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# Comment on suggestion 8

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. 2017

The Secretary  
Electoral Commissioner  
Australian Electoral Commission  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
488 Queen Street  
BRISBANE 4000

Dear Secretary

I refer to your request for ‘comments’ on the ‘suggestions’ received in relation to the advertisement in The Courier Mail on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017, seeking public suggestions for the current redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Queensland.

As I have had post my ‘comments’ approximately a day and a half early to reach your office by the closing time please find enclosed:-

- A summary of the tables for Divisions for which I have made ‘suggestions’.

These include the approximate area in sq km of each Division.

- A summary of the tables of the Divisions for which I have not made ‘suggestions’, including those which I have taken electors from or added to, for or from the Divisions I have made ‘suggestions’.
- An amended ‘suggestion’ for the Divisions of Wright and Blair.

I ‘flagged’ in my ‘suggestions’ of 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, that I may submit an amendment for the suggested Divisions of Groom and Maranoa as I found when doing the maps that the Lockyer Valley had been ‘cut off’ from the rest of the existing Division of Wright by the transfer of the former Boonah Shire to the suggested Division of Maranoa.

On reflection I found that the enrolment in the Lockyer Valley was some 24,000 electors.

To have suggested that this area, Lockyer Valley Regional Council, be included in the suggested Division of Groom would have needed substantial changes to the existing Division which I believe was not practicable.

So, as to join the Lockyer Valley up with the rest of the existing Division of Wright I have suggested including SA2 Rosewood, and a portion of SA2 Ripley, south of the Centenary Highway, from the existing Division of Blair.

This brings the suggested Division of Wright back within quota both now and on projection enrolments as at 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2019.

This suggested change to the existing Division of Blair, together with the suggested transfer of the Somerset Regional Council to the suggested Division of Wright, make it in need of additional 30,000 electors to bring it within quota, both now and on projected enrolments as at 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2021.

I suggest that this can be made up from adjustment to the Divisions in South East Queensland for which I have made no suggestions.

I have not enclosed any maps for my suggested amendments as I believe the amendments are 'straight forward'

- Three tables setting out:-
  - (a) The enrolments for the Divisions for which I have made suggestions.
  - (b) The enrolments for the Divisions for which I have not made suggestions.

My suggestion to:-

(1) To extend the suggested Division of Maranoa into the existing Division of Wright,

(11) To extend the suggested Division of Hinkler into the existing Division of Blair,

(111) to suggest the transfer of all of the Noosa Shire from the existing Division of Wide Bay,

Have left the existing 8 Divisions, north of the Brisbane River, with a surplus of approximately 40,000 electors, above the quota for 8 Divisions.

A similar shortfall occurs in the existing 11 Divisions south of the Brisbane River.

I do not believe this shortfall can be made up by absorption within the existing 8 Divisions and one of the existing Divisions, south of the Brisbane River, will have to cross the river.

This has occurred previously both at Federal and State level.

While not perfect I believe that this is more desirable that the present set up of splitting the Fraser Coast Regional Council between Hinkler and Wide Bay.

I believe that extending the existing Division of Griffith over the river into the existing Division of Brisbane, is a better option than extending the existing Divisions of Moreton or Oxley into the existing Division of Ryan.

At various redistributions the Division of Griffith has extended over the river and so have the Divisions of Brisbane and Ryan.

I believe that by extending the existing Division of Griffith over the river into the existing Division of Brisbane will allow:-

- (1) The existing Divisions of Brisbane and Lilley to 'push' north towards the Brisbane City Council Boundary, with a similar movement north by the existing Divisions of Petrie, Longman, and Fisher to absorb the excess in the suggested Division of Fairfax.

This was caused by my suggestion to include that part of the Noosa Shire in the existing Division of Wide Bay into the Division to the south namely Fairfax.

(11) The movement east of the Divisions of Moreton, Oxley, and Blair to pick up the surplus in Griffith, and also bring Blair back with quota caused by my suggestions to remove the Somerset Regional Council and part of the Ipswich City Council to other suggested Divisions.

I will email by 6pm Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017, the closing time for 'Comments'.

Should you have any queries please contact me on the above phone number.

Yours sincerely

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R. J. Richardson

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF LEICHHARDT

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021	
<b>Existing Division</b>	109,913		118,226
<b>To the suggested Division of Kennedy</b>			
<b>SA2 Bentley Park</b>	4,769	5,282	
<b>SA2 Lamb Range</b>	2	2	
<b>SA 2 White Rock</b>	2,912	3,133	
<b>SA2 Edmonton</b>	24	26	
<b>Total to Suggested Division of Keenedy</b>	326,064		346,676
<b>Total Suggested District of Leichhardt</b>	102,206		109,783
<b>Quota</b>	103,203		110,124
<b>% of Quota</b>	99.03		99.69
<b>Area of suggested Division in sq km</b>	148,826		

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF KENNEDY

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017		Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021	
<b>Existing Division</b>		100,404		106,359
<b>To the Suggested Division of Herbert</b>				
<b>SA2 Northern Beaches</b>	1,011		1,087	
<b>SA2 Kelso</b>	44		44	
<b>SA2 Bohle Plains</b>	1,729		1,131	
<b>SA2 Condon - Rasmussen</b>	92		98	
<b>Total to Suggested District of Herbert</b>	2,876	2,876		3,117
<b>To the Suggested Division of Riordan</b>				
<b>SA2 Barcaldine -Blackall</b>	0		0	
<b>SA2 Far Central West</b>	4,697		98	
<b>SA2 Wulguru - Roseneath</b>	209		266	
<b>SA2 Townsville South</b>	10,658		2,724	
<b>SA2 Douglas</b>	1		0	



<b>SA2 Burdekin</b>	128		128
<b>Total to Suggested Division of Riordan</b>		1,825	1934
<b>Total to other Suggested Divisions</b>		4,701	5,051
<b>Total remaining in the Suggested Division of Kennedy</b>		95,703	101,308
<b>From the existing Division of Leichhardt</b>			
<b>SA2 Bentley Park</b>	4,769		5,282
<b>SA2 Lamb Range</b>	2		2
<b>SA 2 White Rock</b>	2,912		3,133
<b>SA2 Edmonton</b>	24		26
<b>Total from Suggested Division of Leichhardt</b>		6,526	6,985
<b>From the existing Division of Maranoa</b>			
<b>SA2 Northern Highlands</b>	0	-	0

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<b>Total to Suggested Division of Keenedy</b>	7,707	8,443
<b>Total Suggested District of Kennedy</b>	103,410	109,751
<b>Quota</b>	103,203	110,124
<b>% of Quota</b>	100.20	99.66
<b>Approximate Area in sq kms</b>	569,101	

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF HERBERT

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	105,077	113,235
<b>To the Suggested Division of Riordan</b>		
<b>SA2 Douglas</b>	4,563	4,964
<b>SA2 Annandale</b>	456	463
<b>Total to Suggested Division of Riordan</b>	5,019	5,427 0
<b>Total remaining in the Suggested Division of Herbert</b>	100,058	107,808
<b>From the existing Division of Kennedy</b>		
<b>SA2 Northern Beaches</b>	1,011	1,087
<b>SA2 Kelso</b>	44	44
<b>SA2 Bohle Plains</b>	1,729	1,131

