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# Comment on suggestion 15

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## Comments on Submissions

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## Correction on my original submission

In rereading my submission I note that the copy sent to the AEC came from an earlier revision.

The transfer from Dawson to Herbert should have been the SA2 of Annandale, and not the areas of Townsville-South and Wulguru – Roseneath.

The option as sent would create a non-contiguous area within Dawson at Annandale, with no direct access to the rest of the electorate. I have no wish to create onshore islands – it's difficult enough dealing with the offshore ones.

There is only a minor change in the number of electors affected, as outlined overleaf. Corrections to Herbert and Dawson are below.

### Herbert

#### Added

DAWSON	Annandale	3146801	274	306	11.68%
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DAWSON	Annandale	3146827	286	305	6.64%
DAWSON	Annandale	3146828	282	307	8.87%
KENNEDY	Townsville - South	3148901	346	361	4.34%
KENNEDY	Townsville - South	3148902	326	341	4.60%
KENNEDY	Townsville - South	3148903	175	174	-0.57%

KENNEDY	Townsville - South	3148904	0	0	
KENNEDY	Townsville - South	3148909	255	285	11.76%
KENNEDY	Townsville - South	3148910	115	114	-0.87%
KENNEDY	Townsville - South	3148913	7	7	0.00%
KENNEDY	Wulguru - Roseneath	3149113	184	200	8.70%
KENNEDY	Wulguru - Roseneath	3149114	25	26	4.00%
<b>Additional total</b>			<b>7,277</b>	<b>7,621</b>	
<b>Herbert total</b>			<b>103,873</b>	<b>111,581</b>	

#### Removed

KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148602	289	311	7.61%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148603	327	347	6.12%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148604	283	307	8.48%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148605	158	169	6.96%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148608	476	517	8.61%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148609	166	176	6.02%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148610	136	145	6.62%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148611	273	279	2.20%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148612	648	722	11.42%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148613	110	117	6.36%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148614	234	254	8.55%
KENNEDY	Northern Beaches	3148615	333	377	13.21%
KENNEDY	Ingham Region	3146511	3	3	0.00%
KENNEDY	Palm Island	3146601	985	1,162	17.97%
KENNEDY	Palm Island	3146602	7	7	0.00%
KENNEDY	Bohle Plains	3147003	461	520	12.80%
KENNEDY	Bohle Plains	3147004	355	384	8.17%
KENNEDY	Bohle Plains	3147005	804	813	1.12%
KENNEDY	Bohle Plains	3147006	383	422	10.18%
KENNEDY	Bohle Plains	3147010	585	660	12.82%
KENNEDY	Bohle Plains	3147011	446	507	13.68%
KENNEDY	Kelso	3148004	396	431	8.84%
KENNEDY	Kelso	3148005	167	181	8.38%
KENNEDY	Douglas	3147417	0	1	
KENNEDY	Annandale	3146811	456	463	1.54%
<b>Removed total</b>			<b>8,481</b>	<b>9,275</b>	

## Dawson

#### Added

CAPRICORNIA	Broadsound - Nebo	3133804	78	89	14.10%
CAPRICORNIA	Broadsound - Nebo	3133805	112	133	18.75%
CAPRICORNIA	Broadsound - Nebo	3133806	93	128	37.63%
CAPRICORNIA	Broadsound - Nebo	3133807	79	78	-1.27%
CAPRICORNIA	Broadsound - Nebo	3133808	191	197	3.14%
CAPRICORNIA	Broadsound - Nebo	3133809	216	226	4.63%
CAPRICORNIA	Broadsound - Nebo	3133828	36	39	8.33%
CAPRICORNIA	Collinsville	3134001	106	119	12.26%

CAPRICORNIA	Collinsville	3134002	116	118	1.72%
CAPRICORNIA	Collinsville	3134003	129	164	27.13%
CAPRICORNIA	Collinsville	3134004	167	183	9.58%
CAPRICORNIA	Collinsville	3134005	136	138	1.47%
CAPRICORNIA	Collinsville	3134006	118	121	2.54%
CAPRICORNIA	Collinsville	3134007	154	173	12.34%
CAPRICORNIA	Collinsville	3134008	280	285	1.79%
CAPRICORNIA	Eungella Hinterland	3134501	11	11	0.00%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135101	267	289	8.24%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135102	205	223	8.78%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135104	238	260	9.24%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135105	196	214	9.18%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135106	295	317	7.46%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135107	569	612	7.56%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135108	322	349	8.39%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135113	144	156	8.33%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135114	355	392	10.42%
CAPRICORNIA	Pioneer Valley	3135115	138	150	8.70%
KENNEDY	Burdekin	3146114	96	96	0.00%
KENNEDY	Burdekin	3146115	32	32	0.00%
<b>Additional total</b>			<b>4,879</b>	<b>5,292</b>	
<b>Dawson Total</b>			<b>102,945</b>	<b>109,834</b>	

