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Submission:

I propose a new electorate be created in the central southern part of the Sunshine Coast.

Caloundra, Glass House and Buderim are on track to be very over quota in 2 elections' time.

A large portion of the new growth has occurred in the southern central part of the Sunshine Coast, particularly around Caloundra West suburbs like Nirimba and Aura.

Furthermore, the population of the Sunshine Coast is only set to grow exponentially, with Sunshine Coast Council projecting a further population doubling by 2046.

This new seat must include the abovementioned communities in Caloundra West, and also incorporate Beerwah East at a minimum due to slated housing development. It should also seek to incorporate the south/south west communities within Buderim to assist with bringing Buderim back into quota. For congruency, the south-east suburbs in Nicklin should also be included, as these have connection with the surrounding suburbs in neighbouring electorates.

The seat boundaries should expand partially up the range to Maleny and nearby satellite towns, but not so far out as to incorporate the rural areas in the Blackall Ranges or Mary Valley like Conondale or Kenilworth as these have a lot more in common with rural towns in West Glass House/Nicklin as opposed to the suburban Sunshine Coast hinterland.

In the case of Glass House specifically, its northern border should be pushed south to the town of Glass House. Beerwah, Landsborough, Mooloolah Valley and Eudlo should be incorporated into the new electorate, along with towns like Palmwoods, Chevallum and Tanawha.

If there is no room for a new electorate, in the alternative the seat of Glass House should have its southern areas moved to Pine Rivers, Kurwongbah or Morayfield, and have Beerwah & Landsborough incorporated from Caloundra. Some of Caloundra's suburbs will need to be moved to surrounding electorates like Kawana and Pumicestone. The same applies for Buderim needing to offload suburbs to Ninderry or Maroochydhore.

This would enable connected suburbs to fall within the same electorate. As it

currently stands, Beerwah and Landsborough are in Caloundra whilst the towns bookending them, Glass House & Mooloolah Valley, are in the Glass House electorate. This is the source of a lot of local confusion as to who the local MP is, particularly in localities like Mount Mellum that sit between Landsborough and Maleny, but are in the electorate of Caloundra.