**SA2 Condon - Rasmussen**

	92		98
<b>Total to Suggested District of Herbert</b>	2,876	2,876	3,117
<b>Total to Suggested District of Herbert</b>		102,934	110,925
<b>Quota</b>		103,203	110,124
<b>% of Quota</b>		99.74	100.72
<b>Approximate Area in sq kms</b>	1,653		

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF DAWSON

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	103,910	110,655
<b>To the Suggested Division of Riodran</b>		
<b>SA2 Bowen</b>	5,845	6,193
<b>SA2 Collinsville</b>	1,170	1,190
<b>SA2 Airlie - Whitsundays</b>	7,514	8,104
<b>SA2 Cape Conway</b>		
<b>Cape Conway</b>	0	0
<b>SA2 Proserpine</b>	5,799	6,125
<b>SA2 Ayr</b>	6,510	6,891
<b>SA2 Burdekin</b>	5,516	5,812
<b>SA2 Annandale</b>	5,844	6,113
<b>SA2 Oonoonba</b>	4,401	4,776
<b>SA2 Townsville South</b>	1,962	2,096

<b>SA2 Wulguru - Roseneath</b>	3,536	3,740
<b>Total to Suggested Division of Riordan</b>	48097	51040
<b>Total remaining in the Suggested Division of Dawson</b>	55,813	59,611
<b>From the existing Division of Capricornia</b>		
<b>SA2 Ooralea - Bakers Creek</b>	2,452	2,706
<b>SA2 Walkerston - Eton</b>	5,501	5,962
<b>SA2 Eungella Hinterland</b>	11	11
<b>SA2 Pioneer Valley</b>	5,035	5,466
<b>SA2 Sarina</b>	7,732	8,296
<b>SA2 Broadsound - Nebo</b>	963	1,006
<b>SA2 Shoalwater Bay</b>	15	15
<b>SA2 Rockhampton Region - North</b>	2,989	3,112
<b>SA2 Rockhampton Region - East</b>	2,369	2,540
<b>SA2 Emu Park</b>	3,742	3860

**SA2 Yeppoon**

12,728

13,421

**SA2 Glenlee - Rockyview**

550

583

**Total to  
Suggested  
District of  
Dawson**

44,087

46,978

**Total  
Suggested  
District of  
Dawson**

99,900

106,589

**Quota**

103,203

110,124

**% of Quota**

96.8

96.79

**Approximate  
Area  
in sq kms**

24,563

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF CAPRICORNIA

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	98,847	105,394
<b>To the Suggested Division of Dawson</b>		
<b>SA2 Ooralea - Bakers Creek</b>	2,453	2,706
<b>SA2 Walkerston - Eton</b>	5,501	5,962
<b>SA2 Eungella Hinterland</b>	11	11
<b>SA2 Pioneer Valley</b>	5,035	5,466
<b>SA2 Sarina</b>	7,732	8,296
<b>SA2 Broadsound - Nebo</b>	963	1,006
<b>SA2 Rockhampton Region - North</b>	2,989	3,112
<b>SA2 Emu Park</b>	3,742	3,860
<b>SA2 Rockhampton Region - East</b>	2,369	2,540
<b>SA2 Glenlee - Rockyview</b>	550	583
<b>SA2 Shoalwater Bay</b>	15	15



<b>SA2 Yeppoon</b>	12,728	13,421
<b>Total to Suggested Division of Dawson</b>	44,088	46,978
<b>To the Suggested Division of Riordan</b>		
<b>SA2 Collinsville</b>	1,206	1,301
<b>SA2 Broadsound - Nebo</b>	3,285	3,628
<b>SA2 Clermont</b>	2,272	2,466
<b>SA2 Moranbah</b>	4,655	5,215
<b>Total to Suggested Division of Riordan</b>	11,418	12,610
<b>Total to other Suggested Divisions</b>	55,854	59,920
<b>Total remaining in the Suggested Division of Capricornia</b>	42,993	45,474

**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Flynn**

**Rockhampton  
Regional  
Council**

**SA2 Rockhampton City**

**Port Curtis**

64

68

**SA2 Bouldercombe**

1,344

1,401

**SA2 Gracemere**

7,328

7,954

**SA2 Rockhampton Region - West**

2,105

2,286

**SA2 Mount Morgan**

2,076

2,140

**SA2 Boyne Island - Tannum Sands**

6,466

6,965

**SA2 Gladstone Hinterland**

7,442

7,979

**SA2 Callemondah**

23

23

**SA2 Clinton - New Auckland**

8,321

9,071

**SA2 Gladstone**

3,740

4,081

**SA2 Kin Kora - Sun Valley**

2,533

2,810

**SA2 South Trees**

0

0

**SA2 Telina - Toolooa**

3,775

4,111

**SA2 West Gladstone**

3,164

3,386

<b>SA2 Agnes Water - Miriam Vale</b>	4,312	4,538
<b>SA2 Gin Gin</b>	3,667	3,830
<b>SA2 Bundaberg Region - North</b>	1,486	1,577
<b>Total to Suggested District of Capricornia</b>	57,846	62,220
<b>Total Suggested District of Capricornia</b>	100,839	107,694
<b>Quota</b>	103,203	110,124
<b>% of Quota</b>	97.71	97.79

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF RIORDAN

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	nil	nil
<b>From the existing Division of Herbert</b>		
<b>SA2 Douglas</b>	4,563	4,964
<b>SA2 Annandale</b>	456	463
<b>From the existing Division of Kennedy</b>		
<b>SA2 Barcaldine -Blackall</b>	0	0
<b>SA2 Far Central West</b>	263	298
<b>SA2 Wulguru - Roseneath</b>	209	226
<b>SA2 Townsville South</b>	1,224	1,282
<b>SA2 Douglas</b>	1	0
<b>SA2 Burdekin</b>	128	128

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**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Dawson**

<b>SA2 Bowen</b>	5,845	6,193
<b>SA2 Collinsville</b>	1,170	1,190
<b>SA2 Airlie - Whitsundays</b>	7,514	8,104
<b>SA2 Cape Conway</b>	0	0
<b>SA2 Proserpine</b>	5,799	6,125
<b>SA2 Ayr</b>	6,510	6,891
<b>SA2 Burdekin</b>	5,516	5,812
<b>SA2 Annandale</b>	5,844	6,113
<b>SA2 Oonoonba</b>	4,401	4,776
<b>SA2 Townsville South</b>	1,962	2,096
<b>SA2 Wulguru - Roseneath</b>	3,536	3,744

**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Capricornia**

<b>SA2 Collinsville</b>	1,206	1,301
<b>SA2 Broadsound - Nebo</b>	3,285	3,628
<b>SA2 Clermont</b>	2,272	2,446

<b>SA2 Moranbah</b>	4,655	5,215
<b>From existing Division of Flynn</b>		
<b>SA2 Clermont</b>	2	2
<b>SA2 Emerald</b>	7,743	8,621
<b>SA2 Central Highlands - West</b>	4,991	5,313
<b>SA2 Central Highlands - East</b>	3,917	4,305
<b>SA2 Banana</b>	5,867	6,094
<b>SA2 Biloela</b>	3,462	3,770
<b>From the existing Division of Maranoa</b>		
<b>SA2 Far Central West</b>	839	888
<b>SA2 Barcaldine - Blackall</b>	3,633	3,800
<b>SA2 Longreach</b>	2,572	2,673
<b>Total Suggested Division of Riordan</b>	99,385	106,461
<b>Quota</b>	103,203	110.124
<b>% of Quota</b>	96.30	96.67
<b>Approximate Area in sq kms</b>	389,627	

