of Witton Road encapsulating the Fig Tree Pocket area be moved to Moggill.* My submission and almost all other submissions – except one - that cover Moggill make this suggestion. It's self-evident from both a community of interest perspective and a transport connection that follows Moggill Road.

S-033 *... the new Glass House boundary should remove Woodford and Caboolture to the south and bring in more northern towns in the Sunshine Coast.* The growth in Glass House makes this very difficult. While my submission removes the southern area, Glass House only just holds on to Woodford and Maleny this time around. Developing a low-growth hinterland seat would have significant impacts on a number of other seats.

S-040 *Ocean View should return to Pine Rivers as it has historical and geographical links to services provided from utilities located in the latter.* Ocean View is an area that was changed in the last redistribution. It is now located right outside the edge of Pine Rivers and will eventually be quite some distance away as the Sunshine Coast peri-urban areas cede space to Nanango and Pine Rivers shrinks due to population growth.

S-042 *please change the boundary of Everton and Aspley in Bridgeman Downs. There is currently a small portion of Bridgeman Downs which is in Everton and a small portion of Albany Creek which is in Aspley.* My submission changed the boundaries of both Bridgeman Downs and Albany Creek to align with the SA2s as well the Brisbane/Moreton Bay boundary. This is a reasonable request.

S-062 *The current south eastern boundary of the Waterford Electorate divides the suburb and community of Waterford, creating confusion for electors when some are in the Electorate of Waterford and others are not. New residents in the part of Waterford not in the Electorate of Waterford are confused as well as long term residents, because prior to the 2017 redistribution, all of the suburb of Waterford was included in the Electorate of Waterford. As a consequence of this confusion, many residents in the southeast corner of Waterford, call the Waterford Electorate Office for assistance and have to be redirected to the Macalister Electorate Office, which is an unnecessary waste of time for residents as well as Electorate Office staff. This submission recommends including ALL enrolled electors in the Suburb of Waterford in the Electorate of Waterford as shown (in red) in Map1 with the eastern boundary of the Waterford Electorate extended to the natural boundary ridge*

line along Gardiner Road and the southern boundary extended along Dairy Creek Road to the intersection with Gardiner Road. This electorate boundary change will then include all of the Suburb of Waterford in the Electorate of Waterford.

The electorate of Waterford needs a considerable rework, not just at the southern end but also in the northern end where it meets the Brisbane/Logan boundary at Underwood. Although my submission continues to split the suburb of Waterford it could be remedied as suggested above by exchanging areas with Macalister.

S-065 *It is requested that the Indooroopilly Woods precinct be redistributed into the electorate of Maiwar or a similar electoral boundary outcome that again connects the precinct with the broader suburb of Indooroopilly, which is a region more representative of its state-based interests and connections.* It would be churlish to reject a submission that supplies so much detail and a highly convincing argument. The net result would be a transfer of 731 current and 801 projected electors. While the addition of Fig Tree Pocket and part of Indooroopilly would still partition Indooroopilly, the low growth across the existing Moggill electorate and the addition of Fig Tree Pocket could prepare Moggill at the next redistribution to take the entirety of Indooroopilly.

S-072 *Before the 2017 redistribution, residents living south of Christine Avenue, west of Burleigh Street, east of Bermuda Street and north of Reedy Creek Road, were traditionally part of the Burleigh (electorate) ... but in the redistribution we were placed into the Mermaid Beach (electorate).* This is a good local submission that is fairly easy to achieve. The growth in Surfers Paradise and Bonney, as well as boundary adjustments to electorates along the Pacific Motorway and the Pacific Ocean as a limiting factor, makes moving electorates along a common border relatively simple. In this case my submission moves this entire section substantially northwards into Miami, necessitating a name change.

S-075 *Hervey Bay is my home and city. It's where I do all my shopping and undertake my recreational activities. Please do not include Dundowran Beach, Craginsh and Toogoom into the Maryborough electorate.* Dundowran Beach, Craginsh and Toogoom are already within the Maryborough electorate, so I feel that the submission may be confusing the LGA with the State electorates. These suburbs are within the Hervey Bay city boundaries as part of the Fraser Coast LGA. Unfortunately the positive growth of Hervey Bay and the relatively negative growth of Maryborough balance each other out. This means that areas that are currently part of the Hervey Bay electorate will transfer to Maryborough – in the case of my submission some parts of River Heads and the island of K'gari accessed through the ferry at River Heads.

S-076 *Please consider moving the boundaries to include Tamborine Mountain in either Coomera or Logan. We have more in common with those electorates and the people that live and work there, than we have with what goes on in the Scenic Rim.* This is a reasonable suggestion based on community of interest considerations. However it's a consequence of the changing demographics in the area that Scenic Rim consists mostly of areas that are on the cusp of developing as urban sprawl creeps closer. Historically Tamborine Mountain was part of an area that included Beaudesert, Boonah, Rathdowney and Canungra. While it's adjacent to Theodore (and would probably make a good fit) keeping Mount Tamborine, Eagle Heights and Tamborine together would require crossing the Logan or Gold Coast LGA boundaries and removing that area from Scenic Rim Regional Council.

S-081 *With regard to the current boundaries for the Electoral Division of Cooper, the southern portion with its boundary at the Brisbane (Maiwar) River does not have any relevance to the rest of the division which is located further to the north and west away from the suburbs and localities of Paddington, Milton, Auchenflower and Rosalie.* The community of interest concerns are relevant and the further expansion of Moggill eastward makes these changes easy to achieve. Continuing along the major transport corridors of Moggill, Waterworks and Samford Roads provides a workable frame for these electorates.

S-097 *My suggested change would be to expand Cooper to cover the area east of Gallipoli Barracks, extending northward to include suburbs such as Dorrington, Alderley Heights, and southern Enoggera, which are currently part of Ferny Grove electorate. Many people from Enoggera, Dorrington, and Alderley regularly commute to work in areas already part of Cooper, like Paddington,*

Ashgrove, and Milton. Our existing transport infrastructure naturally supports this boundary adjustment. Metropolitan Road 5, a key north–south route running through Cooper, directly links these suburbs. Including Waterworks–Musgrave Roads and significant portions of Metropolitan Road 5 underlines the strong community and economic connections already in place. This is a sensible and well-thought out submission. It adds more around Alderley than mine as I picked up some of the area at Kelvin Grove and Herston from McConnel and Newmarket from Stafford instead of areas from Ferny Grove. However both submissions use Waterworks Road as the spine of the electorate.

S-106 *Gordon Park and Windsor should be brought back into the Stafford electorate. Milton would be better served as part of the electorate of Maiwar.* This is another well thought out local submission. I support both of these suggestions and it is part of my submission for both Stafford and Maiwar, although I didn't include the entire suburb of Wilston.

Complex submissions

There are 17 submissions, not including major Party submissions, that attempt a Queensland-wide approach that are successful to varying degrees. In many cases there are significant differences of opinion on the best way to approach it. In some cases that can lead to odd outcomes as a result of the cumulative effects of small changes. There are a few submissions that have technical flaws but most do not invalidate the submission.

Instead of detailed commentary on each submission, I will make a general observation on each one and then do a side by side comparison on selected electorates.

S-014 (33 electorates) This is a little chaotic as different parts were submitted at different times. It can be difficult to follow but there are no obvious errors on the electorates covered.

S-019 ($\approx$ 64 electorates) It is difficult to work out numbers or maps on this submission. It needs a lot more detail to be useable.

S-030 (7 electorates) It is acceptable for the electorates covered but ignores significant issues with the under-enrolment in adjoining southside electorates.

S-041 (6 electorates) In general the recommendations are solid but it lacks significant details. It also acknowledges that there will be impacts on another 3 electorates.

S-061 (5 electorates) It is consistent within the submission but lacks enrolment impacts.

S-077 (93 electorates) This is a solid submission that is internally self-consistent. From a technical point of view the maps are easy to read, the arguments are well put and it is organised in a logical and consistent manner. It also provides a framework to hang the decisions on.

S-078 (11 electorates) It works within the boundaries set but I have concerns with the overly-large grouping of seats that minimises the ongoing under or over enrolment of significant areas. I also have grave concerns about the impact on the seat of Whitsunday, given that it's one of the few in North Queensland that is balanced for both current and projected enrolment.

S-089 (6 electorates) This covers a small group of seats in the outer Brisbane south-west. The recommendations are reasonable but it is missing the calculation of quotas. While I believe the abolition of Toohey is the easiest solution to the enrolment hole locally, some of the seats may be out-of-quota.

S-090 (20 electorates) I would prefer to see more detail or maps to see the impact on the shape of electorates.

S-095 (93 electorates) There are a few issues with this submission that make it difficult to provide an effective evaluation. Firstly, the maps are difficult to read. Secondly seats have been renamed without the benefit of a concordance between the old and new names. Coupled with the maps there are seats I was unable to identify. And finally some of the seats are outside of quota – Burdekin, Caloundra, Cook, Cubberla, Labrador, Maryborough, Moonie, Mount Cotton, Nanango, Ninderry, Oxley, Ripley, South Pine, Stanley and Ward. There's also a number of seats that will be out of quota by the time of the next election because they are within 1.0 percent of being out of quota.

S-099 (66 electorates) Unfortunately only the boundary maps are provided, without the benefit of names. Consequently there are many maps which don't provide the visual cues to work out which is which. It also lacks the rationale for the seats and an indication of the enrolments.

S-100 (93 electorates) This is pretty much the gold standard for submissions, only missing a map component. The layout is clear and the numbers are provided. The rationale provides a logical path to follow and a clear narrative as to how decisions were reached. While the use of SA2s might be considered a blunt approach, it does allow further fine tuning at the SA1 level while locking in a cohesive framework.

S-101 (93 electorates) The maps are clear and the calculations are solid. There are many decisions made in this submission that I question but they all provide a working submission.

S-108 (incomplete) As noted this was another submission that had time issues, leading to an incomplete work. It takes the IKEA approach to mapping – providing the SA1s to enable you to put it together yourself. The text is easy to follow, but the use of Runbank as a renamed electorate is unforgivable.

S-109 (12 electorates) The layout is clear and very similar to the way The Greens approached their submission. I have concerns about Everton, not just with name (Bunyaville) but also with the change in quota.

S-114 Many of the changes were well done but the maps were often confusing and the descriptions were patchy due to time issues, which also impacted on the quota percentages where some were missing.