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Electoral division	Number of electors (current)	Over/Under	Number of electors (projected)	Over/Under	Redistributed Number of electors (current)	Over/Under	Redistributed Number of electors (projected)	Over/Under	Electoral maintenance	Electoral maintenance percentage
Blair	99,942	-3,261	107,316	-2,808	103,568	365	111,350	1,226	81,917	79.09%
Bonner	100,770	-2,433	107,808	-2,316	103,026	-177	110,172	48	100,617	97.66%
Bowman	104,241	1,038	109,932	-192	104,241	1,038	109,932	-192	104,241	100.00%
Brisbane	108,157	4,954	115,380	5,256	103,304	101	110,137	13	103,304	100.00%
Capricornia	98,847	-4,356	105,394	-4,730	101,323	-1,880	108,094	-2,030	91,824	90.63%
Dawson	103,910	707	110,655	531	102,945	-258	109,834	-290	98,066	95.26%
Dickson	100,974	-2,229	109,330	-794	102,844	-359	111,275	1,151	89,145	86.68%
Fadden	107,071	3,868	114,465	4,341	103,109	-94	110,115	-9	103,109	100.00%
Fairfax	109,152	5,949	115,329	5,205	104,005	802	109,924	-200	104,005	100.00%
Fisher	99,528	-3,675	104,427	-5,697	103,095	-108	108,154	-1,970	99,528	96.54%
Flynn	100,236	-2,967	107,483	-2,641	102,741	-462	109,966	-158	90,737	88.32%
Forde	100,120	-3,083	108,502	-1,622	102,959	-244	111,584	1,460	100,120	97.24%
Griffith	106,999	3,796	115,269	5,145	103,299	96	111,334	1,210	103,299	100.00%
Groom	102,009	-1,194	108,463	-1,661	102,859	-344	109,345	-779	102,009	99.17%
Herbert	105,077	1,874	113,235	3,111	104,062	859	111,774	1,650	96,596	92.83%
Hinkler	101,482	-1,721	105,850	-4,274	102,128	-1,075	106,515	-3,609	101,482	99.37%
Kennedy	100,404	-2,799	106,359	-3,765	103,711	508	110,469	345	76,231	73.50%
Leichhardt	109,913	6,710	118,266	8,142	103,984	781	111,802	1,678	90,914	87.43%
Lilley	107,162	3,959	114,595	4,471	103,199	-4	110,306	182	99,700	96.61%
Longman	106,098	2,895	112,971	2,847	103,154	-49	109,831	-293	103,154	100.00%
Maranoa	103,151	-52	109,197	-927	102,961	-242	108,843	-1,281	93,419	90.73%
McPherson	104,405	1,202	110,478	354	103,842	639	109,883	-241	103,842	100.00%
Moncrieff	103,327	124	108,715	-1,409	103,890	687	109,310	-814	103,327	99.46%
Moreton	97,318	-5,885	105,279	-4,845	103,147	-56	111,527	1,403	97,318	94.35%
Oxley	96,148	-7,055	104,943	-5,181	103,481	278	112,806	2,682	86,312	83.41%
Petrie	106,757	3,554	113,340	3,216	103,411	208	109,794	-330	103,258	99.85%
Rankin	102,349	-854	111,658	1,534	102,349	-854	111,658	1,534	102,349	100.00%
Ryan	104,543	1,340	111,324	1,200	103,159	-44	109,821	-303	103,159	100.00%
Wide Bay	103,780	577	108,219	-1,905	103,134	-69	107,554	-2,570	103,134	100.00%
Wright	102,234	-969	109,551	-573	103,363	160	110,817	693	101,384	98.09%
					3,096,293		3,303,926		2,937,500	94.87%

## Introduction

It was with a great sense of relief that I saw there were only 25 submissions lodged. Removing single seat adjustments and minor issues reduced the number of detailed submissions to 13.

I have produced a summary of the individual submissions, noting those which requested changes of electorate names as well as those which requested no change to existing boundaries. In some cases there may have been only minor changes requested - such as my addition of one SA1 to Moncrieff – but only those with absolutely no change to the electorate have been noted.

	Name change	Blair	Bonner	Bowman	Brisbane	Capricornia	Dawson	Dickson	Fadden	Fairfax	Fisher	Flynn	Forde	Griffith	Groom	Herbert	Hinkler	Kennedy	Leichhardt	Lilley	Longman	Maranoa	McPherson	Moncrieff	Moreton	Oxley	Petrie	Rankin	Ryan	Wide Bay	Wright
S7 Martin Gordon	x	✓		✓		✓								✓								✓	✓			✓				✓	
S10 Jeff Waddell	✓			✓																							✓				
S11 Andrew Kamler	x			✓											✓	✓															
S12 Dr Mark Mulcair	x			✓											✓																
S13 Darren McSweeney	x		✓	✓																			✓	✓							
S15 Bob Richardson	✓																														
S16 Liberal National Party	x	✓		✓																			✓	✓			✓				✓
S19 Queensland Greens	✓			✓																											
S20 Sean Leader	x			✓																			✓								✓
S21 Mark Yore	x			✓																											
S22 Australian Labor Party	x	✓										✓				✓							✓	✓			✓				
S23 Dean Ashley	x	✓	✓	✓									✓										✓				✓				✓
S25 Pirate Party Australia	x		✓	✓									✓		✓								✓				✓	✓			✓

## Local Government Authority enrolment

A number of submissions have raised the possibility of basing electorates around regional coastal cities to support a greater community of interest. This approach is theoretically possible with the exception of Townsville City Council, which contains more electors than the quota for a Federal seat.

Elector enrolment at the time of the 2016 Local Government elections was:

- Cairns Regional Council 99,479
- Townsville City Council 125,147
- Mackay Regional Council 76,756
- Rockhampton Regional Council 54,340
- Gladstone Regional Council 40,522
- Fraser Coast Regional Council (Maryborough and Hervey Bay) 73,185

For reference the population of similar South-East Queensland regional cities are:

- Ipswich City Council 116,169
- Toowoomba City Council 110,214
- Redland City Council 103,783

Ipswich City Council is split between the electorates of Wright, Blair and Oxley; Redland City Council is wholly within Bowman; while Toowoomba City Council is almost completely contained with the electorate of Groom.

## Submissions

Submissions generally fell into two types – arguments for individual seats or regions, and more detailed multiple seat recommendations of varying quality.

Of the first type, submissions 1 to 6, 9, 14 and 17 concerned the request to move the locality of Moore Park from Flynn to Hinkler. This is emblematic of the problems many small communities face under the current boundaries when their Federal seat is not necessarily their closest seat.

