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I've reviewed both the LNP and Labor submissions to the QEC for this redistribution.

Labor's request to shuffle boundaries makes little sense. To label Highfields an integral part of the Crows Nest Shire - something they abolished with little concern for the oversized council they created - is both hypocritical and also ignores its history. Crows Nest was originally part of Highfields council, then they split, then reintegrated. The ties between Highfields and Crows Nest are not as strong as those between Highfields and Toowoomba. It also ignores the massive population growth in Highfields over the past two decades - the period after amalgamation! Further, it means that a large population centre (Highfields) would be significantly distanced from its representation. It is far more logical to maintain the status quo for Highfields.

Similarly, Westbrook as part of Toowoomba South makes no sense. It's not part of Toowoomba. People move there for a semi rural identity. It has more in common with Cambooya and Wyreema than Drayton, let alone Harristown or Toowoomba South.

Leave the boundaries in this region alone. They fit the region well, using natural boundaries, and they're projected to remain within quotas (aside from moving Crows Nest). Why make extra work?