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF HINKLER

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	101,482	105,850
<b>To the Suggested Division of Wide Bay</b>		
<b>SA2 Booral - River Heads</b>	3,189	3,368
<b>SA2 Craignish - Dundowran Beach</b>	3,564	3,872
<b>SA2 Pialba - Eli Waters</b>	10,089	10,510
<b>SA2 Point Vernon</b>	4,229	4,405
<b>SA2 Torquay - Scarness - Kawungan</b>	10,810	11,018
<b>SA2 Urangan - Wondunna</b>	9,124	9,479
<b>SA2 Burrum - Fraser</b>	5,575	5,927
<b>Total to Suggested Division of Wide Bay</b>	46,580	48,579
<b>Total remaining in the Suggested Division of Hinkler</b>	54,902	57,271

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**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Flynn**

<b>SA2 Bundaberg North - Gooburrum</b>	1,316	1,360
<b>SA2 Bundaberg Region - North</b>	4,674	4,950
<b>SA2 Monto - Eidsvold</b>	2,560	2,682
<b>SA2 Gayndah - Mundubbera</b>	4,399	4,596
<b>SA2 North Burnett</b>	4	4

**From the  
Existing  
Division of  
Wide Bay**

<b>SA2 Kilkivan</b>	2,560	2,674
<b>SA2 Kingroy Region - North</b>	2,752	2,973

**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Maranoa**

<b>SA2 Kingaroy Region - North</b>	9	9
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**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Blair**

<b>SA2 Kilcoy</b>	3,428	3,585
<b>SA2 Esk</b>	3,836	3,961
<b>SA2 Lowood</b>	9,127	9,916



**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Fairfax**

**SA 2 Caloundra Hinterland**

2

2

**SA 2 Marochy Hinterland**

4,770

5,022

**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Fisher**

**SA 2 Caloundra Hinterland**

6,850

7,127

**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Longman**

**SA2 Woodford - D'Aguilar**

4,719

5,023

**Total from  
other  
existing  
Divisions**

51,006

53,884

**Total  
suggested  
Division of  
Hinkler**

105,908

111,155

**Quota**

103,203

110,124

**% of Quota**

102.62

100.94

**Approximate  
Area in  
Sq kms**

47,625

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF WIDE BAY

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	103,780	108,219
<b>SA2 Noosa Heads</b>	3,364	3,432
<b>SA2 Noosaville</b>	6,722	6,976
<b>SA2 Peregine</b>	2,929	3,149
<b>SA2 Sunshine Beach</b>	4,831	5,168
<b>SA2 Tewantin</b>	7,586	7,684
<b>SA2 Noosa Hinterland</b>	14,172	14,875
<b>SA2 Kilkivan</b>	2,560	2,674
<b>SA2 Kingroy Region - North</b>	2,752	2,973
<b>Total to other suggested Divisions</b>	44,916	46,931
<b>Total remaining in the Suggested Division of Wide Bay</b>	58,864	61,288

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**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Hinkler**

<b>SA2 Booral - River Heads</b>	3,189	3,368
<b>SA2 Craginsh - Dundowran Beach</b>	3,564	3,872
<b>SA2 Pialba - Eli Waters</b>	10,089	10,510
<b>SA2 Point Wernon</b>	4,229	4,405
<b>SA2 Torquay - Scarness - Kawungan</b>	10,810	11,018
<b>SA2 Urangan - Wondunna</b>	9,124	9,479
<b>SA2 Burrum - Fraser</b>	5,575	5,927
<b>Total to Suggested District of Wide Bay</b>	46,580	48,579
<b>Total Suggested District of Wide Bay</b>	105,444	109,867
<b>Quota</b>	103,203	110,124
<b>% of Quota</b>	102.17	99.77
<b>Approximate Area in sq kms</b>	12,260	

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF MARANOA

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	103,151	109,197
<b>To the Suggested Division of Riodran</b>		
<b>SA2 Barcaldine - Blackall</b>	3,633	3,900
<b>SA2 Far Central West</b>		
	839	888
<b>SA2 Longreach</b>	2,572	2,673
<b>Total to the Suggested Division of Riordan</b>	7,044	7,461
<b>To the Suggested Division of Kennedy</b>		
<b>SA2 Northern Highlands</b>		
<b>Prairie (QLD)</b>		
3140711	0 -	0 0
<b>Total to other Suggested Divisions</b>	7,044	7,461

**From the  
existing  
Division of  
Wright**

**SA2 Boonah**

8,607

8,924

**Total from  
the existing  
Division of  
Wright**

8,607

8,924

**Total  
Suggested  
District of  
Maranoa**

104,714

110,660

**Quota**

103,203

110,124

**% of Quota**

101.46

100.49

**Approximate  
Area in  
sq kms**

554,501

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF GROOM

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	102,009	108,463
<b>Quota</b>	103,203	110,124
<b>% of Quota</b>	98.84	98.49
<b>Area in sq kms</b>	5,594	

**Suggest no change to existing Division**

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF WRIGHT

### SUMMARY AS AMENDED

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	102,234	109,551
<b>To the Suggested Division of Maranoa</b>		
<b>SA2 Boonah</b>	8,607	8,924
<b>Total remaining in the existig Division of Wright</b>	93,627	100,627
<b>From the suggested Division of Blair</b>		
<b>SA2 Rosewood</b>	8,,605	9,110
<b>SA2 Ripley</b>	531	549
<b>Total from existing Division of Blair</b>	9,136	9,659
<b>Total suggested Division of Wright</b>	102,763	110,286
<b>Quota</b>	103,203	110,124
<b>% of Quota</b>	99.57	100.15

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF FAIRFAX

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	109,152	115,329
<b>To the suggested Division of Hinkler</b>		
<b>SA 2 Caloundra Hinterland</b>	2	2
<b>SA 2 Marochy Hinterland</b>	4,770	5,022
<b>Total from the existing Division of Fairfax</b>	4,772	5,024
<b>Total remaining in the suggested Division of Fairfax</b>	104,380	110,305
<b>From the existing Division of Wide Bay</b>		
<b>SA2 Noosa Heads</b>	3,364	3,432
<b>SA2 Noosaville</b>	6,722	6,976
<b>SA2 Peregine</b>	2,929	3,149
<b>SA2 Sunshine Beach</b>	4,831	5,168



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**SA2 Tewantin**

7,586

7,684

**SA2 Noosa Hinterland**

14,172

14,875

**Total to  
the suggested  
Division of  
Fairfax**

39604

41284

**Total  
Suggested  
District of  
Fairfax**

143,984

151,589

**N.B. The excess to be distributed to other South East Divisions  
for which I have not made suggestions.**

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF FISHER

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	99,528	104,427
<b>To the suggested Division of Hinkler</b>		
<b>SA 2 Caloundra Hinterland</b>	6,850	7,127
<b>Total from the existing Division of Fishe</b>	6,850	7,127
<b>Total remaining in the suggested Division of Fisher</b>	92,678	97,300