S-117 My submission. It has its moments.

Individual area overview

Large Electorates – Cook, Gregory, Traeger, Warrego

The Large Electorates dropped from 5 to 4 at the last redistribution. By detaching Warrego from the NT border and moving it east the future changes to reduce this group to 2 is available.

Far North Queensland - Barron River, Cairns, Mulgrave, Hill

This area is reasonably stable and changes that have been suggested should keep it sustainable for the future.

North Queensland- Burdekin, Callide, Mackay, Mundingburra, Thuringowa, Townsville, Whitsunday, Mirani

The relative population loss in the Townsville seats has created a number of problems in this region. There were a number of submissions that urged the removal of various seats to staunch the bleeding. I do not believe that it is necessary yet, but the situation should be monitored. Whitsunday is well within balance and growing, so I'd recommend not breaking it as some of the submissions suggest.

Central Queensland- Bundaberg, Burnett, Condamine, Gladstone, Gympie, Hervey Bay, Hinchinbrook, Keppel, Lockyer, Maryborough, Nanango, Rockhampton

This area is growing and subject to rapid movement. Within two redistributions it is likely that both Gympie and Nanango will be considered Sunshine Coast seats.

Sunshine Coast – Buderim, Caloundra, Glass House, Kawana, Maroochydore, Nicklin, Ninderry, Noosa

The Sunshine Coast has pockets of rampant growth that make it difficult to work with current projections. This will be one of the more challenging regions.

Ipswich and Toowoomba – Bundamba, Ipswich, Ipswich West, Jordan, Toowoomba North, Toowoomba South

Apart from the growth pockets around Ipswich most of the growth is consistent and predictable.

Brisbane North and Moreton Bay- Aspley, Bancroft, Clayfield, Cooper, Everton, Ferny Grove, Kurwongbah, Maiwar, McConnell, Moggill, Morayfield, Murrumba, Nudgee, Pine Rivers, Pumicestone, Redcliffe, Sandgate, Stafford

As the northern Brisbane suburbs hollow out the significant growth in Moreton Bay is likely to remove one of the seats, either by pulling it out of Brisbane or forcing the merger of two existing outer Brisbane seats.

Brisbane South, Logan and Redlands- Algester, Bulimba, Capalaba, Chatsworth, Greenslopes, Inala, Logan, Lytton, Macalister, Mansfield, Miller, Mount Ommaney, Oodgeroo, Redlands, Stretton, South Brisbane, Springwood, Toohey, Waterford, Woodridge

It is likely that Toohey will be removed at this redistribution and replaced by a seat in the Coomera/Logan/Ipswich corridor.

Gold Coast and Hinterland - Bonney, Broadwater, Burleigh, Coomera, Currumbin, Gaven, Mermaid Beach, Mudgeeraba, Southern Downs, Scenic Rim, Surfers Paradise, Southport, Theodore

The Gold Coast and the seats along the NSW border have isolated pockets of extreme growth balanced by relatively stable populations. The western seats are being gradually pulled east.

Post-Redistribution issues for consideration by the QRC

There are a number of issues outside the scope of this redistribution, however I believe they can be raised as additional items in the final QRC report as well as forming a reference for the QRC and ECQ during future Estimates Committee Hearings. As the Electoral Commissioner of Queensland is one of the QRC Commissioners there is an opportunity for that role to provide continuity outside of the redistribution cycle.

Time available for submissions

In 2025 there were numerous comments regarding the shortage of time available for submissions to be made by members of the public. Much of that was due to the increased detail of many of the submissions compared to 2017 changes, as well as the need to validate their work. One of the major issues this time around has been patching up holes introduced by the 2017 redistribution.

Support and resources for submissions

I was fortunate this time to be able to use the Queensland State Redistribution Tool developed by Angus (auredistribution@gmail.com) as well as a range of other data analytics. I would like to suggest that the QRC and ECQ collect and make available other helpful tools to enable a consistent approach to best-practice submissions. Providing some familiarity to these types of tools will also assist the QRC in evaluating the impact of multiple submissions.

Queensland electorate numbers

There's a valid argument that the additional four seats created in 2017 did not adequately prepare Queensland for the significant growth we are facing. However the process of expanding Parliament is long and uncertain. As we head towards another Federal electorate, either at the 2026 redistribution or four years later, we have an opportunity to match population growth. With 31 Federal electorates the proportions match the 31 State electorates at exactly 1:3. An option would be to define the number of Queensland seats as exactly three times the number of Federal seats, providing a degree of consistency with how Queensland addresses governance.

Large Area weighting and the future of oversized electorates

At the beginning of this process I was agnostic on the Large Area weighting provided to oversized electorates. I have come to view that this is not the best solution to resolve the extreme distances within Queensland. After all, people vote – not land. My view is that the excessive electorates could be pared to two – one containing the remote sections of Tragear and Cook, and the other being the

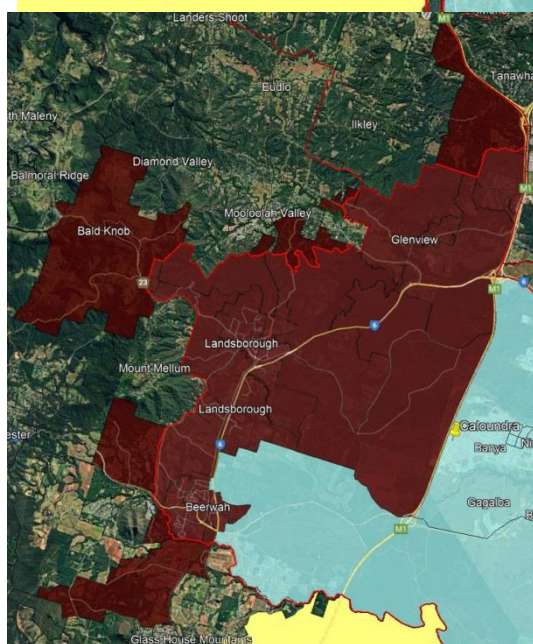
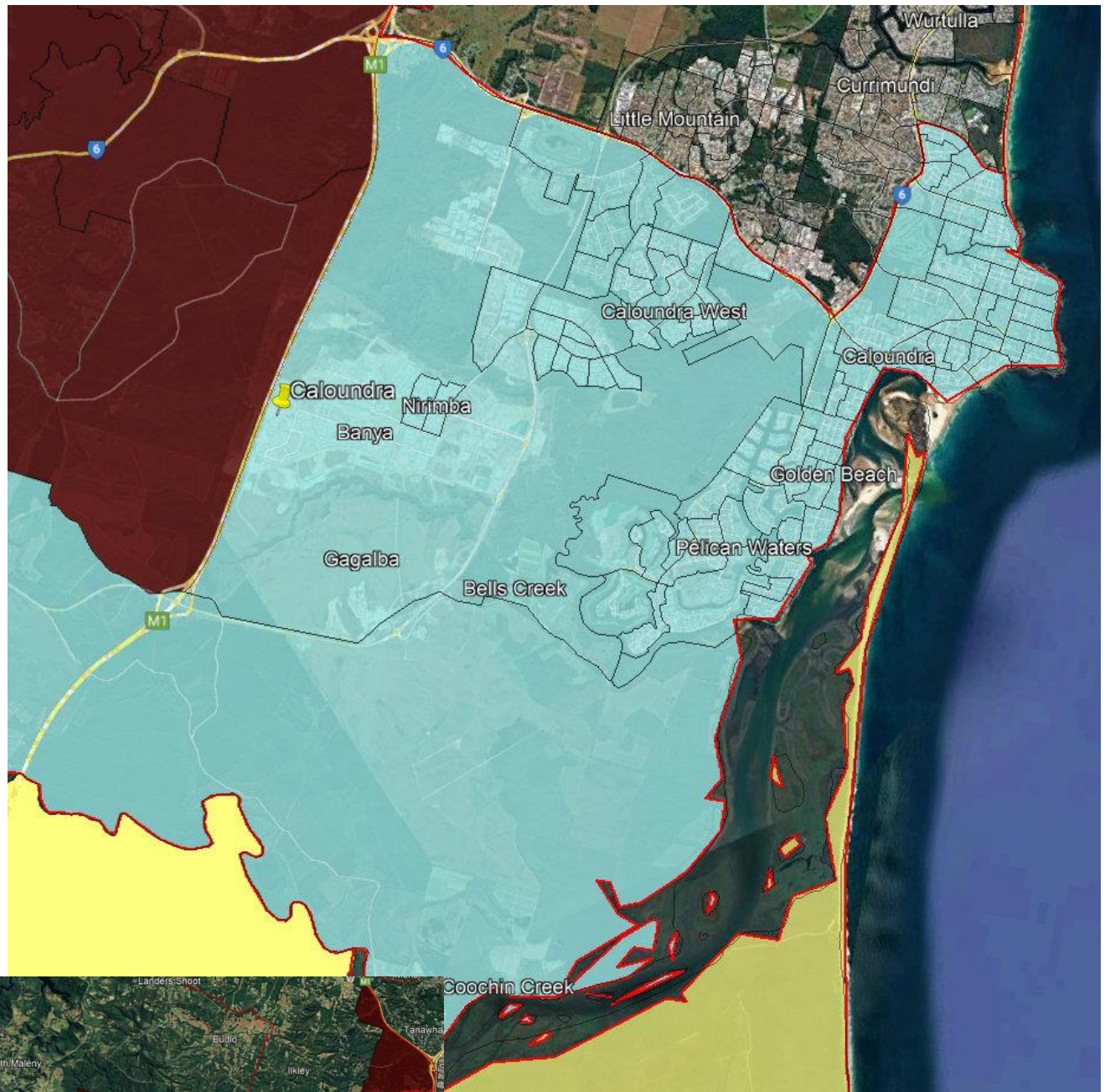
electorate of Gregory. At this redistribution I detached Warrego from the western state border; not just to create a better community of interest, but also to provide a gradual approach to this change.

The question of servicing these large electorates was raised on a number of submissions. I believe that that could easily be resolved while keeping the basic tenets of democracy intact. Providing additional resources for electorates based on size – additional electorate offices, staff, increased transport budgets and increased communications into remote areas would have a more meaningful impact.