Submission 8 from the Fraser Coast Regional Council dealt with their request for the Maryborough and Hervey Bay localities to be placed in one Federal electorate, instead of being split between Wide Bay and Flynn as is currently the case. While I support their argument I believe that at present the boundaries for other seats do not provide a way for this to be achieved.

Submission 18 from the Hon Bob Katter MP, Member for Kennedy, provides a suggestion on ways to maintain the size of the Kennedy electorate by adding urban areas from Bentley Park, a suburb of Cairns Regional Council and 9 kilometres south of the Cairns CBD. Kennedy is composed of a number of smaller regional areas and does not have a major urban area. That population density requires frequent visits to communities by the local Member instead of relying on constituents to visit electorate offices.

While Kennedy is the sixth largest electorate in Australia, it is far from the largest. Kennedy has an area of 568,993 km<sup>2</sup>, while Maranoa is 28 percent larger at 731,297 km<sup>2</sup>. The West Australian electorate of Durack at 1,629,858 km<sup>2</sup> is almost three times larger, and O'Connor at 868,576 km<sup>2</sup> is more than one and a half times the size of Kennedy. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-06-16/huge-electrates-a-mental-and-physical-challenge-for-australia/7310496>

I note that the existing additional levels of support provided by the Parliament for larger seats were not raised in submissions by Mr Katter MP or the submission by Mr Bob Richardson. Following the enquiry into MPs electorate entitlements in 2016 Kennedy was granted a third electorate office, which I understand will be placed at Charters Towers, joining offices at Mt Isa and Innisfail. Large electorates are also provided with additional electorate staff, increased travel and charter budgets and increased expenditure limits. <http://www.couriermail.com.au/news/national/katter-gets-new-electorate-office/news-story/2717c85a1faf84e4a04a7d706bfc2372>

While I appreciate the sentiment behind submission 24 from Jane Macnamara, unfortunately the inclusion of the nominated areas in Herbert would produce a massively over quota electorate. The inclusion of Townsville City Council alone would produce an electorate 20 percent over quota.

That left 13 submissions, with two of those only dealing with a subset of electorates. There were four submissions from political parties – the LNP, ALP, Greens and Pirate Party. The LNP, Greens and Pirate Party have produced submissions that can provide a basis to argue effectively either for or against.

Unfortunately the ALP submission is disappointingly light on detail as it does not include the SA1 composition or detailed maps. This makes it particularly difficult to scrutinise whether the submission meets the requirement of the Act.

The remaining seven submissions came from what could be charitably called “interested bystanders”, or election geeks. The last group has proposed some of the more interesting changes, frequently more detailed than other submissions.

## Electorate Name Changes

Three submissions suggested renaming electorates. Two recommended removing Petrie, two removing Flynn and one removing Kennedy. One of the changes involved replacing the location of the current Flynn with the name Wide Bay.

I urge the Commission to resist the temptation to change any of the names. While the AEC has far better processes in place to select electorate names than the ECQ, I believe there is no need at present to replace the names.

While Kennedy and Wide Bay are Federation seats and therefore somewhat protected, the names of Petrie and Flynn represent the triumph of passion that supported the fledgling Moreton Bay colony with the assistance of Andrew Petrie, and the development of a 'mantle of safety' for the Outback under John Flynn.

### Kennedy and Wide Bay

Both Kennedy and Wide Bay are Federation seats. As Queensland has only ever retired one electorate name permanently – Darling Downs – I do not believe the removal of a Federation seat would be wise.

### Petrie

Andrew Petrie was the first free settler to arrive in the Moreton Bay Colony. The quality of his work as an architect and builder impressed his superiors in Sydney so much that, when in 1837 there was an urgent appeal from the Moreton Bay Settlement of New South Wales for a competent builder to repair crumbling structures, Petrie was sent there as Superintendent of Works.

He settled in Murrumba Downs, establishing close relations with the Turrbul people and learning their language Yugarabul.

His influence extended across South-East Queensland. His role took him to many convict outposts and beyond, exploring many untouched regions. He was the first white man to climb Mount Beerwah, and the first to explore the Wide Bay River, as the Mary River was then called. He named the Maroochy River and Maroochydore in 1942 after the language of the Brisbane River Aboriginal people, '*murukutchi-dha*', 'the place of the red bills' (i.e. black swans).

He discovered resources important to the fledgling colony, including stands of red cedar in the Blackall Ranges and hoop pine, as well as the first deposits of coal at Redbank outside Ipswich.

He was the first to return to the Brisbane colony with Bunya pines and was instrumental in ensuring that the Bunya lands, sacred to the indigenous people, should not be kept as a reserve. In 1942 Governor Gipps issued legislation prohibiting the issuing of occupation or timber licenses on Bunya lands in the North Coast district as far as the Maroochy River and west to the Great Dividing Range.

A number of buildings constructed by Petrie still stand, including the Roma Street Railway Station, the William Street wing of the former Government Printing Office, the Port Office and the Immigration Depot in William Street. Queensland's first funeral business, Alex Gow Funerals, was established in 1840 by Andrew Petrie.

Andrew's son Tom Petrie established the Murrumba Homestead Grounds in the 1860's, on a low rise known locally as Murrumba Hill and within the grounds of Our Lady of the Way Primary School and Parish Church.

## Flynn

Reverend John Flynn – Flynn of the Inland – was the founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, an Australian achievement that provided hope to many settlers far from urban settlements.

The Australian Inland Mission was conscious of the terrible isolation of Inland people, who were so remote from medical and religious care. John Flynn began his missionary work in 1912, at a time when only two doctors served an area of some 300,000 square kilometres in Western Australia and 1,500,000 square kilometres in the Northern Territory. It did not take long to realise that air transport and radio were needed to break the isolation of the Inland and to provide adequate medical care for its people.