**N.B. The shortfall to be made up from other South East Divisions for which I havenot made suggestions.**

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF LONGMAN

### SUMMARY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	106,098	112,971
<b>To the suggested Division of Hinkler</b>		
<b>SA2 Woodford - D'Aguilar</b>	4,719	5,023
<b>Total to the suggested Division of Hinkler</b>	4,719	5,023
<b>Total remaining in the existig Division of Wright</b>	101,379	107,948
<b>Total remaining in the existig Division of Wright</b>	101,379	107,948
<b>Quota</b>	103,203	110,124
<b>% of Quota</b>	98.23	98.02

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF BLAIR

### SUMMARY AS AMENDED

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021	
<b>Existing Division</b>	99,942		107,316
<b>To the Suggested Division of Hinkler</b>			
SA2 Kilcoy	3,428	3,585	
SA2 Esk	3,836	3,961	
SA2 Lowood	9,127	9,916	
<b>Total to the suggested Division of Hinkler</b>	16,391		17,462
<b>To the suggested Division of Wright</b>			
SA2 Rosewood	8,074	8,561	
SA2 Ripley	531	549	
<b>Total to suggested Division of Wright</b>	8,605		9,110
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<b>Total to other suggested Divisions</b>	24,996		26,572

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Total  
remaining  
in the  
existing  
Division of  
Blair

74,946

80,744

Approximate  
Area in  
sq kms

330

## SUGGESTED DIVISION OF WRIGHT

### AMENDED

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	102,234	109,551
<b>To the Suggested Division of Maranoa</b>		
<b>SA2 Boonah</b>		
<b>Kalbar</b>		
3127701	339	367
3127702	217	247
3127730	208	228
<b>Allandale</b>		
3127703	186	191
<b>Aratula</b>		
3127704	395	351
<b>Boonah</b>		
3127705	346	383
3127706	380	445
3127707	563	608
3127708	358	375
3127716	270	269
<b>Frenches Creek</b>		
3127709	175	175
<b>Mount Alford</b>		
3127710	288	296
<b>Moogerah</b>		
3127711	171	174

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**Tarome**

3127712 180 184

**Coochin**

3127713 285 293

**Croftby**

3127714 257 266

**Hoya**

3127715 265 267

**Dugandan**

3127717 335 340

**Roadvale**

3127718 339 341

**Charlwood**

3127719 342 343

**Coleyville**

3127720 355 361

**Mutdapilly**

3127721 282 282

**Harrisville**

3127722 296 319

**Rosevale**

3127723 204 203

**Warrill View**

3127724 234 236

**Peak Crossing**

3127725 258 261

3127726 322 349

**Milbong**

3127727	382	389
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**Munbilla**

3127728	330	336
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**Wyaralong**

3127729	45	45
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**Total to  
suggested  
Division of  
Maranoa**

8,607	8,924
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**Total  
remaining in  
the existig  
Division of  
Wright**

93,627	100,627
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**From the  
suggested  
Division of  
Blair**

**SA2 Rosewood**

**Lanefield**

3128201	156	160
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**Marburg**

3128202	118	121
3128204	269	287

**Walloon**

3128203	319	348
3128219	292	319
3128226	384	396
3128227	232	256



**Rosewood**

3128205	154	161
3128206	225	229
3128207	279	287
3128208	296	319
3128209	145	150
3128220	235	257
3128221	210	215
3128223	482	557

**Purga**

3128210	158	162
3128211	276	295

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**Willowbank**

3128224	522	576
3128225	28	29
3128231	361	365

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**Thagoona**

3128228	180		189	
3128229	510		548	

**Amberley**

3128230	135		138	
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Total		8,605		9,110
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**SA2 Ripley**

**South  
Ripley**

3129404 (part south of Centenary Highway)	531	531	549	549
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<b>Total from existing Division of Blair</b>		9,136		9,659
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<b>Total suggested Division of Wright</b>		102,763		110,286
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<b>Quota</b>		103,203		110,124
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<b>% of Quota</b>		99.57		100.15
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## SUGGESTED DISTRICT OF BLAIR

### AMENDED

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
<b>Existing Division</b>	99,942	107,316
<b>To the Suggested Division of Hinkler</b>		
<b>Somerset Regional Council</b>		
<b>SA2 Kilcoy</b>		
<b>Kilcoy</b>		
3137001	204	224
3137002	234	262
3137003	169	184
3137012	214	231
3137013	176	189
<b>Royston</b>		
3137004	248	261
<b>Villeneuve</b>		
3137005	368	395
<b>Sandy Creek</b>		
3137006	402	422
<b>Hazeldan</b>		
3137007	225	226
<b>Mount Kilcoy</b>		
3137008	175	175

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**Harlin**

3137009	429	434
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**Linville**

3137011	331	330
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**Moore**

3137010	253	252
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Total

3,428

3,585

**SA2 Esk**

**Former  
Esk  
Shire**

**Toogoolawh**

3127801	250	257
3127802	135	146
3127810	175	175
3127815	352	377

**Esk**

3127803	350	366
3127804	227	227
3127805	156	167
3127806	255	271
3127807	362	364

**Mount Hallen**

3127808	434	474
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**Redbank Creek**

3127809	302	304
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**Braemore**

3127811	184	184
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**Mount Beppo**

3127812	282	279
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**Somerset Dam**

3127813	202	200
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**Crossdale**

3127814	170	170
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Total

3,836

3,961

**SA2 Lowood**

**Coominya**

3128101	190	198
3128109	215	235
3128110	171	177
3128111	258	278

**Atkinsons  
Dam**

3128112	111	120
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**Fernvale**

3128113	519	570
3128119	278	296
3128120	156	165
3128125	472	540
3128126	377	408
3128127	132	141

**Fairney  
View**

3128114	338	352
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**Packrick  
Estate**

3128115	150	156
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**Claredon**

3128116	283	317
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**Mount  
Tarampa**

3128117	409	437
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**Wivewnhoe  
Pocket**

3128121 391 428

**Coolana**

3128123 124 128

**Wanora**

3128124 259 279

**Glamorgan  
Vale**

3128104 428 467

**Tarampa**

3128105 202 218

**Prenzlau**

3128106 312 340

**Lowood**

3128102 177 187

3128103 144 148

3128108 258 294

3128118 392 458

3128122 340 389

3128128 284 298

3128129 145 150

3128130 323 355

3128133 636 685

**Minden**

3128107 255 277

3128131 126 133

3128132 272 292

Total 9,127 9,916

**Total to  
the suggested  
Division of  
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**To the suggested  
Division of Wright**

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<b>Total to other suggested Divisions</b>	24,996	26,572
<b>Total remaining in the existing Division of Blair</b>	74,946	80,744