Detailed maps on selected seats – working papers

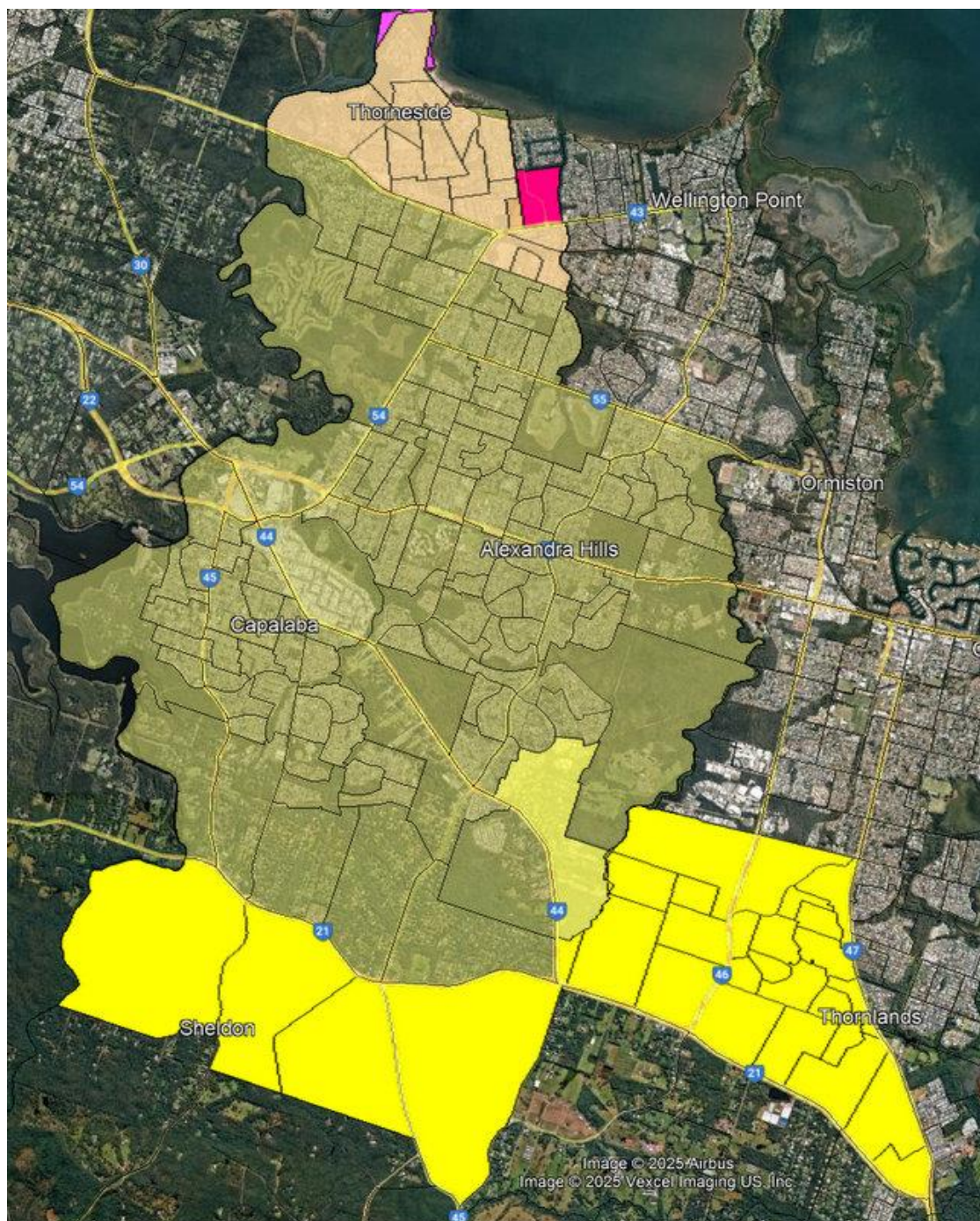
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- Oodgeroo
- Pine Rivers
- Pumicestone
- Redcliffe
- Redlands
- Springwood
- Stafford

Caloundra



Caloundra sheds everything west of the Bruce Highway. One significant SA1 crosses the Highway and is required to be split. It also loses everything to the north-east of the Caloundra Road/ Nicklin Way roundabout. It continues along the Nicklin Way until the boundary of Battery Hill and Currimundi south of Buderim Street. Caloundra has major new developments coming online south of Aura but the timeframe for the rollout is currently unknown. These greenfields developments make it extremely difficult to keep the numbers within quota.

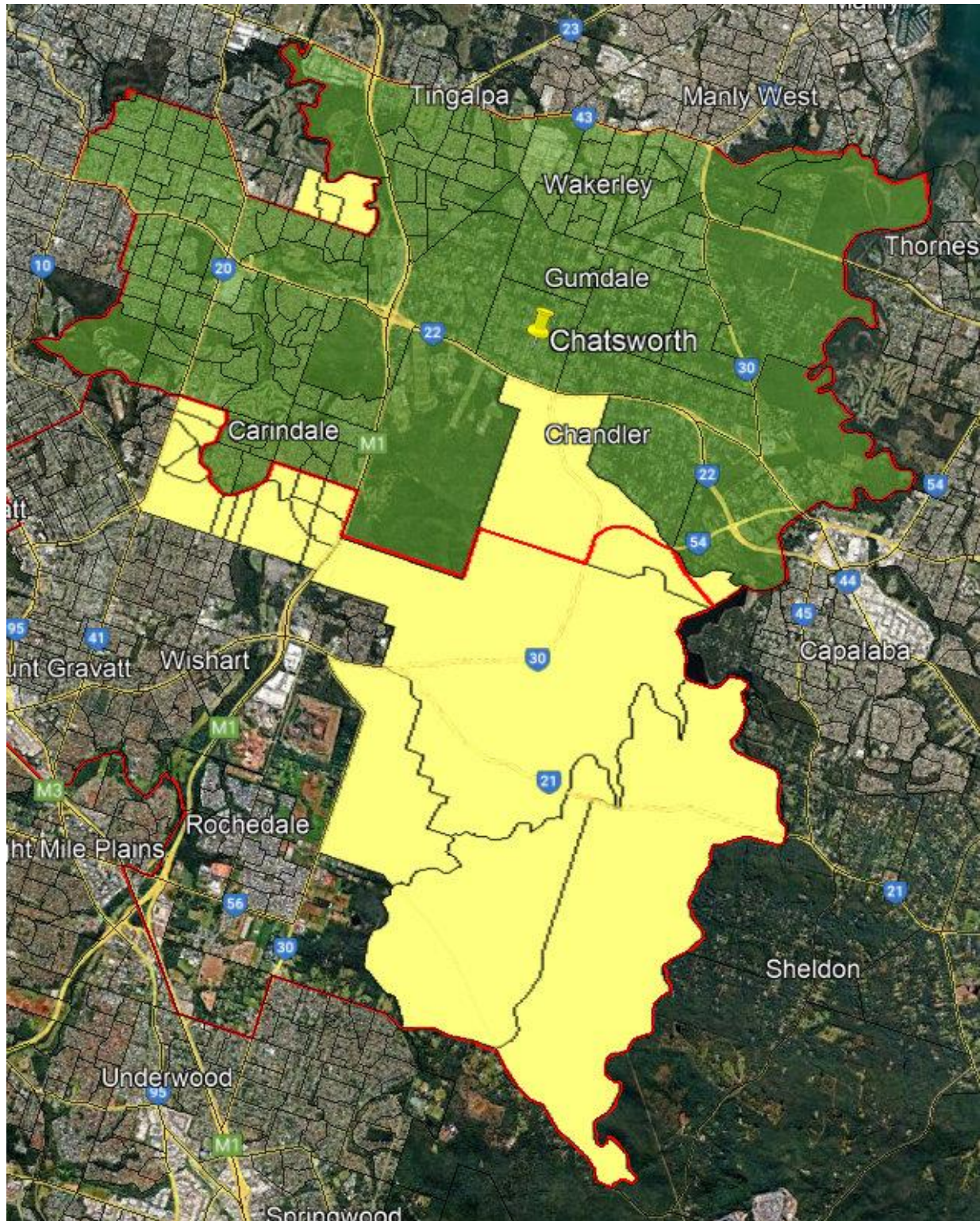
Capalaba



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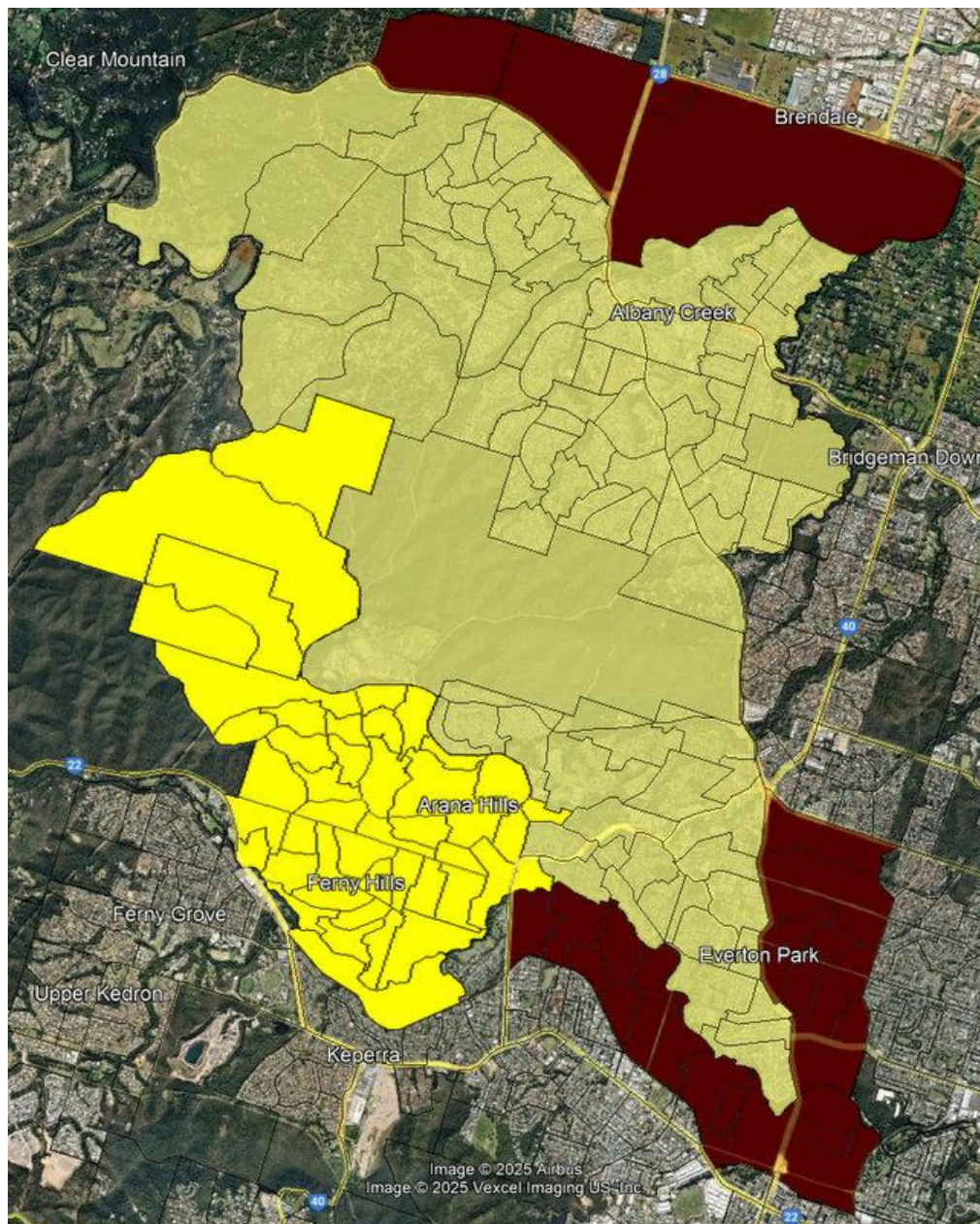
Capalaba takes part of Sheldon from Springwood to the Logan/Redlands LGA border. It takes the area bounded by South Street, Boundary Road, Cleveland-Redland Bay Road and the existing boundary with Hilliards Creek and Redland Bay Road. It loses the area north of the railway line at Birkdale to Oodgeroo and a small area north of Collingwood Road and bounded by Tarradarrapin Creek. It also rejoins two previously split SA1s. The current enrolment would be +3.39% and projected to decline to -5.00%.

