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Dear Mr Koppenol,

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the 2025 redistribution of electoral boundaries being conducted by the Queensland Redistribution Commission.

As the Commission has set out in its Discussion Paper, the objective is to ensure that all 93 electorates maintain quota, plus or minus 10 percent, both this year and for projected enrolments out to 2032.

In the case of the Noosa electorate, it is currently 3.4 percent under quota and is projected to be 8.9 percent under quota by 2032. On this basis no boundary change is strictly required, however with the large population growth occurring in Brisbane and the southern Sunshine Coast, there will need to boundary changes for electorates to the south, and these could have 'knock-on' effects to the Noosa electorate.

While we do not have specific proposals for adjustments, it is important to point out the crucial role of the factors in section 46 of the *Electoral Act*, that must be considered in undertaking a redistribution. Particularly of note are the need to consider:

- *economic, social, regional or other community of interest factors*
- *ways of communication and travel within proposed electoral districts*

The Noosa electorate covers a cohesive area from coastal beach towns to rural villages, with residents who share a love of the laid-back lifestyle, the generous, connected community spirit, and a focus on sustainable living whilst protecting our unique natural environment, with its acceptance into the Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Program demonstrating Noosa's aspirations.

In your considerations we ask that any adjustments to the Noosa electorate boundaries take into account these attributes, and any changes reflect similar visions, values, and interest factors, including accessibility to service towns and connectivity.

Of note in the proposal phase of the 2017 redistribution, put forward by the ECQ, was the extension of the Noosa electorate to include Inskip Point and Rainbow Beach. As was understood, these communities are separated both in distance as well interest from Noosa, with their accessibility to services in Tin Can Bay and Gympie. Understandably there was deep opposition from those communities during that time.

Should any alignment be required, it would be more appropriate to include areas that already are considered part of the Noosa community, including those that exist within the Noosa Shire



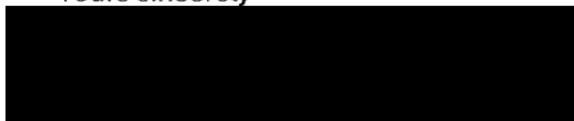
boundary (such as Cooroy, Black Mountain and Federal). This would also reduce the understandable confusion that exists for residents.

This highlights the other criteria specified in section 46:

- *The commission may also consider the boundaries of local government areas to the extent that it is satisfied that there is a community of economic, social, regional or other interests within each local government area*

In closing thank you for the work of the Commission, and we look forward to seeing any proposals in order to provide further feedback from our community when those are released.

Yours sincerely



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