In 1917, Flynn received an inspirational letter from Lieutenant Clifford Peel, a Victorian medical student with an interest in aviation. The young airman and war hero suggested the use of aviation to bring medical help to the Outback. Shot down in France, he died at just 24 years of age and never knew that his letter became a blueprint for the creation of the Flying Doctor Service.

Flynn's vision was to provide a 'mantle of safety' for the people of the bush, and his vision became a reality when his long-time supporter, H V McKay, left a large bequest for 'an aerial experiment' which enabled Flynn to get the Flying Doctor Service airborne.

At this time, Flynn also met Hudson Fysh, a founder of QANTAS. In 1927, QANTAS and the Aerial Medical Service signed an agreement to operate an aerial ambulance from Cloncurry, Queensland.

When the first pilot took off from Cloncurry on 17 May 1928, he was flying a single engine, timber and fabric bi-plane named 'Victory' (leased by QANTAS for two shillings per mile flown). He had with him the very first flying doctor, Dr Kenyon St Vincent Welch.

The School of the Air was established in Alice Springs in 1951 using the Flying Doctor Service network. This radio service provided children living in remote areas the opportunity to interact with other children, ask questions of their teacher and supplement their correspondence lessons.

In its inaugural year, the Aerial Medical Service (which changed its name to the Flying Doctor Service in 1942 and the Royal Flying Doctor Service in 1955) flew 50 flights to 26 destinations and treated 225 patients. In 2016 the Royal Flying Doctor Service treated 283,188 patients, their 68 aircraft flying 26,157,502 km.

This is the legacy of Reverend John Flynn.

## Changes to Electorate Boundaries

One of the more significant differences in approach in individual submissions appears to be the tolerance towards seat numbers and the quota. Some submissions took a fairly relaxed approach, allowing seat enrolment to rise or remain substantially close to the 3.5 percent variance. Other submissions took a much less tolerant approach towards variance, in many cases because of an absolute

insistence that electorates must be as near to quota as possible to ensure the principles of “one vote, one value”.

In particular there were significant differences taken towards the three electorates identified by the Commission as approaching “out of quota” – Kennedy, Herbert and Petrie.

## South-East Queensland

Electorates in South East Queensland generally found their level, allowing exchanges with adjoining electorates. However the Oxley-Moreton under quota area and the Lilley-Petrie-Brisbane over quota area required more attention.

### Macpherson

Eight submissions argue that Macpherson should remain the same. As with Moncrieff, I am not overly concerned if this turns out to be the result. While I suggested a transfer of one SA1 from Macpherson to Moncrieff, I also acknowledge the benefits of working with existing boundaries especially as the seats were so close to quota.

### Moncrieff

Four submissions argue that Moncrieff is near enough to present and future quotas that it can be left alone. While I have suggested a minor change to include an SA1 from Macpherson, I am not unduly concerned if Moncrieff has no change, but I do take some issue with the four submissions that argue for major changes to Moncrieff while insisting Macpherson stays the same. This generally involves a significant and unnecessary realignment with Fadden.

Dr Mark Mulcair’s proposal is troubling to me, particularly with respect to Moncrieff. Instead of seeing Moncrieff add more of the Gold Coast hinterland, my preference would be for Moncrieff to contract around the Surfers Paradise CBD and Cavill Avenue. I would argue that Moncrieff is best served by being the centre of the Gold Coast in much the same way that the seat of Brisbane is the centre of Brisbane. To that end McPherson would be the southern Gold Coast and Fadden would encompass the northern Gold Coast, and I would argue that both seats could encircle Moncrieff and incorporate Gold Coast City Council.

Submission 20 from Jeff Leader, submission 23 from Dean Ashley and submission 25 from the Pirate Party would transfer 4,254 electors at Molendinar from Fadden to Moncrieff, resulting in a current enrolment of 107,581 or 4.24 percent over quota. This would have the net effect of transferring the entire over quota amount from Fadden to Moncrieff for no net benefit. The net projected transfer would be 4,313 electors.

### Fadden

As the seat of Fadden is significantly over quota, it is obvious that there will have to be changes.

As previously mentioned three submissions argue for the transfer of the entirety of Molendinar from Fadden to Moncrieff, a total of 4,313 electors. Moncrieff is currently 124 electors over quota, close enough for four submissions to argue that there should be no adjustment at all. The difficulty with the

transfer of this many electors is that they are not utilised to address adjoining seats which are under quota, principally Forde at 3,083 under and Wright at 969 under.

Submissions 7 and 21 argue for a transfer of Fadden's excess numbers to Forde, or Forde and Wright, at Oxenford, making full use of Fadden's over quota amount without impacting on other seats. The submission from the Australian Labor Party also argues for a transfer to take place at Oxenford to Wright.

Submission 13 from Darren McSweeney offers a different option, transferring Jacobs Well to Forde. My only concern with this suggestion is that it does require Forde to cross the M1, something I would generally recommend against. Transferring the area north of the Pimpama River to Forde is also the approach that has been taken by the Liberal National Party in their submission.

The Greens have made small changes to Fadden, Forde and Wright in the southern corner of Forde.

Submissions 10 and 11 from Jeff Waddell and Andrew Kamler offer major changes to Fadden. Over its life Fadden has been a bayside Brisbane seat, a Logan seat, a Gold Coast seat and at times variations of the above. However the movement in Fadden has always been from north to south. These submissions argue for a reorientation along an east-west axis for Fadden and Wright. While this is a valid reorganisation of the electorate, I am not convinced that changes on this scale would be justified.

### Wright

Five submissions argued that Wright required no changes. As it's currently 969 under and is projected to drop to 573 under that is a defensible position.