Chatsworth (Carindale)



Chatsworth is significantly under quota and not adding many more electors. Chatsworth picks up a small area from Bulimba and areas at Burbank, Carindale and Mansfield north of Wecker Road from Mansfield. I've also suggested it should be renamed to Carindale per my naming convention. The area on the eastern side of Rochedale Road/Grieve Road forms part of the Leslie Harrison Dam catchment area and is limited in terms of future development.

Everton (Bunya)

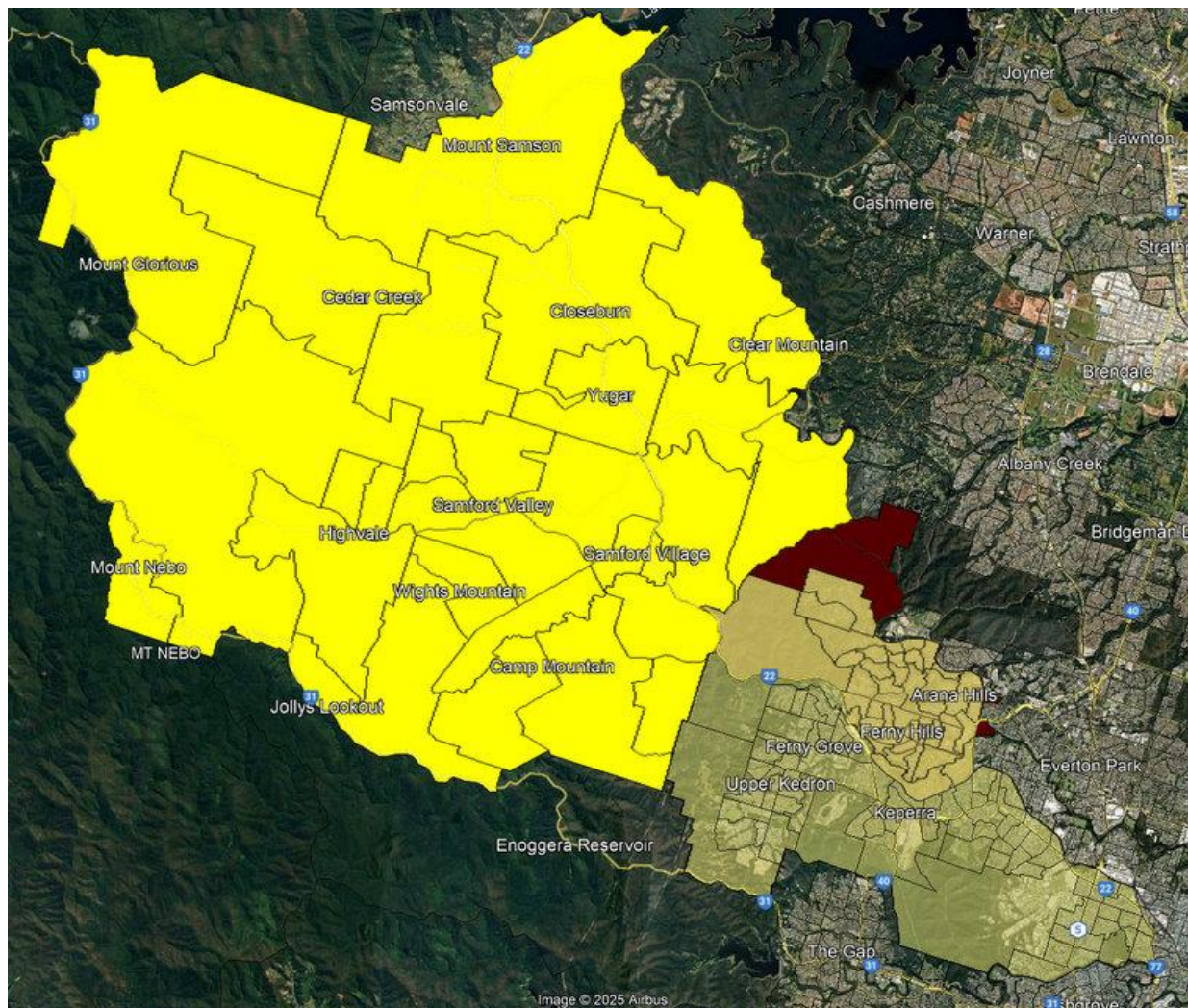


In my original submission I kept the electorate name of Everton. As it no longer contains all of the suburb of Everton Park I believe that the name Bunya would be more suitable.

This is a substantial modification for Everton, but it has the opportunity to put all of the “Hills” residents in the same electorate, making it a relatively compact seat. Ferny Hills and Arana Hills are added to Everton while the small area at the top is put back into Pine Rivers, which is a much better fit. I added the entirety of the Albany Creek SA2 boundary to Everton and the entirety of the Bridgeman Downs SA2 to Aspley along the Brisbane/Moreton Bay LGA boundary.

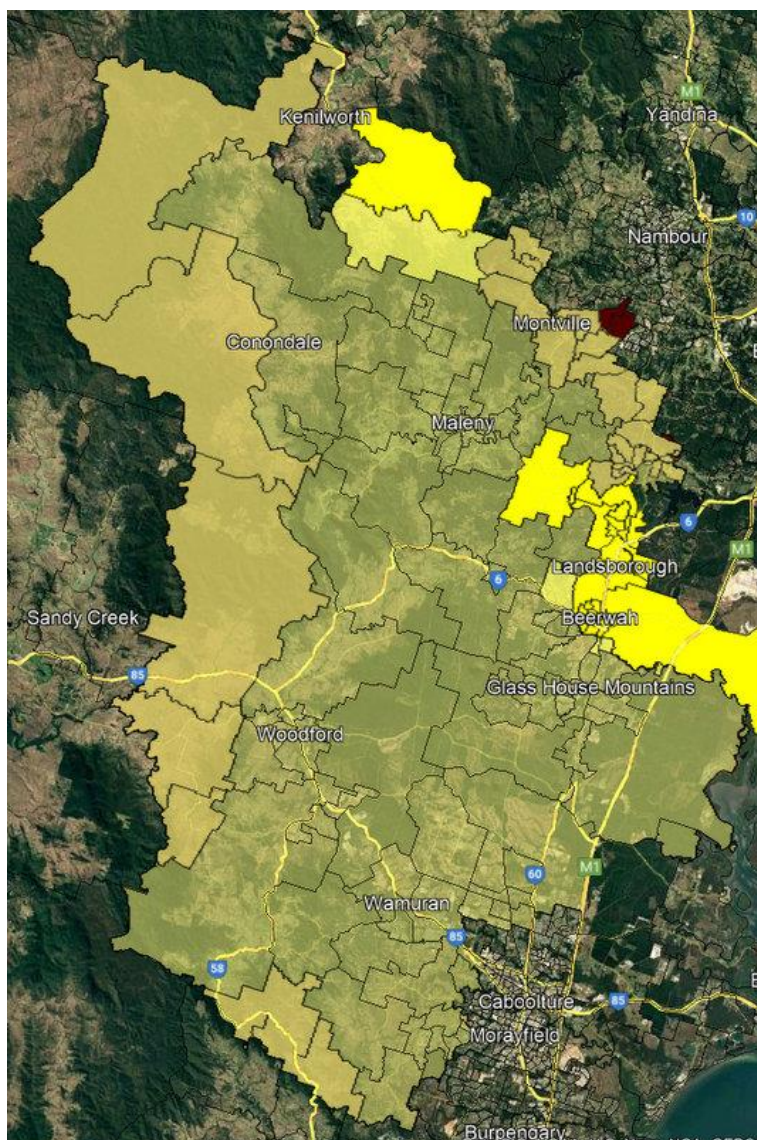
The electorate contains Eatons Hill, Albany Creek, Bunya, Ferny Hills, Arana Hills and Everton Hills, with the part of Everton Park west of South Pine Road. It changes to +3.35 over quota and is projected to decline to -4.48 under quota. While it doesn’t completely move out of Brisbane, it is substantially more contained within the growing City of Moreton Bay. At the next redistribution it is likely that it will move completely into Moreton Bay.

Ferny Grove (Samford)



Ferny Grove is renamed to Samford, in line with the new core of the electorate and now gets substantially larger, connecting along the length of Samford Road. It provides easy access for the local residents and also included Samford Village as a major addition. Quite a bit of Ferny Grove is already constrained by access and development. Once Everton had been adjusted, Ferny Grove just follows Samford Road into the rural-residential pockets until I ran out of electors. It's a surprisingly cohesive electorate and, with the growth in Moreton Bay, will pick up the remaining Brisbane SA1s from Everton at the next redistribution. It changes to +2.34 over quota and is projected to decline to -4.14 under quota.