**N.B. The shortfall to be made up from other South East Divisions  
for which I have not made suggestions.**

## ENROLMENT FOR DIVISIONS

### I HAVE MADE SUGGESTIONS

DIVISION	EXISTING DIVISION				SUGGESTED DIVISION			
	Enrolment as at 6/01/2017	% of Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 27/09/2021	% of Quota	Enrolment as at 6/01/2017	% of Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 27/09/2021	% of Quota
Leichhard	109,913	106.50	118,266	107.39	102,206	99.03	110,124	99.69
Kennedy	100,404	97.29	106,359	96.58	103,410	100.20	110,124	99.66
Herbert	105,077	101.82	113,235	102.82	102,934	99.74	110,925	100.72
Dawson	103,910	100.69	110,655	100.48	99,900	96.80	106,589	96.79
Capricorn	98,847	95.78	105,394	95.70	100,839	97.71	107,694	97.79
Flynn	100,236	97.13	107,483	97.60				
Riordan					99,385	96.30	106,461	96.67
Hinkler	101,482	98.33	105,850	96.12	105,908	102.62	111,155	100.94
Wide Bay	103,780	100.56	108,219	98.27	105,444	102.17	109,867	99.77
Maranoa	103,151	99.95	109,197	99.16	104,714	101.46	110,660	100.49
Groom	102,009	98.84	108,463	98.49	102,009	98.84	108,463	98.49
Wright	102,234	99.06	109,551	99.48	102,763	99.57	110,286	100.15
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,131,043</b>		<b>1,202,672</b>		<b>1,129,512</b>		<b>1,202,348</b>	
<b>Quota</b>	<b>103,203</b>		<b>110,124</b>		<b>103,203</b>		<b>110,124</b>	
<b>Number of Divisions</b>	<b>10.97</b>		<b>10.92</b>		<b>10.94</b>		<b>10.91</b>	
<b>11 Divisions less</b>	<b>4,190</b>		<b>8,692</b>		<b>5,721</b>		<b>9,016</b>	
<b>Average short of 11 Divisions</b>	<b>381</b>		<b>790</b>		<b>520</b>		<b>819</b>	

## ENROLMENT FOR DIVISIONS

### I HAVE NOT MADE SUGGESTIONS FOR

### NORTH OF THE BRISBANE RIVER

DIVISION	EXISTING DIVISION		SUGGESTED DIVISION				
	Enrolment % as at 6/01/2017	of Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 27/09/2021	% of Quota	Enrolment % as at 6/01/2017	Projected Enrolment as at 27/09/2021	% of Quota
Brisbane	108,157		115,380		108,157	115,380	
Dickson	100,974		109,330		100,974	109,330	
Fairfax	109,152		115,329		143,984	151,589	
Fisher	99,528		104,427		92,678	97,300	
Lilley	107,162		114,595		107,162	114,595	
Longman	106,098		112,971		101,379	107,948	
Petrie	106,757		113,340		106,757	113,340	
Ryan	104,543		111,324		104,543	111,324	
Total	842,371		896,696		865,634	920,806	
Quota	103,203		110,124		103,203	110,124	
Number of Divisions	8.16		8.14		8.39	8.36	
8 Divisions plus	16,747		15,704		40,010	39,814	
average in excess of 8 Divisions	2,093		1,963		5,001	4,976	

## ENROLMENT FOR DIVISIONS

### I HAVE NOT MADE SUGGESTIONS FOR

### SOUTH OF THE BRISBANE RIVER

DIVISION	EXISTING DIVISION				SUGGESTED DIVISION			
	Enrolment as at 6/01/2017	% of Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 27/09/2021	% of Quota	Enrolment as at 6/01/2017	% of Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 27/09/2021	% of Quota
Blair	99,942		107,316		74,946		80,744	
Bonner	100,770		107,808		100,770		107,808	
Bowman	104,241		109,932		104,241		109,932	
Fadden	107,071		114,465		107,071		114,465	
Forde	100,120		108,502		100,120		108,502	
Griffith	106,999		115,269		106,999		115,269	
McPhersor	104,405		110,478		104,405		110,478	
Moncrieff	103,327		108,715		103,327		108,715	
Moreton	97,318		105,279		97,318		105,279	
Oxley	96,148		104,943		96,148		104,943	
Rankin	102,349		111,658		102,349		111,658	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,122,690</b>		<b>1,204,365</b>		<b>1,097,694</b>		<b>1,177,793</b>	
<b>Quota</b>	<b>103,203</b>		<b>110,124</b>		<b>103,203</b>		<b>110,124</b>	
<b>Number of Divisions</b>	<b>10.89</b>		<b>10.93</b>		<b>10.64</b>		<b>10.70</b>	
<b>11 Divisions less</b>	<b>12,543</b>		<b>6,999</b>		<b>37,539</b>		<b>33,571</b>	
<b>Average short of 11 Divisions</b>	<b>1,140</b>		<b>636</b>		<b>3,413</b>		<b>3,052</b>	

Bob Richardson

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Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. 2017

The Secretary  
Electoral Commissioner  
Australian Electoral Commission  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
488 Queen Street  
BRISBANE 4000

Dear Secretary

I refer to your request for ‘comments’ on the ‘suggestions’ received in relation to the advertisement in The Courier Mail on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2017, seeking public suggestions for the current redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Queensland.

I have had posted some my ‘comments’ on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017, so as to reach your office by the closing time at 6pm on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2017.

I request that this email be added to those ‘comments’.

**Corrections:-**

Corrections to the Summary sheets I forwarded on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2017.

A mistake has occurred when transferring the figures on Page one of Kennedy:-

The correct figures should have been:-

To the Suggested Division of Riordan

SA2 Far Central West: - 6/01/2017= 263  
27/09/2021 + 298

SA2 Townsville South: - 6/01/2017 = 1,224  
27/09/2021= 1,282

The area should have been 503,472 sq km.

Should you have any queries please contact me on the above phone number.

Yours sincerely

R. J. Richardson

**SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORAL  
BOUNDARIES IN QUEENSLAND  
BY BOB RICHARDSON**

**COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS**

**General:-**

- All of the ‘suggestions’ except mine left the existing 30 Divisions with the same names.
- Most made only minor changes, especially in regional and rural areas.
- While giving ‘lip service’ to the need to follow Local Government boundaries, as a means of ‘Community interest’ most did not address the problems of splitting cities, such as Mackay, Rockhampton, and the Fraser Coast.

I believe that this, without having fit another Division in, is the opportunity for the Redistribution Committee to bring Divisions like Dawson back to where they traditionally belong.

## **DIVISION OF LEICHHARDT**

In my 'suggestions' I discussed the disadvantage to the residents on Cape York Peninsula (referred to hereupon throughout this submission as 'the Cape') and the Torres Strait Islands (referred to throughout this submission as 'the Islands'), however I did not mention a matter closer to Cairns, the population growth of the Cairns area, from Palm Cave to Gordonvale.

The Cairns Regional Council area stretches from Eubeuagee in the south to Ellis Beach in the north, boarded by the ranges to the west and the coastline and the range adjoining the Yarrabah Aboriginal Council in the east, with most of the enrolment increases north of the Mulgrave River at Gordonvale.

Every redistribution since 1984 has seen the Division of Leichhardt over quota and it having to loose area and electors,

After the increase of the size of the House of Representative in 1984, Leichhardt southern boundary was the then Johnstone Shire southern boundary at Mission Beach.

Now it is at Blackfellows Creek, north of Edmonton, and excludes the Yarrabah Aboriginal Community.

As the boundary of Leichhardt moved north the city's residential area moved south, and now most of the residential development on the south side of Cairns is in the Division of Kennedy.

This residential development will continue towards Gordonvale in the foreseeable future, and therefore give the Division of Kennedy some much needed growth areas.



If the boundary of Leichhardt is moved south, it will contain all the growth areas of Cairns, and at the next redistribution the redistribution committee will be back to 'square one', again having to 'cut the southern end' off the Division to bring it back to within quota.