Just about all of the submissions improve the current version of Wright, which indicate how unsatisfying the current version is.

There are many submissions proposing substantial changes, particularly with Forde as the adjoining seat. Unfortunately there are few areas of consensus. I look forward to the Commission's proposal.

### Forde

There are two submissions that argue for no changes to Forde.

Unfortunately there are many more that call for wholesale changes, particularly with the adjoining Wright. There does not appear to be a consensus of opinion amongst submissions.

As noted in my comments on Bowman, the suggestion by the Australian Labour Party to transfer Carbrook from Forde to Bowman has no merit.

### Rankin

Five submissions argue for no change to Rankin. Submission 7 from Martin Gordon argues for a transfer of the Algester locality to Oxley. While it is numerically possible I believe there is no community of interest argument to move it.

Submission 11 from Andrew Kramler is a consequence of his changes to Fadden and Forde. In isolation though his proposal for Rankin is consistent and has much to recommend it. Submission 12 from Dr Mark Mulcair is much the same – while earlier changes have pushed the seat of Rankin to the position it

is in, the proposed changes on their own are self-consistent and make a very reasonable outer-suburban seat.

Submission 13 from Darren McSweeney also follows the same pattern. I do have an issue with the inclusion of Eight Mile Plains within Rankin as it does not have a community of interest with the other localities proposed.

The Liberal National Party submission offers a fairly minor exchange with Forde to improve community links. Likewise, the submission from the Greens is very minor tinkering at the edges.

Submission 20 from Sean Leader moves 1,192 current electors from Rankin to Forde at Loganlea and Slacks Creek. No additional electors are moved to Rankin, making Rankin under quota.

### Bowman

All relevant submissions recommended that no change be made to the seat of Bowman except for the submission from the ALP. Bowman is wholly contained within the Redland Council area and moves from being slightly over quota now but is projected to be just under quota at the time of the next redistribution.

The ALP submission and adds Carbrook from Forde to Bowman and now includes part of Logan City. It is unclear in the submission where the boundary would go and why it would be a better choice than the existing Council boundary. As no actual numbers have been provided to make an assessment, the only conclusion that can be drawn about this particular submission is that an over quota Bowman will become more over quota and will, in all probability, remain over quota at the next redistribution.

The statement that Carbrook has a community of interest with Redland Bay is an interesting assertion. It actually has more in common with the area around Loganholme as the Hyperdome is a very significant shopping and employment precinct.

### Bonner

Three submissions argue that Bonner needs no change at all. The submission from the Liberal National Party makes a minor change in the transfer of Moreton Island to Petrie. I agree with this suggestion as Moreton Island is currently located within different unconnected electorates at various levels of government.

However I believe that Bonner should gain some of Griffith's excess as its enrolment lies outside the area where it can be ignored. Thankfully submission 7 from Martin Gordon argues much the same point as mine and suggests changes in the same location around Mount Gravatt and Pine Mountain, as does submission 12 from Dr Mark Mulcair.

Suggestion 10 from Jeff Waddell takes a more aggressive approach to an exchange between Griffith and Bonner, transferring the entirety of the area around Mount Gravatt in exchange for the riverside area around Bulimba, Balmoral and Hawthorne. I regard this as a bold move, but numerically it stacks up and it is as correct on communities of interest as the existing boundaries are.

Submission 19 from The Greens does provide an adjustment from Griffith to Bonner, but I believe that the slight numerical change does not justify the significant boundary changes for both Griffith and Bonner. There also appear to be a break in local communities at Whites Hill and around Murrarie.

I again take issue with submission 22 from the Australian Labor Party. It is difficult to make an assessment of a submission when there are no details from maps or SA1 groupings. Whether this has been accidentally left out or part of a deliberate attempt to reduce scrutiny I leave to the Commission to decide. I also note that the submission refers to maps 7 and 8 – the submission has two map 7s but neither offers clarity.

### Griffith

Due to it's over quota amount most submission recommend transferring electors to Moreton, with a few also splitting the excess to add to the under quota Bonner.

While I agree with the approach by Dr Mark Mulcair I am concerned that the transfer of Annerley

### Groom

Four submissions recommend no change to Groom. The majority of other submissions proposes minor changes. I suggest that Groom, almost completely self-contained with Toowoomba Regional Council, be adjusted in a minor way at best.

### Ryan

Ryan is very close to quota, with the Liberal national Party and the Pirate Party opting to leave it as is. For the sake of consistency, I do not support this choice.

The changes by The Greens are significant and impact on a number of other electorates.

As a blanket rule, I disagree with any changes that increase the number of electors in Ryan or that cross the Brisbane River. In general Ryan needs tidying up – if it can directly transfer electors to the under-quota Dickson that's preferred, if it can transfer electors to Brisbane or Lilley that can then be shuffled to Dickson that is also acceptable.

Submission 12 and 21 are the only submissions that meet this relatively undemanding hurdle.

### Brisbane

Suggestion 10 from Jeff Waddell is, in isolation, a sensible change to enable Brisbane to transfer a block of electors to Lilley that can facilitate a transfer from Lilley to Dickson.

Many submissions regarding the transfer of Lilley excess seemed to shy away from the logical step of bringing Dickson further west on the grounds that Dickson would cross the boundary between Brisbane and Moreton Bay councils.

### Petrie

Submissions for Petrie advocate a number of different changes – or in some cases no change at all.

Submission 23 from the Australian Labor Party has quite strong views on the construction of the seat of Lilley but nothing on the adjoining seat of Petrie. The map that has been provided appears to be missing the entire Moreton Bay Regional Council area of the electorate.

Submission 7 from Martin Gordon argues that there is no requirement for any changes in Petrie, as does the Liberal National Party submission (except for the addition of Moreton Island).