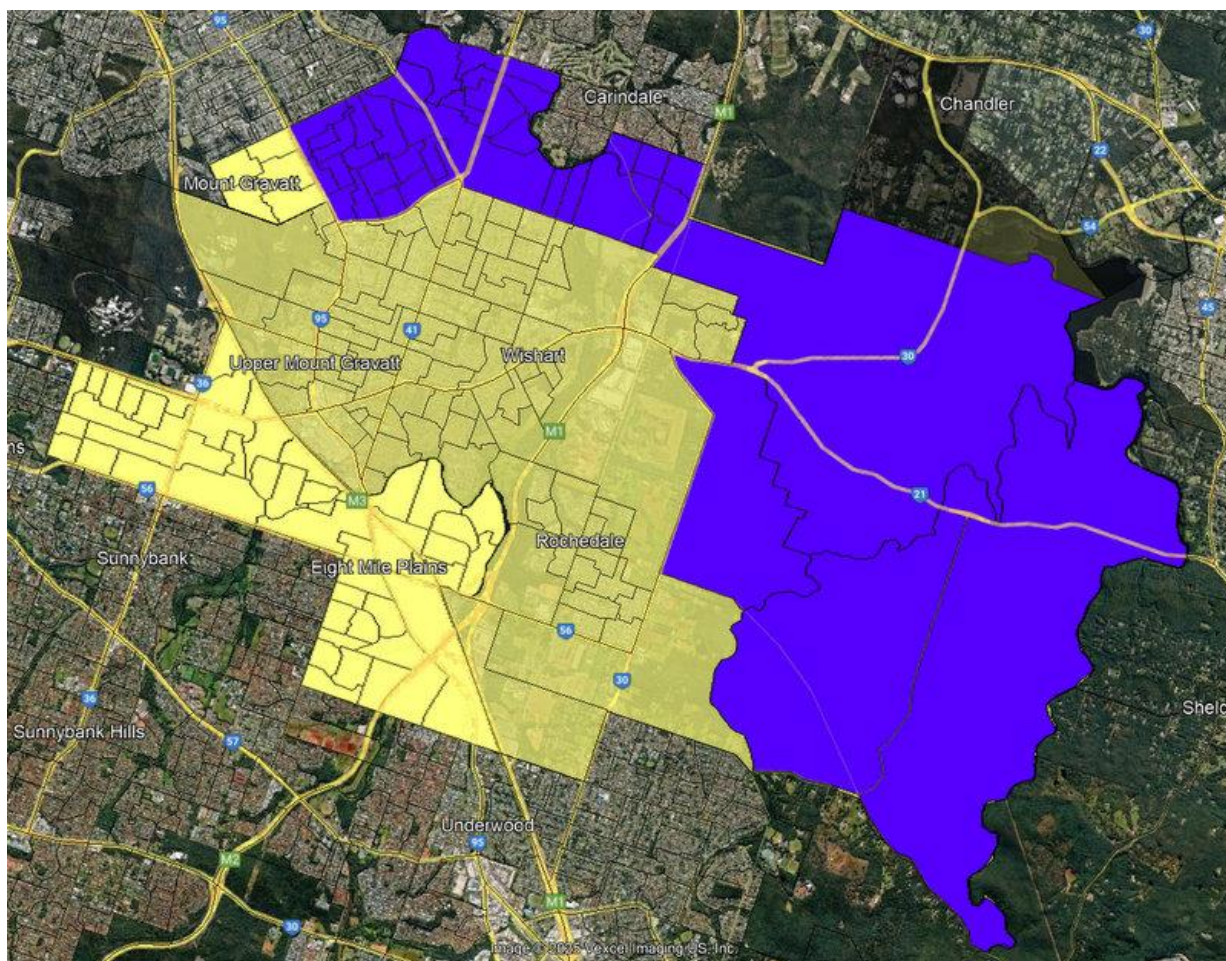
Glass House



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Glass House has been renamed Maleny as it sheds its traditional semi-rural and hinterland role as development flows through the area. Glass House picked up some of the western part of Caloundra, but has lost areas to encroaching Nanango, Gympie and Nicklin as they continue south-west. It has added Beerwah and Landsborough from Caloundra. It loses everything on the eastern side of the Bruce Highway (requiring SA1s to be split) and sheds minor parts of the Caboolture West, Caboolture East and Dayboro SA2s. This has a relatively minor impact on the electorates of Caloundra, Morayfield, Nicklin and Nanango, and changes the estimated enrolment to -2.34% with a projected enrolment of 19.39%. This is slightly better than my original redistribution but it is still projected to be out of quota in 2032, where it will probably split or be carved up by adjoining electorates. This, along with Caloundra, is an area of increasing volatility so correctly positioning it for estimated growth will be inexact, however I believe it will be difficult to maintain both Woodford and Maleny within the same electorate.

Mansfield (Wishart)

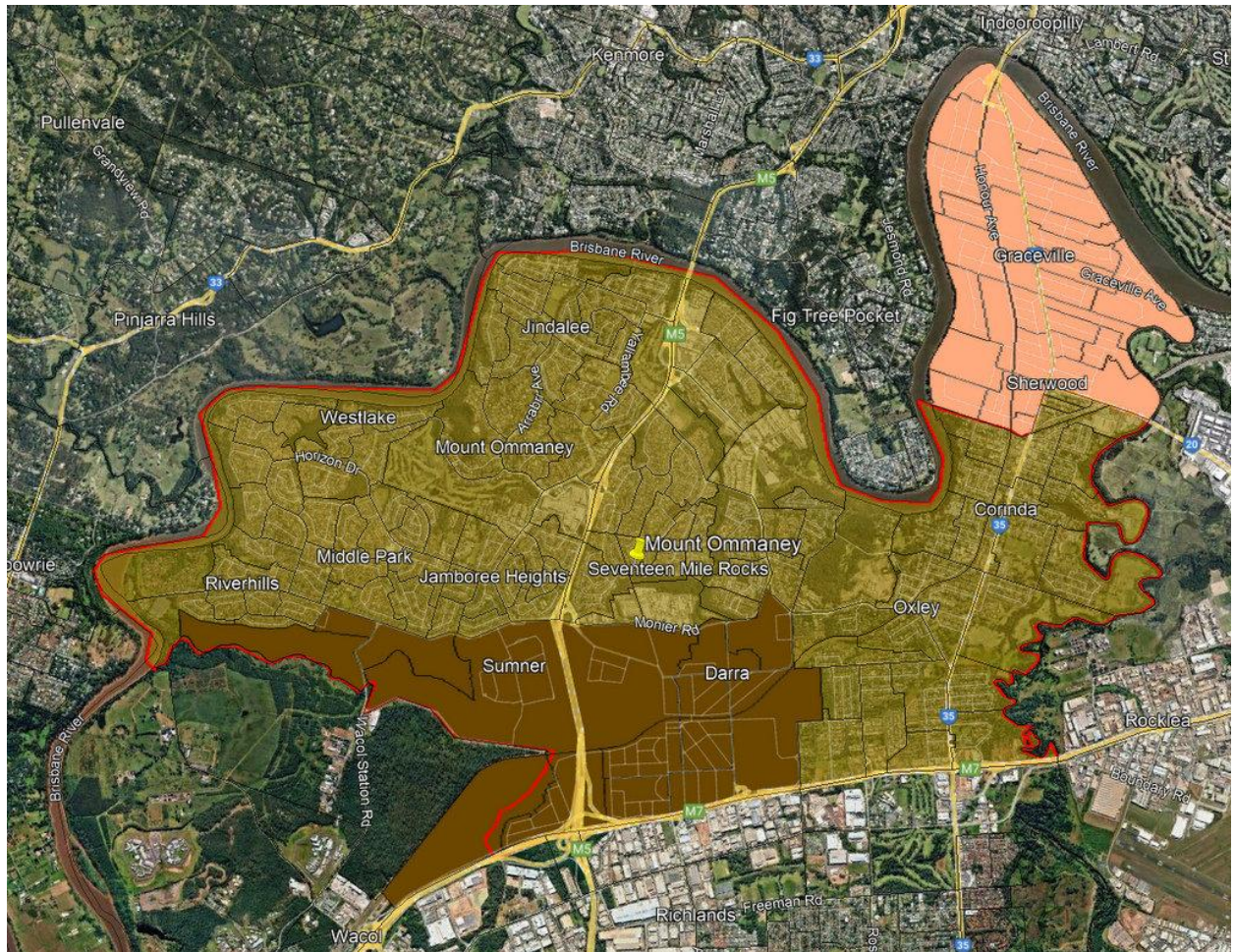


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Mansfield adds the outstanding areas of Mount Gravatt and Upper Mount Gravatt that weren't previously part of the electorate. It transfers to Chatsworth that part of Rochedale included in the Leslie Harrison Dam catchment that is development-limited and loses the remainder of Burbank. Mansfield continues along Underwood Road to the intersection with Warrigal Road and adds part of Eight Mile Plains. It also adds the unconnected bubble off Logan Road around Holmead Road. It adds the entirety of the Macgregor and Robertson SA2s. The SA1 west of Bapaume Road that was previously included was retained by Greenslopes to maintain the integrity of the SA2, but no longer adds the Griffith University Nathan Campus, QSAC and Toohey Forest which remain with Miller. These are low population areas that won't materially affect Miller or the revised Stretton (Sunnybank) but since the additional section of Robertson was part of the Sunnybank area the boundaries can be adjusted between the other two electorates.

The remaining section of Eight Mile Plains and the SA2 of Robertson are almost identical for planning purposes and change the current and projected quota down by roughly 0.5% and 0.9% respectively. While the area is still under projections some of the Rochedale area housing developments are now being approved by Council. Under the current transport networks the M1 is relatively transparent to traffic with a number of significant local roads doing the heavy lifting. The current enrolment would be -1.23% and projected to increase to -0.53%. The area was renamed Wishart as it is the core suburb of the renewed electorate and meets the naming criteria.