If it is moved north as suggested by a number of persons/organisations who have made suggestions, the growth in enrolments in the Cairns area will be split between two Federal Divisions, Leichhardt and Kennedy.

The growth to the north of Cairns and the apartment growth in the inner city will be in Leichardt, while that to the south it will be in Kennedy.

I can envisage this being the last redistribution where Leichhardt is one of the largest Divisions (enrolment wise) in the State and Kennedy one of the smallest, **provided that the boundary of Leichhardt is not moved south.**

With regard to projected enrolments, the recent State Redistribution predicted enrolments in SA1 3114819 (Gordonvale) to increase from 207 to 1,848 in 2023 and in SA1 3114820 (Wrights Creek) to increase from 176 to 1,936 in that period.

The current redistribution predicts changes from 221 to 232 in SA1 3114819 and from 172 to 181, in the period from 6/01/17 to 27/09/2021.

These two SA1's are in SA2 Gordonvale – Trinity.

## **LNP suggestion – Leichhardt**

*Description: - Cairns Regional Council plus the Kuranda locality to the current Leichhardt divisional boundary*

*Rationale: - Leichhardt exceeds the required projected quota, due to growth in the Cairns area, necessitating an adjustment with Kennedy. Cairns Regional Council forms the natural boundary that meets the required enrolment. In addition, Kuranda's strong connections to Cairns through socio-economic interests requires that be included in a division with Cairns.*

*The outcome results in enrolments from Cape York communities and the Douglas Shire being transferred to the Division of Kennedy.*

At least this time the LNP has made all (I trust) its 'suggestion' public.

Not like in 2009 when they gave a 'flimsy' public presentation and a private submission under the guise of a 'courtesy' in which the details including maps were included.

This was in defiance of Section 64 (3) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918.

I totally oppose their suggestion that the Division of Leichhardt be reduced to The Cairns Regional Council and Kuranda.

It will severely disadvantage the residents living on Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands.

Most of the services, both governmental and private, to 'the Cape' and 'the Islands' are provided from Cairns.

This is the problem with the LNP suggestion, **Cairns** is removed from the suggested Division.

I estimate the area of the suggested Division to be approximately 790,821 sq km.

This calculated by adding the area of the two existing Divisions and 75% of the former Bowen Shire together and subtracting 50% of the previous Cairns City Council area, (845 sq km), and the Boulia Shire (61,093 sq km).

The area of the LNP 'Suggested' Division of Kennedy is larger than what the Division of Leichhardt was before the 1984 Redistribution.

It was 406,650 sq km prior to that redistribution.

It is also larger than what the Division of Kennedy was after the 1984 Redistribution.

It was 772,000 sq km after that redistribution.

The total area of a Division is one thing, how that area is made up (such as communications, travel etc) is another.

Local Federal Members has a certain amount of entitlements to 'get around' his/her Division such as air charter, however the individual constituent does not have any such 'privileges' when he wants to visit the Local Member's Office.

This is the real problem, as I see it, in the LNP suggestion, splitting Cairns from the Cape means the Office of the Local Member will no longer be in Cairns.

All Members for Leichhardt have had their Office in the Cairns CBD with the exception of Mr. Warren Entsch, who moved it to Westcourt.

It was then moved back to the CBD by Mr. Jim Turnour , however since Mr Entsch has returned as the Member he has relocated it back to Westcourt, and as I understand from newspaper reports has committed the Member, no matter who he/she is, to a 15 year lease.

I question Mr Entsch's real motive of shifting out of the CBD.

Was it to get away from Centrelink and make it harder for constituents with social security problems to go to his office.

His previous office was next door to an office of Centrelink.

While his new office is on the fringe of the CBD it is a more that walking distance, however it is well serviced by public transport.

The reason the location of the Members Office is so important most of the constituents form 'the Cape' and 'the islands' travel to Cairns by air, and when they get there they have to rely on public transport.

An example would be a constituent comes down from Weipa (by plane) for hospital treatment, and has a problem with social security. He needs the Federal Member's Office to 'sort it out' without costing 'an arm or a leg' to get there.

It is the Member's Office and Staff that is so important to the constituent in the above example.

The Member may not be present but the constituent goes away satisfied that his problem 'has been sorted out' by the Member's staff.

If Cairns is removed from the Division containing 'the Cape' and 'the Islands' so does the Member's Office.

From experience if you contact a Member outside your Division you live in, you are soon 'chuffed along'.

So, in the example above, the person from Weipa would not be welcome at the Member for Leichhardt's Office if Weipa is transferred to the Division of Kennedy.

The current Member for Kennedy, Mr Bob Katter, has an Office in Innisfail.

The previous Member for Kennedy, Mr Hulls, had an Office in Mareeba.

The only public transport from Cairns to Innisfail is the long distance busses approximately five a day (twenty four period) so it would take nearly 'all the working day' to go to the Local Member's Office in Innisfail and return relying on public transport.

The services to the Tableland from Cairns are less frequent than those to Innisfail.

Members of large Divisions are allowed to have two Offices.

The Member for Leichhardt second office has usually been in Thursday Island, so as to service the Torres Strait Islands, but this does not help the constituents on the Cape or the Islands who have to come to Cairns for various reasons, such as sickness.

I believe real reasons for the LNP suggestion is:-

- Political, this is not within the terms of reference of the Redistribution Committee.

The Liberal Party and the Nationals have always been 'jealous' of the vote the ALP has obtained in the Cape and on the Islands, and the way to 'nullify' this vote, is **'Put it in Kennedy'**.

At the Declaration of the Poll at one election when John Gayler was the Member for Leichhardt (1983- 93) the defeated Liberal Party candidate said he would have won 'without that bag full of black votes Mr, Gayler got from the Cape'.

It appears that nothing has changes in the intervening twenty or so years.

And/or

- The current Member, Mr. Entsch is 'getting on' in years and does not want the travel associated with servicing this area.

He wants a cosy little electorate (in size) based on Cairns.

Again this is not within the terms of reference of the Redistribution Committee,

I firmly ask the Redistribution Committee to disregard the 'Suggestion' by the LNP and maintain the present arrangement where residents of Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands remain in the same Federal Division as the Cairns CBD.

**That is the Division of Leichhardt.**

**ALP suggestion states:-**

*Leichardt in 2021 will be 7.4% over quota. Therefore it is apparent there needs to be changes in the area, as Kennedy is the only electorate surrounding Leichhardt; all excess voters will need to be moved from there.*

*To offset the fact Leichhardt is over quota, and recognising that the Division of Kennedy is under quota we recommend moving Bentley Park into Kennedy. This would shift 5308 voters from Leichhardt to Kennedy (see Map 1). This change makes both Leichhardt and Kennedy within quota required by the act.*

This is inline with my 'suggestion' except I have suggested the transfer of the suburb of White Rock as well as:-

- I believe that the Division of Leichardt should be reduced close to the quota as projected at 27/09/2021.

My 'suggestion' brings the projection enrolment of Leichhardt back to 99.69% of the projected quota as at that date.

- My 'suggestion Kennedy' transfers the areas around Townsville in the existing Division of Kennedy into other suggested Divisions as well as the Boulia Shire, so my 'suggestion' needs more than Bentley Park to bring my 'suggested Division of Kennedy' to within quota.