While I also support the addition of Moreton Island to Petrie I do not believe that Petrie can be left unadjusted. The problem is that Petrie has obvious strong boundaries in two directions – east to the coast and west to the Bruce Highway. The northern border takes a natural boundary that allows the inclusion of Deception Bay. As Petrie straddles the LGAs of Moreton Bay and Brisbane, it is obvious that the Brisbane section is the area where change must be made.

I've looked hard to find anything obviously wrong with submission 23 from Dean Ashley and I haven't been able to do so. His approach to Petrie has been to remove voters from the north and place them in Longman while mine has been to remove voters from the south and place them in Lilley.

Suggestion 12 from Dr Mark Mulcair also echoes my view that attempting to add Sandgate, Deagon and Brighton to Petrie will only end in pain. I am supportive of his submission with the only hesitation being that the proposed changes do not lower the over quota amount enough. However that is a relatively small concern.

Suggestion 10 from Jeff Waddell argues for the transfer of Deception Bay into Longman, and the shift of Sandgate, Deagon and Shorncliffe from Lilley into Petrie. I am reluctant to support this change following the previous redistribution in 2009 when this change was canvassed and dismissed.

I was surprised at the level of thought put into submission 25 from the Pirate Party. However I do not believe they will succeed in their desire to include the Brighton and Sandgate area within Petrie. I also question the community of interest considerations in moving Deception Bay to Longman.

The same applies to submission 19 from the Queensland Greens. To start with, it adds the Sandgate and Brighton areas to Petrie. It splits Mango Hill and moves North Lakes and Deception Bay to Longman. Its impact on adjoining seats, particular Lilley, is severe – moving core parts of the Lilley electorate such as Taigum and Zillmere into Petrie.

Similarly, suggestion 11 from Andrew Kamler also involves a significant change with the addition of 4,000 electors from Dakabin-Kallangur and the removal of all Brisbane City Council sections. While it does break my pet rule of not crossing highways, it is a practical alternative. My only concern would be the requirement that puts Longman at the lower end of the quota.

While I can appreciate Darren McSweeney's (submission 13) annoyance at the untidiness of Petrie within Brisbane City boundaries, I believe that the changes as proposed are substantial and will create a wider divide between communities of interest than the existing Brisbane and Moreton Bay division.

### Lilley

Lilley is the key to producing reasonable boundaries in Brisbane north. It is limited to the east, south and north, leaving only the west. Fortunately a number of submissions recommended the transfer of electors along the western boundary to the under quota Dickson.

### Dickson

Dickson's current numbers and the over quota Brisbane, Lilley and Petrie means that Dickson must venture into the Brisbane City Council area, much like Petrie does. Most recommendations suggested changed along the western end of Lilley, the northern suburbs of Ryan and the southern area of Longman.

## Fairfax

My preferred option would be to transfer the over quota from Fairfax to the under quota Fisher, any excess going to Blair. It did not occur to me that some submissions would instead transfer the over quota amount to Wide Bay. This was the preferred option for submissions 7, 12 and 22.

The Liberal National Party submission transferred a small area of Mountain Creek to Fisher, which was almost identical to my submission.

Andrew Kamler transferred Palmwoods into Fisher from Fairfax – an equally valid alternative to my choice of Mountain Creek, but surprising. The Greens transferred some of the regional areas of Fairfax into Fisher, again an equally valid alternative.

Dean Ashley transferred some of Fairfax to Wide Bay at Doonan and some to Fisher at Palmwoods. This removed the need to transfer any excess.

Darren McSweeney transferred the area of Peregrin Springs into Wide Bay, fixing a slight problem I had. This also allowed the split locality of Alexandra Heads to be rejoined.

The Pirate Party submission for the Sunshine Coast appears to have introduced a good deal of complexity into a rather simple redistribution.

## Fisher

A number of submissions brought Fisher back up to quota by transferring electors from Longman. I suggest that the difference in results came from the methodology – pushing up from Brisbane and heading north would suggest that Longman should flow into Fisher. Starting on the Sunshine Coast would suggest a transfer between Fisher and Fairfax.

Many suggestions proposed a simple transfer and, in general, those were the easiest to understand. Some other proposals were extraordinarily complex and offered a number of transfers in the hinterland and regional areas.

## Wide Bay

Wide Bay, like Flynn and Hinkler, is a product of the whole redistribution process and therefore the submission for Wide Bay is difficult to judge in isolation. I am positive that not one submission began with the boundaries for Wide Bay.

## North and Western Queensland

There were a number of different alternatives laid out for Queensland seats that lie outside South East Queensland. Some of the changes involved addressed the bare minimum of change, some of them were radically different. The submission from Mr Bob Richardson, while consistent for Kennedy and Leichardt, made some changes which I do not believe are workable.

However submissions from the residents of Moore Park, Mr Richardson and Mr McSweeney have raised an issue at the heart of the redistribution – what is “fair”?

Moore Park residents, residing 25 km from Bundaberg and the electorate of Hinkler, are located in the electorate of Flynn based in Gladstone, 195 km away.

Mr Richardson argues that *“I do not consider it would be fair and reasonable to transfer the electors of Cape York Peninsula (referred to hereupon in throughout this submission as ‘the Cape’) to another Division. The majority of the electors from ‘the Cape’ are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island origin and I consider removing these electors from the existing Division of Leichhardt to another Division would further disadvantage ‘a disadvantaged section of the community’ with regard to representation in Federal Parliament.”*, however the net effect of this is to locate residents of Cairns Regional Council within the electorate of Kennedy.

Mr McSweeney argues the contrary position *“Palm Islands are also transferred out of Herbert, even though the residents identify with Townsville. I would argue that those actually living within the Townsville City would identify more closely with the city, and as we cannot accommodate all residents of Townsville City, it seems unreasonable to expect residents of Palm Islands to be offered room within Herbert in preference to those living within the City.”*

I believe that the Commission must make a clear determination on this in their draft redistribution to provide guidance for objections.