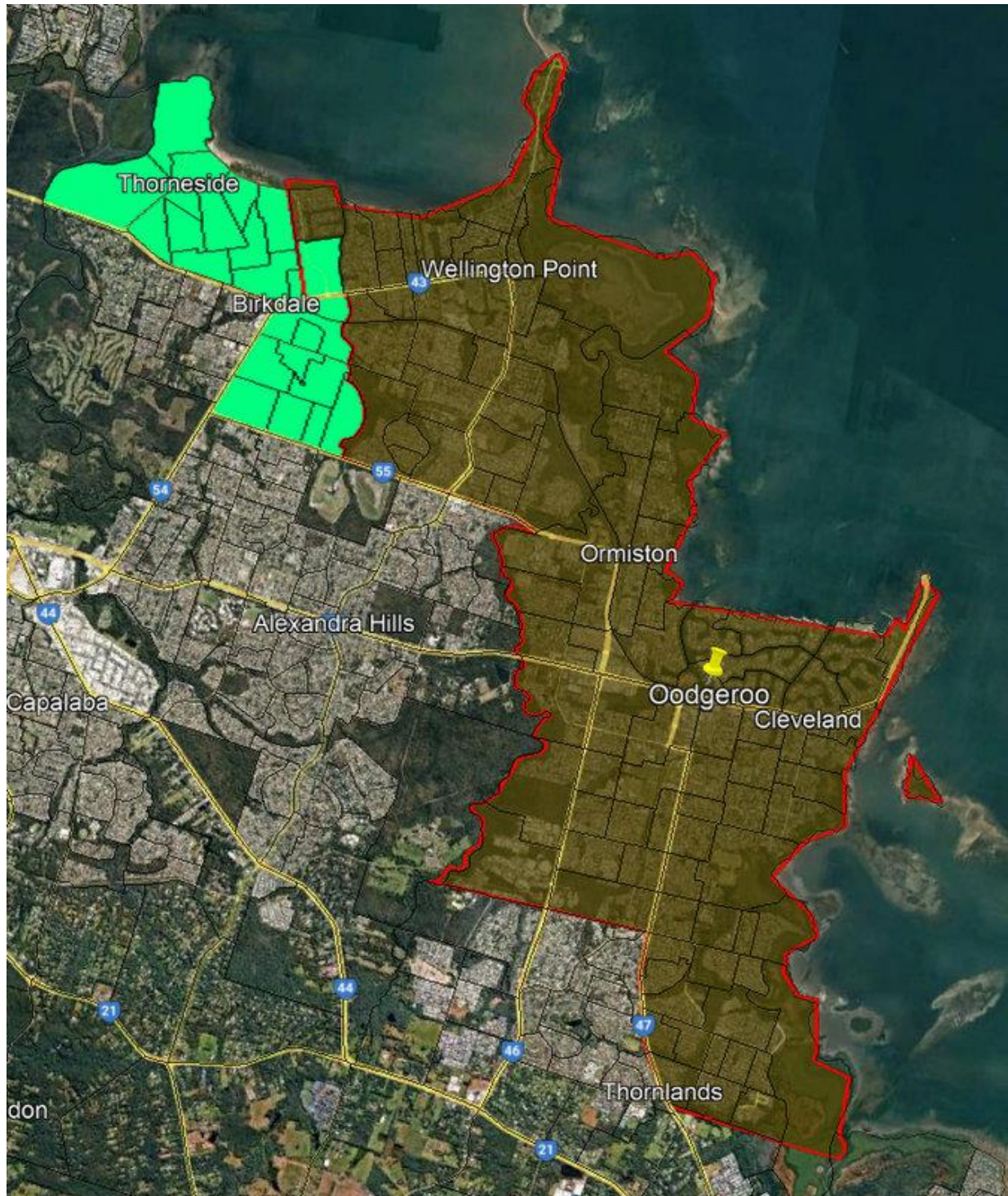
Mt Ommaney



Mount Ommaney has been relatively stagnant in terms of growth and has been adding areas on the approach to the Walter-Taylor Bridge. Mount Ommaney adds Chelmer, Graceville and the remainder of Sherwood to the Oxley Creek boundary. It loses some of the industrial brickworks and the part of Darra and retains the section of Oxley. It also loses some of the area south of Monier Road and Sumners Road.

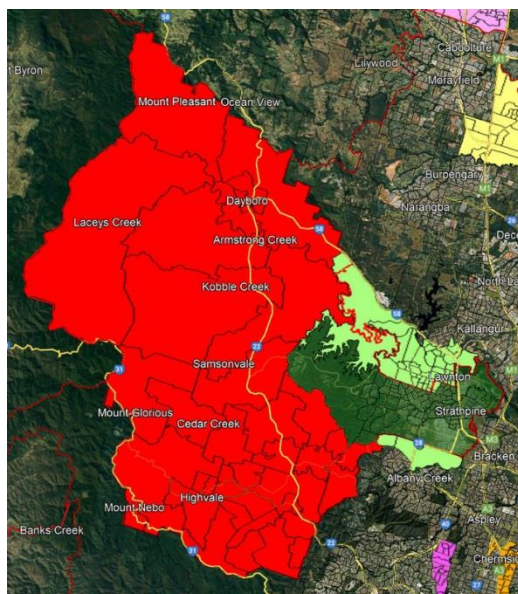
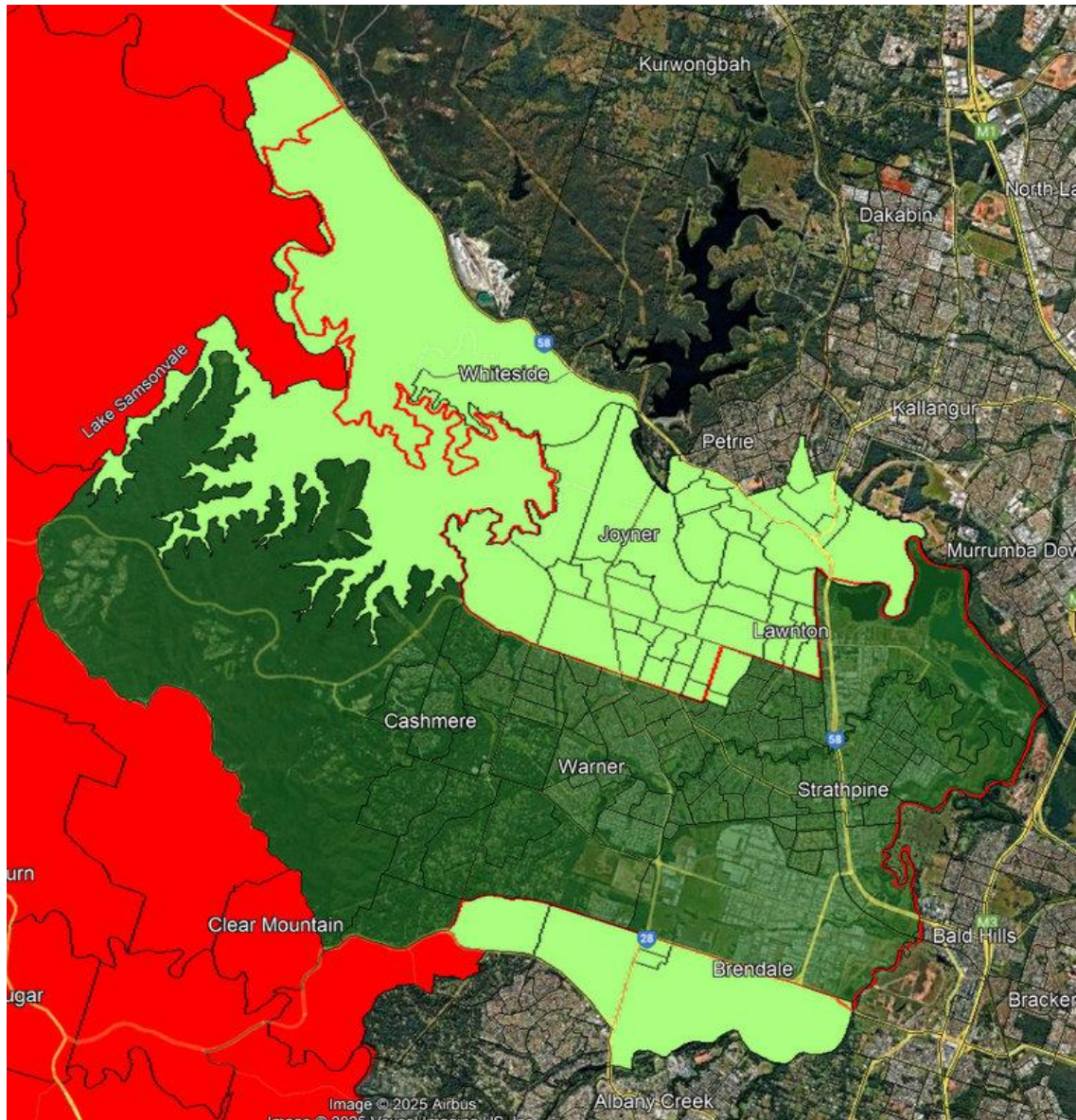
I've also suggested it should be renamed to Jindalee per my naming convention.