**Hon. Bob Katter MP suggestion states:-**

*Move the existing north-east electorate boundary of Kennedy further north along the coast to the southern Cairns suburb of Bentley Park using Skeleton Creek as a natural boundary. This would both increase the number of enrolments in Kennedy and reduce the enrolments in Leichhardt which is currently over enrolled.*

A similar 'suggestion' to the ALP.

My 'comments' are the same.

**Queensland Greens:-**

From their map it indicates:-

- They suggest transferring the southern part of the existing Division of Leichhardt.

This is inline with my 'suggestion'.

- Taking Leichhardt further inland on the Tableland.

For what reason, I do not know.

There is no need for it, so I do not agree with their 'suggestion'.

- Using the Cook Shire boundary across 'the Cape'.

\ I disagree with this 'suggestion' as the existing boundary, mainly the Mitchell River, has been the boundary since 1984.



The 2009 Redistribution Committee proposed the Cook Shire boundary to the Mitchell River, and I successfully 'objected' before the Augmented Commission, on the grounds that the Mitchell River was the existing boundary and was a 'clearer boundary' than the Cook Shire boundary.

- Suggests transferring Kowanyama Aboriginal community into the Division of Kennedy.

With this I totally disagree.

I do not believe that Kowanyama should be split from the neighbouring aboriginal community of Pormpuraaw.

One out, all out.

I do not believe either should be.

The 1984 Redistribution Committee proposed the Mitchell River as the boundary right to the mouth, which would have placed Kowanyama into Kennedy.

An elder from the Kowanyama community came to Cairns and successfully 'objected' before the Augmented Commission and the Nassau River was made the boundary so the community could remain in the Division of Leichhardt.

## **Pirate Party Australia:-**

Their submission states:-

### ***Leichhardt:***

*Covering Cape York and most of the Cairns area, the Division of Leichhardt is the most over populated in the state, being 6710 electors over quota now and projected to be 8142 electors over quota in 2021.*

*Neighbouring only Kennedy, population must be cascaded south via that electorate. The traditional method is to do so via the southern suburbs of Cairns (rather than transferring Kuranda, or the bulk of Cape York) Doing so, the best boundaries are to be found by transferring the suburb of Bentley Park and half of the suburb of Mount Sheridan south of Foster road. This transfers 7836 electors now and 8,565 electors in 2021.*

*These changes leave Leichhardt 1126 electors below quota now, and 423 electors below quota in 2021.*

Foster Road is the boundary between Divisions 2 and 3 Cairns Regional Council, and was the boundary until recently of the State Districts of Cairns and Mulgrave.

I would be comfortable with such a boundary.

**Darren McSweeney states:-**

*The city of Cairns is currently split between the Division of Leichhardt and the Division of Kennedy with Leichhardt stretching north to incorporate all of Cape York Peninsula, and Kennedy spreading westward to the Northern Territory boarder, as well as south to take in Innisfail, Tully and Ingham and then wrap around Townsville. Towns distinctly connected to and close by Cairns, such as Mareeba, are situated within Kennedy, as are towns such as Gordonvale despite being within the Cairns Municipality.*

*This is not ideal, and the current configuration is even more absurd when Leichhardt is viewed on a map with Cairns noticeable as a narrow pan-handle extending south from what is otherwise a reasonably straight boundary, Leichhardt is also severely over quota and need to loose electors.*

*I propose that focusing the Division of Leichardt on the city of Cairns itself will greatly enhance the community of interest. Leichhardt is completely redrawn to include all of the Cairns Municipality and Yarrabah Shire. This is just slightly below the required quota so the area surrounding Port Douglas (aligning with the Port Douglas SA2) is included from the Douglas Shire. The remaining Cape York areas are transferred to Kennedy.*

I believe splitting Port Douglas off from the rest of the Douglas Shire is absurd.

The rest of Mr. McSweeney's 'suggestion' has been addressed in my 'comments' on the LNP 'suggestion', in which I explained why I am opposed to any transfer of Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands to the Division of Kennedy.

**Dr Mark Mulcair states:-**

*Leichhardt continues to display strong growth, and is well over quota. As always, the only Division that it can lose electors to is Kennedy.*

*The starting point should be to unite the balance of the Mareeba Shire by transferring Kuranda.*

*While this area does have good links towards the coast, it also fits very well with the remainder of the Tablelands that are already in Kennedy.*

*This still leaves Leichhardt over quota, which unfortunately means that further parts of the Cairns urban area need to be removed. I suggest that the most logical solution is to transfer the entire suburb of Bentley Park. The creek, Roberts Road, and open space border Bentley Park to the north, which forms a fairly clear boundary in that area.*

The Kuranda residents declare themselves distinct from the rest of the Mareeba Shire, having voted decisively at the referendum to stay in the Tableland Regional Council while the rest of the former Mareeba Shire voted to be amalgamated.

Twice the Redistribution Committee has proposed to transfer Kuranda from the Division of Leichhardt to the Division of Kennedy.

In the 1997 and 2009 redistributions this occurred and on both occasions the Augmented Commission has accepted the 'objections' and left Kuranda in Leichhardt.

Its economy is based heavily on the tourist trade generated from Cairns, and also it is a residential area with residents living in the cooler climate and travelling to and from Cairns for work, whereas the rest of the Mareeba Shire is rural based.

As DR Mulcair points out transferring Kuranda on its own is insufficient to bring the Division of Leichhardt back within the allowable 3.5% of the quota on projected enrolments as 27/09/2021, so why not do all the transfers from the same area, the southern part of the existing Division of Leichhardt, which originally was a part of the Mulgrave Shire, not the City of Cairns,

For the above reasons I do not agree with the 'suggestion' that Kuranda be transferred to the Division of Kennedy

**Conclusion:-**

While I have not covered all 'suggestions' which discussed the Division of Leichardt I consider I covered all the different proposals that were 'suggested'.

## **HERBERT**

I am discussing the Division of Herbert before the Division of Kennedy as, like the Division of Leichhardt its make up has a bearing on the Division of Kennedy.

### **Enrolment:-**

The existing Division of Herbert had 105,482 electors as at 6/01/2017 which is 102.21% of a quota.

Its projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021 is 113,235 which is 102.82% of a quota.

This means approximately 3,000 electors need to be transferred from the existing Division of Herbert to another Division.

The Townsville City Council area had 125,393 electors as at 6/01/2017 and a projected enrolment of 131,183 as at 27/09/2021.

This means there is currently 22,190 electors in excess of a Federal Divisional quota in the Townsville City Council area, and on projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021 there will be an excess of 21,059.

My suggestion is:-

- Transfer the 2,876 electors currently, and 3,117 projected, in the existing Division of Kennedy on the north side of Townsville to the suggested Division of Herbert.

The SA2's involved (some partly) are Northern Beaches, Kelso, Bohle Plains, and Condon - Rasmussen

- Transfer 5,019 electors currently, and 5,427 projected, in the existing Division of Herbert to the suggested Division of Riordan

The SA2 involved (some partly) are Douglas and Annandale'

My suggestion makes the Ross River the southern boundary of the Division.

The of shore islands, including Magnetic and Palm remain in my suggested Division of Herbert

To transfer Palm Island to the suggested Division of Kennedy would be an injustice to the residence that is mainly of Aboriginal origin.