### Leichardt

The problem in North Queensland is Leichardt. It is substantially over quota, but is limited to exchanging electors with one seat only – Kennedy. The fate of both seats is inextricably bound.

Submissions 7, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 23 and 25 transfer areas from the suburbs of Cairns from Leichardt to Kennedy, generally Bentley Park, Kuranda, Edmonton, Gordonvale, White Rock, Woree or a combination thereof.

Submissions 10, 13, 16 and 21 take the approach that Leichardt should contract around Cairns Regional Council and that Cairns suburbs should not be located in the electorate of Kennedy.

In the long term Kennedy’s population will decline relative to Leichardt’s and future Commissions will have to make a decision about how close to the Cairns CBD the electorate of Leichardt will approach. Or it can make the decision now and consider how future developments will change the shape of North Queensland.

### Kennedy

Much of the information regarding Kennedy has been discussed in the proposed changes to Leichardt. To a large extent the fate of Kennedy depends on the direction Leichardt takes. The minimalist changes outlined make no other changes to Kennedy other than at the border with Leichardt.

So there are only five submissions, including mine, that make other changes to Kennedy:

- Submission 10 from Jeff Waddell adds the Bohle Plains, Deeragun, Townsville LGA and the remainder of the Northern Beaches from Herbert and transfers Wulguru-Roseneath and South Townsville to Herbert; the Burdekin to Dawson; and Mount Isa, Charters Towers, Dalrymple and Croydon-Etheridge to Maranoa. While I am in general agreement with this submission (and it’s not too different to mine) I found the addition of Mount Isa to Maranoa from Kennedy to be a bridge too far. I commend Jeff on the scope of his submission. In terms of the change of name to

Mabo, I am in broad agreement but believe a) it must be in the electorate that covers the Torres Strait and b) it needs an additional Queensland seat to enable Kennedy to be relocated.

- Submission 13 from Darren McSweeney is almost identical to my submission, except that he also moved Mount Isa out of Kennedy. I thoroughly agree with his comments on Palm Island – *“Palm Islands are also transferred out of Herbert, even though the residents identify with Townsville. I would argue that those actually living within the Townsville City would identify more closely with the city, and as we cannot accommodate all residents of Townsville City, it seems unreasonable to expect residents of Palm Islands to be offered room within Herbert in preference to those living within the City.”*
- Submission 16 from the Liberal National Party argues along the same lines for the northern section of Kennedy to gain from Leichardt. However I disagree with the suggestion that Collinsville be transferred to Kennedy from Capricornia. As part of the Whitsunday Regional Council, Collinsville and the western mining areas belong in Dawson where existing transport links connect Mackay to Bowen through Collinsville or Proserpine. At some stage a connection will have to be built to directly connect Proserpine and Collinsville, but at the moment moving Collinsville from an electorate it has no connection with to an electorate it will have even less of a connection with does not help Collinsville.
- Submission 23 from Dean Ashley is unique, making minor changes to Leichardt (transferring Bentley Park to Kennedy) but then restructuring Kennedy to lose the western frontier to become an outer suburban seat based on the suburbs of Cairns and Townsville. It is perhaps the inevitable result of maintaining Kennedy by adding further suburban areas. Maranoa adds the previous Kennedy areas including Mount Isa, Boulia, Richmond, Doomadgee, Carpentaria, Richmond and Flinders.

## Maranoa

Three submissions recommended no changes to Maranoa. That was my first thought as well, until changes to Kennedy made it impossible.

Submission 10 from Andrew Waddell is not dissimilar to my submission, except for the transfer of Mount Isa from Kennedy. He has used part of Groom to balance the numbers, while I had to include all of Kingaroy. His submission, based on his other seat changes, is sound. Submission 13 from Darren McSweeney is also acceptable for larger changes to Kennedy. Submission 16 from the Liberal National Party makes a sound recommendation about the Crows Nest community and changes to the Groom and Maranoa borders.

Submission 12 from Dr Mark Mulcair offers a number of options to tidy up the area between Groom and Maranoa, all sensible. If the Commission is looking at minimal changes to Kennedy this would probably be my preferred submission.

I note the Greens have made minor housekeeping changes to Maranoa at the boundary with Groom. The Pirate Party made observations but no recommendations. I was unable to find a mention of Maranoa or a map in the Australian Labor Party submission.

Since my submission is almost identical with submission 23 from Dean Ashley, with the exception of Mount Isa and Charters Towers, I heartily endorse it.

## Herbert

Townsville is the only North Queensland regional city that won't fit inside a Federal electorate. Two submissions recommended no changes to Herbert, but as it was one of the three specifically addressed by the Commission as being close to being out of quota I do not believe that leaving it alone is an option.

Submission 25 from the Pirate Party adds more electors from Kennedy into Herbert, pulling the southern boundary with Dawson even further north. It appears that the Pirate Party submission, instead of addressing community of interest issues with the inclusion of part of Townsville within a Mackay and Whitsunday Coast based seat has decided to antagonise even more Townsville electors.

I am in emphatic agreement with Jeff Waddell's comments about the good citizens of Annandale and their location in the electorate of Dawson. However the decision to include Palm Island in Herbert when Townsville suburbs are not is also a problem that needs to be addressed.

Submission 12 from Dr Mark Mulcair argues for minor changes to Herbert. I believe Herbert requires more substantial changes than are proposed. The Liberal National Party submission also needs to adjust the southern border with Dawson to add more of Townsville to Herbert.

I am in absolute agreement with Darren McSweeney, particularly over the changes to Palm Island and Annandale.