Oodgeroo (Cleveland)



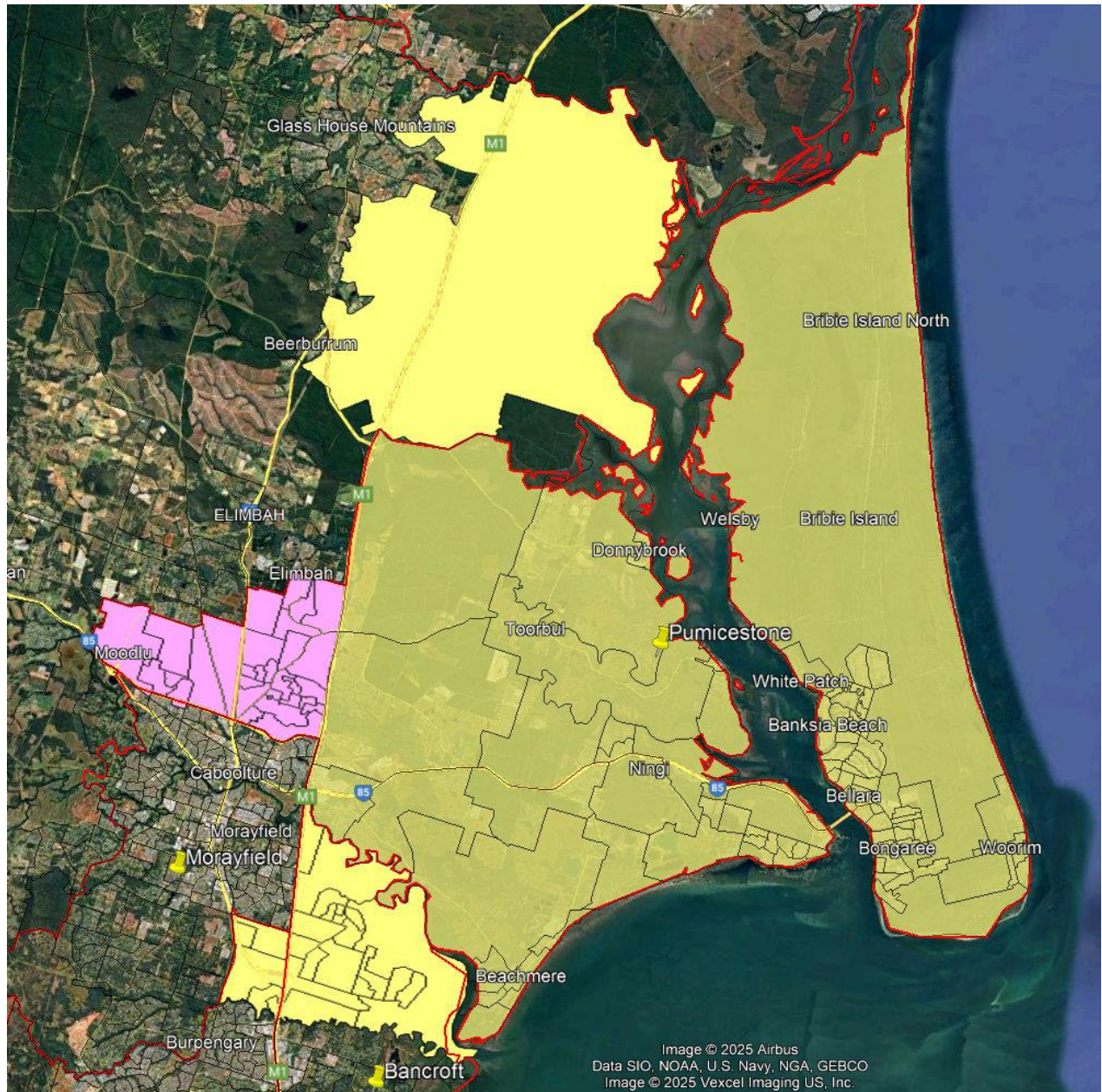
Oodgeroo adds part of the remaining Thorneside and Birkdale areas from Capalaba to balance out the quota requirements.

Pine Rivers (Warner)



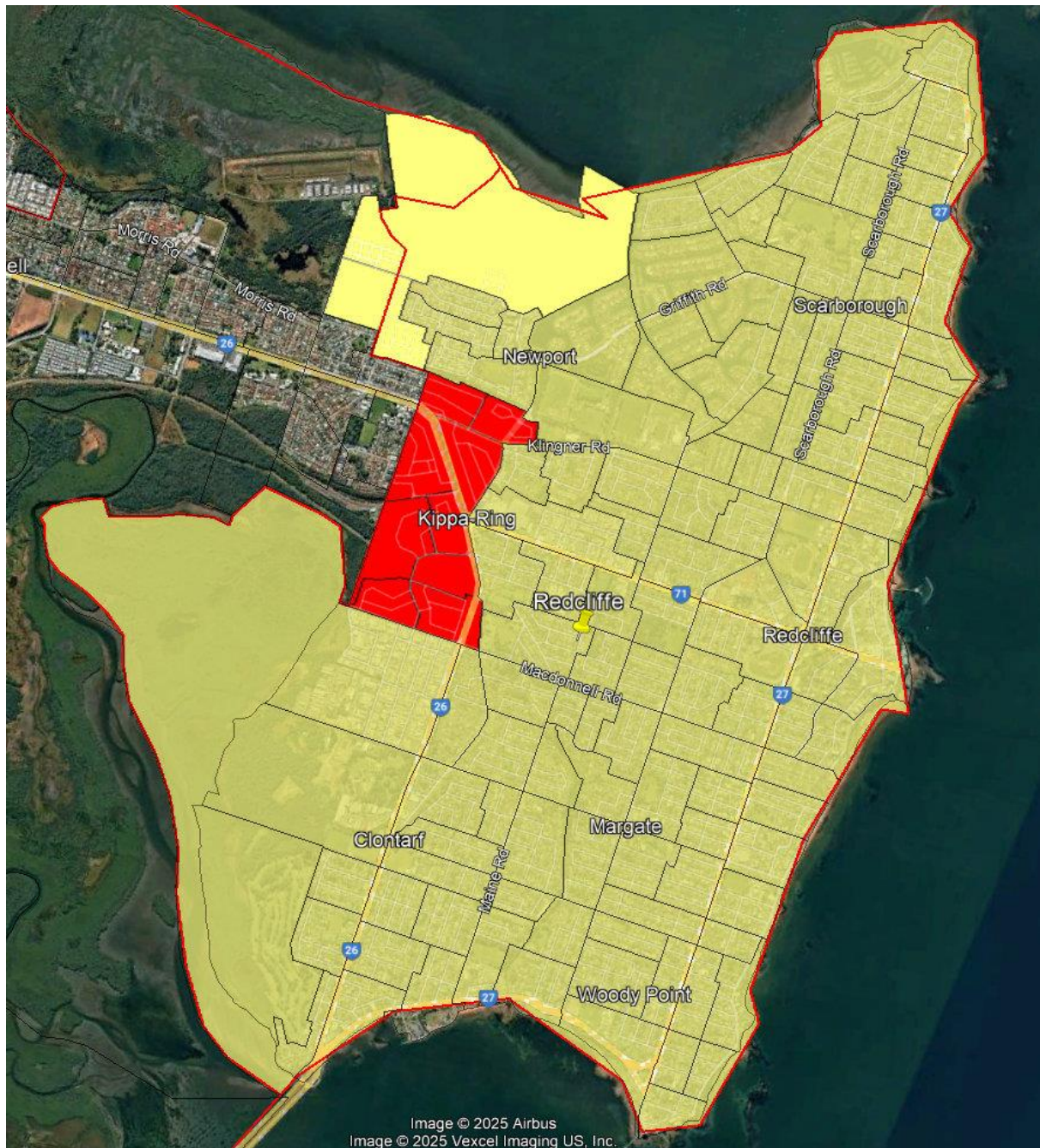
Pine Rivers is another electorate that is caught in the crossfire of a difficult redistribution. It moves north and south but sheds the rural residential areas. Pine Rivers becomes a much more urban seat, losing Dayboro in the process. Sections of Whiteside, Joyner, Bray Park, Lawnton and Petrie are transferred from Kurwongbah. An area north of Eatons Crossing Road and the South Pine River are shifted from Everton. Clear Mountain, Samford Village and the area down to the BCC boundary are transferred to Ferny Grove. Nanango gains the areas west of Lake Samsonvale including Dayboro. Renamed to Warner.

Pumicestone (Bribie)



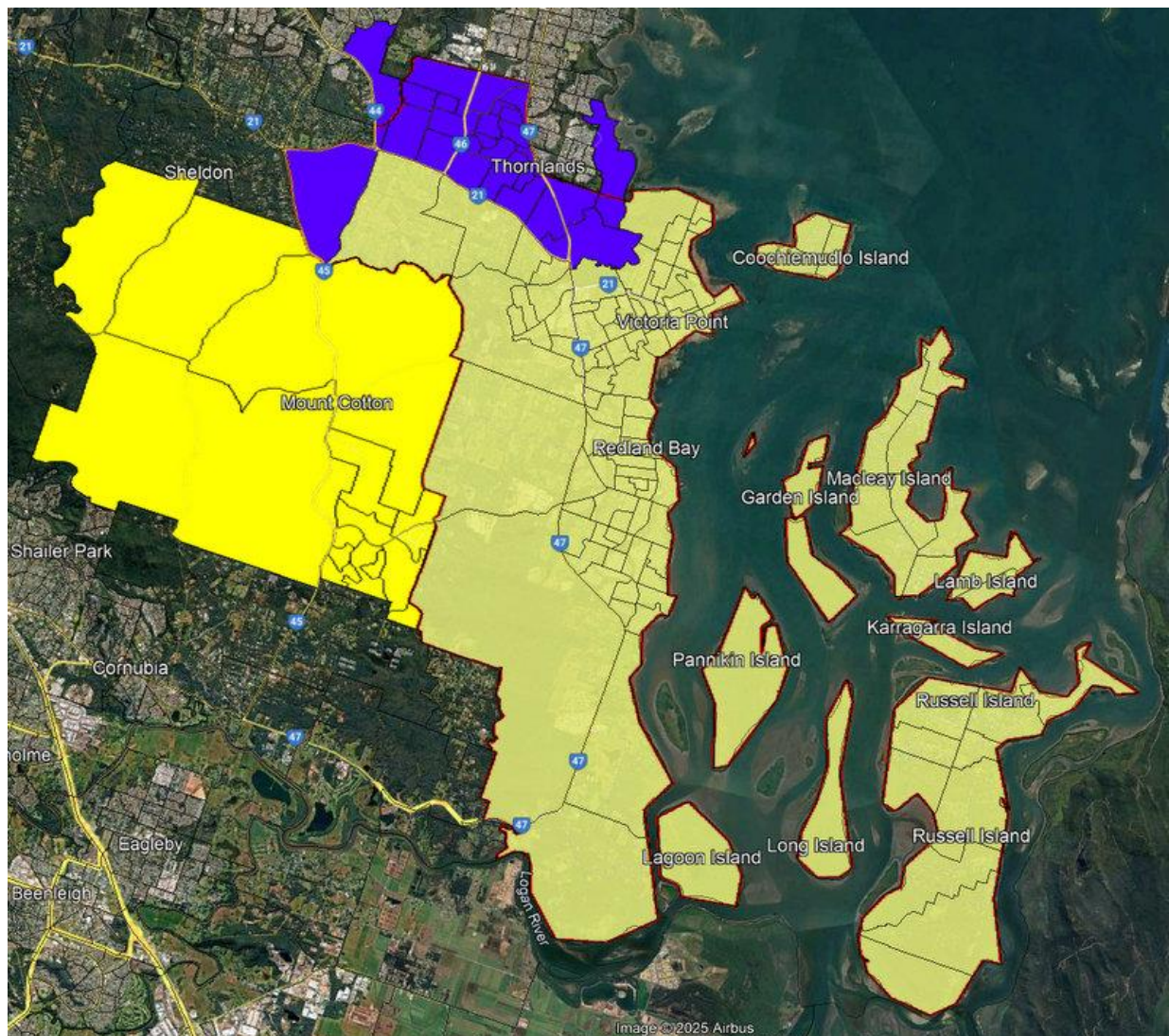
Pumicestone adds the area north of Burpengary Creek from Bancroft and extends to a small section on the other side of Uhlman Road between Burpengary East and Burpengary. This was previously the top corner of Kurwongbah. The area of Pumicestone previously west of the Bruce Highway is now shared between Morayfield and Glass House. The top of the additional SA1 marks the Sunshine Coast and Moreton bay local government boundary, keeping Pumicestone entirely within Moreton Bay Regional Council except for the national park at the top of Bribie Island which is in the Sunshine Coast. Renamed to Bribie.

Redcliffe



Redcliffe adds the other half of a split SA1 at Newport and loses the area north of MacDonnell Road and west of Snook Street at Kippa Ring to come under quota. This also includes the area south of the suburb of Newport on Anzac Avenue and these areas transfer to Bancroft. Moreton Island also transfers to Lytton.

Redlands (Karragarra)

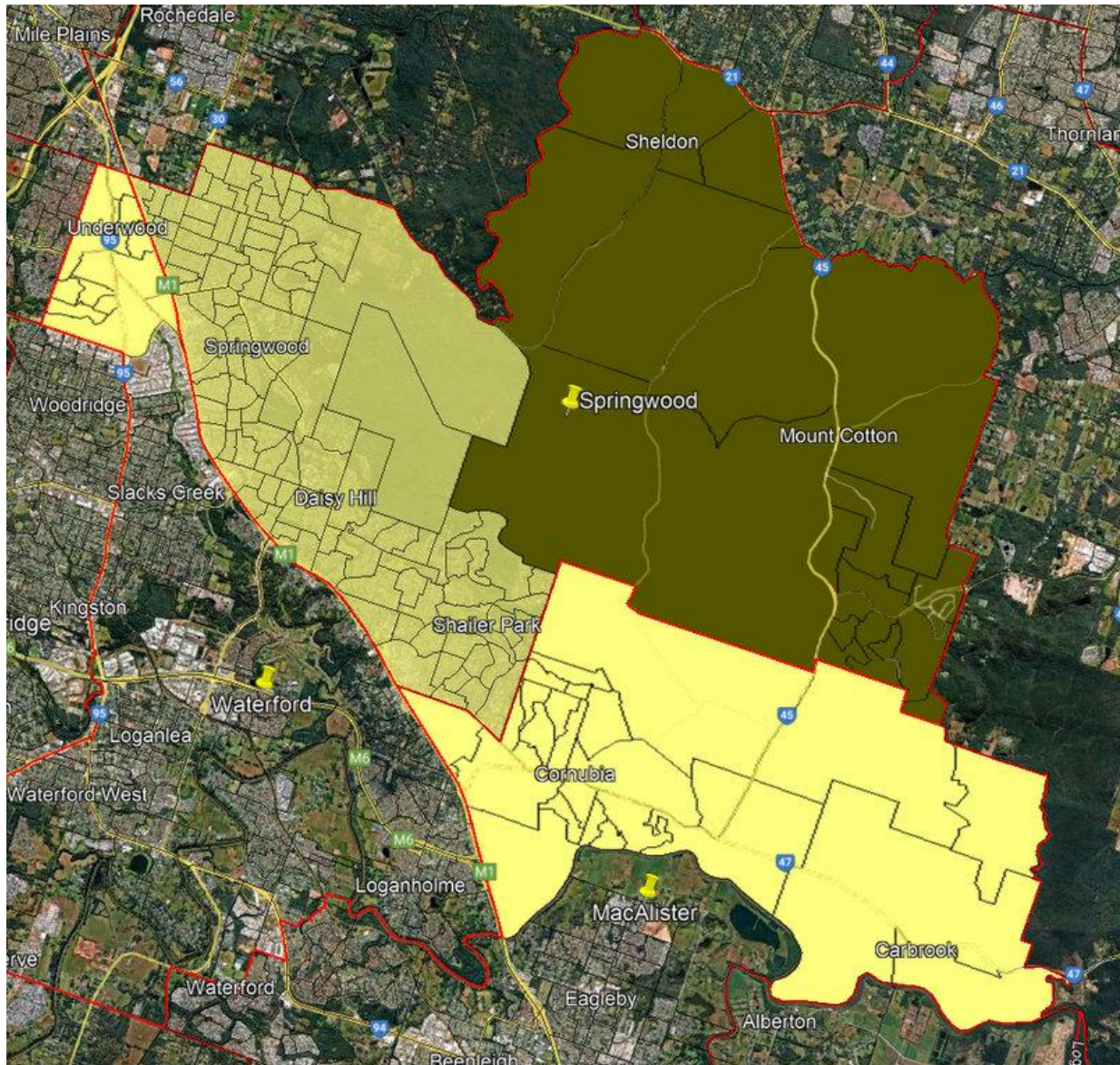


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Redlands takes parts of Springwood to remove the Redlands LGA entirely from Springwood, including Mount Cotton. Using the natural boundary of Epraprah Creek it cedes a small area to Oodgeroo. It loses a small area to the west of Taylor Road and Woodlands Drive to Capalaba. It would make more sense to use Woodlands Drive as the boundary but this would require splitting the SA1. It loses the area north of Boundary Road at Thornlands to Capalaba. It also reunites two split SA1s.

The current enrolment would be +0.92% and projected to decline to -1.32%.

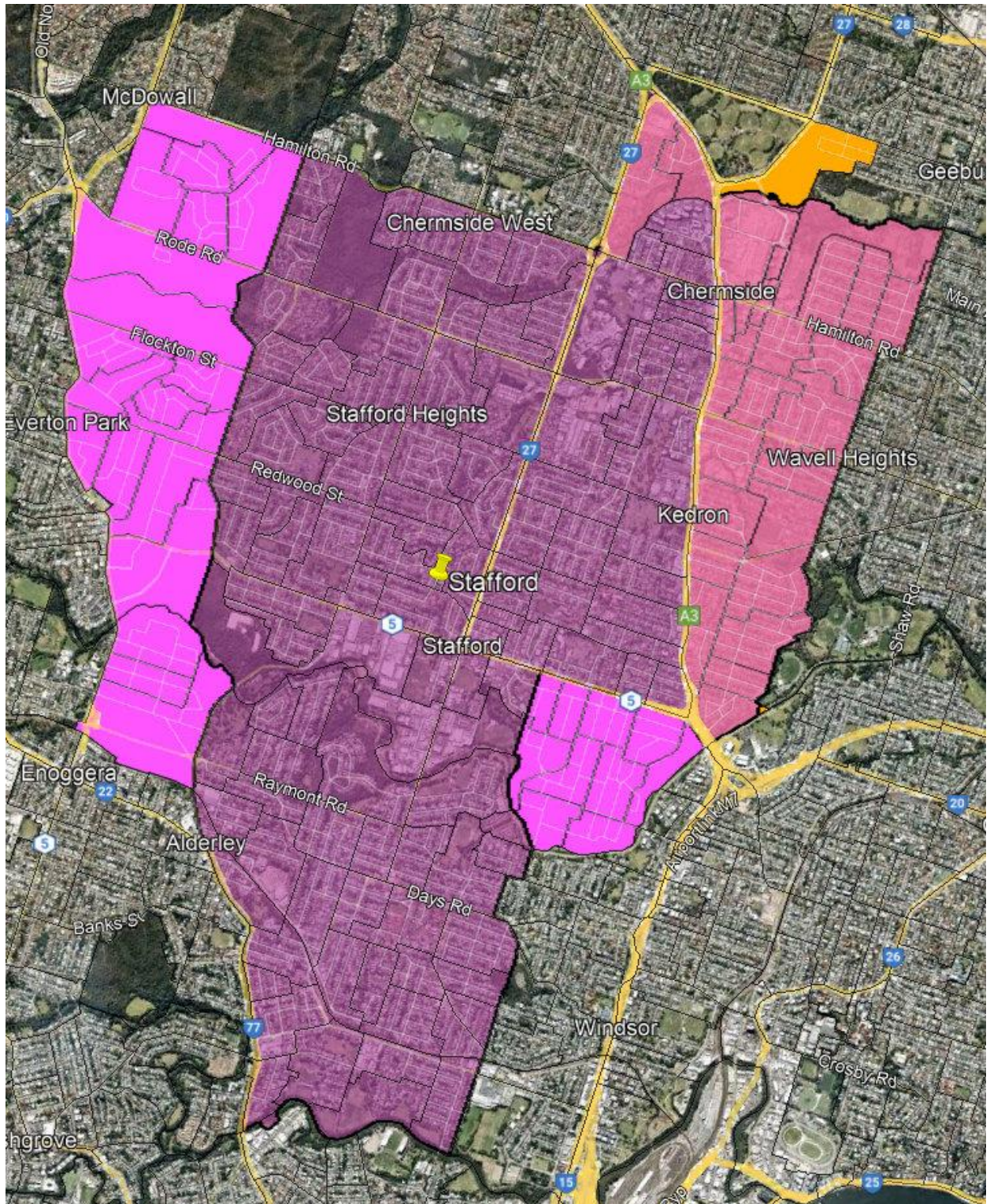
Springwood



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Springwood now straddles the M1, but the area it adds has multiple bridges and tunnels at Underwood Road, Springwood Road, Compton Road, Watland Street, Daisy Hill and Loganholme. While Springwood is still the core of the electorate it adds part of Underwood and Slacks Creek from Waterford and part of Cornubia and Loganholme from Macalister. It loses all of Sheldon and Mount Cotton. **It is now wholly with the City of Logan**, bounded by the Cities of Brisbane and Redlands. The current enrolment would be +6.43% and projected to decline to -1.54%.

Stafford



Stafford is now located between Gympie Road and South Pine Road, providing a much clearer layout of the electorate. It still has difficulties with relative growth and is probably the area best positioned to take any excess from surrounding areas.