Submission 23 from Dean Ashley is a very solid submission and with the transfer of Palm Island to Kennedy would allow further Townsville suburbs to be added.

## Dawson

On its own Dawson could comfortably exit the redistribution process with no changes, a situation one submission is comfortable with. However the under and over quota issues with surrounding seats make it difficult to keep the seat in splendid isolation. There is also an opportunity to address some of the current boundary issues, including the inclusion of part of the city of Townsville and the missing areas of Mackay.

Submission 25 from the Pirate Party, noting that the current boundaries are broken with the inclusion of Townsville suburbs within Dawson, has decided that the best way to address this is to break the boundaries even further. While there are occasionally strange decisions made during the redistribution process, it is rare to see deliberately bad decisions made.

Submission 10 from Jeff Waddell is very similar to my submission, and possibly even better because he has also addressed the issue of split Local Government Areas. In my original submission I did foreshadow the fact that I might steal other submissions – this is one of the ones I'm taking.

Andrew Kamler's submission relies on deliberately moving an electorate closer to being under quota, an approach that makes me nervous. The movement of the SA2s of Walkerston-Eton and Ooralea-Bakers Creek into Capricornia also results in further transfers of the Mackay region out of a Mackay based seat.

Dr Mark Mulcair's suggestion is a minimalist but sensible one, and the addition of the remainder of Whitsunday Regional Council at Collinsville is an easily defended decision.

Submission 13 from Darren McSweeney is not an optimal solution to me as it still leaves Collinsville in Capricornia. However there are difficulties in getting the numbers to balance in this region. The same applies to submission 16 from the Liberal National Party.

Submission 22 from the Australian Labor Party transfers areas south of Mackay to Capricornia, arguing *“This will add rural areas south of Mackay to the existing rural areas already in Capricornia, thus maintaining a community of interest.”* The term “rural” is relative, especially since these areas are only 15 minutes away from the Mackay Airport. The mere grouping of one rural area with another does not constitute a community of interest, especially if the distance to the major population centre of the Capricornia electorate is 300 km away.

Submission 23 from Dean Ashley almost exactly matches my submission.

### Capricornia

I note the difficulty Martin Gordon had in devising a workable Capricornia. His solution makes Capricornia extend inland and north, the low population density away from the coast making it worse. The Greens faced the same problem, extending Capricornia to a boundary with Herbert at Townsville and including Charters Towers. I do not believe these are acceptable solutions.

Submission 10 from Jeff Waddell and submission 12 from Dr Mark Mulcair is not dissimilar to my submission, adding Gracemere from Flynn and transferring some of the mining areas around Clermont to Flynn. Importantly Capricornia now includes all of Rockhampton.

I am concerned about the inclusion of Charters Towers within Capricornia in Darren McSweeney’s submission. Since my submission has Charters Towers in Maranoa, I accept that it is an equally valid proposition.

Submission 15 from Bob Richardson *“places all of the Rockhampton Regional Council area in the Division of Capricornia together with all of the Gladstone Regional council area.”* While that is possible I am not sure that it is wise, creating a dumbbell-shaped electorate that ensures that almost half the electorate will have difficulty accessing their elected Member, not matter where the electorate office is located. Unlike Kennedy, the electorate will not have access to the resources electorates with remote populations have.

I accept that submission 16 from the Liberal National Party has to find electors to fill the deficit in Capricornia, and the section south of Mackay Airport is an obvious choice even though it transfers more Mackay electors out of the Mackay-based seat of Dawson. However, as previously noted with respect to Kennedy, transferring part of Whitsunday Regional Council with minimal electors from Capricornia to Kennedy instead of Dawson ignores significant community of interest concerns. It also misses an opportunity to put electors back into Dawson that have already been taken out of Capricornia.

Submission 23 from Dean Ashley is a good compromise.

### Flynn and Hinkler

Most submissions started with Far North Queensland in one hand and South East Queensland in the other – as we come closer to the middle the effects of earlier choices restrict what can be done with the remaining seats.

Flynn is a particular problem, an under quota seat next to another under quota seat in regional Queensland.

There seems to be general agreement amongst some submissions to unite Rockhampton and Gracemere in Capricornia, but far less agreement about what to do with Flynn, Bundaberg and the mining towns out west.

I can see the merits in most of the submissions, and I suspect what will happen is the Commission will come to Flynn and Hinkler and face the same difficulties we have all faced.

### Other electorates

The electorates of Moreton, Oxley, Blair and Longman had a number of different submissions dependent on earlier boundary changes. These seats in particular were like comparing apples and oranges. Rather than comment on each individual submission, I look forward to the release of the draft redistribution.

## Towards future redistributions

Preparing a submission for this redistribution and looking at the work done by others has encouraged me to consider what changes need to be made in the longer term.

Unfortunately those changes are much easier with an additional seat for Queensland, taking it from 30 to 31. It also requires continued growth in current development areas such as Springfield, Cairns, Caloundra South, Yarrabilba and the Ripley Valley.

In a sense this should be considered a transitional redistribution, with future changes to be considered:

- Creating two seats based on Herbert, one extending from Townsville North to the Cairns region, incorporating Ingham, Tully and Innsfail. The other would extend west and south, including Charters Towers and the Burdekin region to the northern border of Whitsunday Regional Council.
- Realigning the seats to produce electorates fully encompassing the Local Government Areas of:
  - o Cairns
  - o Mackay
  - o Rockhampton
  - o Gladstone
  - o Bundaberg
  - o Fraser Coast Regional Council (Maryborough and Hervey Bay)
  - o Gympie
- Creating an Ipswich based electorate that covers the historical area of Ipswich and the Lockyer Valley toward the base of Groom, allowing the Springfield area to grow alongside Ipswich in a separate seat.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute.

Kind regards,

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