All their communication and travel for goods and service not available locally is to Townsville and not Ingham which is closer, 'the way the bird flies'.

After coming to Townsville, the constituents would then have to find other means of transport to reach the Local Member's Office.

I consider this unacceptable.

The possibility of where this Office may be is numerous.

The present Member, Mr. Bob Katter has his Office in Innisfail.

His predecessor, Mr. Rob Hulls, had his Office in Mareeba.

My suggested Division of Herbert has 102,934 electors as at 6/01/2017 which is 98.74% of a quota.

It is projected that the suggested Division would have an enrolment of 110,925 at 27/09/2021 which is 100.72% of a quota.

### **Area**

The existing Division of Herbert is approximately 946 sq km.

My suggested Division is 1,653 sq. km.

### **Suggested Boundary**

Commencing where the outer limit of the Great Barrier Reef meets southern boundary of the City of Townsville in the Coral Sea, by that southern boundary westwards to the shoreline, by the shoreline in a generally northerly direction to the mouth of the Ross River, by that river and Central Creek upstream to the western boundary SA1 3148614 (Black River) by that boundary in a southerly direction to the southern boundary of that SA1 by the southern boundary of that SA1 in a westerly direction to the western boundary of the City of Townsville, by the western boundary in a generally northerly direction to the southern boundary of the Shire of Hinchinbrook, by that boundary until it reaches the shoreline, by the shore line in a generally northerly direction to the northern boundary of that Shire, by the northern boundary in a generally eastwards direction to the outer limit of the Great Barrier Reef, by the outer limit in a generally south easterly direction to the point of commencement.

### **Name**

Herbert was one of the original Federal Divisions, proclaimed in 1900, based on the City of Townsville and I see no reason to suggest a name change.

Herbert was named after Sir Robert Herbert, 1831-1905, the first Premier of Queensland, 1860-1866.



## **LNP suggestion –Herbert**

*Current boundary except:-*

*Includes from Kennedy the northern section of Townsville City council and Rangewood to the west and to the south excludes to Dawson south of the Ross River.*

*Herbert is at the top of the allowable projected quota. Due to this growth in Townsville it is proposed to utilise the clear natural feature of the Ross River as the southern boundary between the Divisions of Herbert and Dawson.*

*To improve the community of interest outcome Alice River and Rangewood enrolments are transferred from the division of Kennedy to the division of Herbert.*

*It is proposed to extend the division of Herbert to the joint Townsville City and Hinchinbrook Shire Council boundary.*

For once I agree with the boundaries suggested by the LNP; however I am surprised that they would suggest such a boundary after the ‘furore’ that the redistribution committee caused in Annandale when it proposed shifting that suburb to the Division of Dawson.

This verifies my suspicion at the time that it was instigated by the then Liberal Member for Herbert as most of the ‘objections’ were exactly the same with a different address filled out at the top and a different signature at the bottom.

Also when the Augmented Commission visited Townsville for a public hearing I was advised that very few of the ‘objectors’ bothered attending.

**ALP Suggestion states:-**

*The ALP does not proposed any changes to the seat of Herbert as it is projected to be within the 3.5% quota tolerance in 2021*

While I can understand the position taken by the ALP, with the projected enrolment only 743 less than the permitted maximum I believe the Redistribution will make changes.

**Queensland Green:-**

From their maps it appears they have suggested keeping the existing southern boundary and making the northern boundary the Bohle River, with the northern part of the existing Division being transferred to the Division of Kennedy.

While this is an option I would prefer mine and that of the LNP.

This is probably the reason they have suggested taking Leichhardt in further on the Atherton Tableland so can accommodate more of the City of Townsville in Kennedy without exceeding the maximum allowable on projected enrolments as at 27/09/2017.

**The Pirate Party Australia states:-**

*Covering most of the City of Townsville, the Division of Herbert is over quota by 1874 electors now and 3111 in 2021.*

*Having received even more electors from Kennedy (putting it at 4065 electors over quota now and 5482 over in 20210 Herbert must shed yet more of southern urban Townsville to Dawson.*

*The (partial) suburbs of Douglas, My Stuart and Murray contain 5019 electors now and 5426 projected electors.*

*Transferring them to Dawson leaves Herbert 954 electors below quota now and 56 electors above quota in 2021.*

The Pirate Party had in the Division of Kennedy suggested:-

*The (partial) suburbs of Alice River, Black River, Bohle Plains, Gumdale, Pinnacles and Woodstock: 2191 current and 2371 projected electors all to Herbert*

From the notation on the map they indicate the northern boundary between the Divisions of Herbert and Kennedy remains the existing boundary at Sleeper Log Creek.

I agree with the transferring of those suburbs south of the Ross River as suggested but not the addition of suburbs of Alice River, Black River, Bohle Plains Gumdale, Pinnacles, and Woodstock to the division of Herbert.

I believe best way to reduce enrolment the Division of Kennedy (to compensate for the gains from Leichhardt) is:-

- Shift the northern boundary of the Division of Herbert to the Hinchinbrook Shire boundary
- Shift the Woodstock area into another Division which I have named Riordan.

**Dean Ashley suggests:-**

*Herbert to transfer to Kennedy the whole of Deeragan Northern Beaches SA2 and also Bohle Plains SA's 1 3147003, 3147003 and the surrounding unpopulated portion of 3147005 (total 19,952 electors)*

*Herbert to gain from Dawson the Annandale and Oonoonba SA2's that are currently in Dawson (total 16,672 projected electors)*

*Herbert to gain from Kennedy the portions (some very small) of the Townsville – south, Wulguru – Roseneath, Douglas, Kelso and Condon – Rasmussen SA2'sly in Kennedy as well as the remainder of 3147006 SA1 (total 1,751 projected electors))*

I do not believe the Division of Herbert should be transferring any its area north of the Bohle River to Kennedy. It should be the other way round.

I do not believe that Annandale and Oonoonba SA2's should be transferred back into Herbert.

While I do agree that the area south of Townsville in the existing Division of Kennedy should be transferred out of that division it should not be to the Division of Herbert, It should be to my suggested Division of Riordan.

**Darren McSweeney states:-**

*Moving south to Townsville, we see the same divide with the population of the city split among three divisions (Kennedy, Herbert and Dawson) This is compounded by Kennedy swinging around the south and east of Herbert to include communities that have no connection to the rest of the division .In addition to this, there is a rather loud and consistent chorus of eastern Townsville residents who are extremely upset at being included as part of Dawson instead of Herbert.*

*My solution is to include all of Townsville City in Herbert. However there are too many residents within Townsville, so some electors must be transferred. Not wishing to continue to upset residents in Annandale, I have opted to exclude residents in the northern end of the city, with residents west of the Bohle River and north of Hervey Range Road transferred to Kennedy. The remaining*

*residents of Townsville city make up the entirety of Herbert.*

*Palm Island 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 the 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. Therefore Palm Islands are transferred to Kennedy.*

I:-

- Do not accept that *'a rather loud and consistent chorus of eastern Townsville residents, who are extremely upset at being included as part of Dawson instead of Herbert,* should take precedence over the silent majority.

I believe that this so called 'loud and consistent chorus' has 'died down' as there were no 'suggestions' from the Annandale area requesting to be transferred back into Herbert.

The LNP even endorsed the Ross River being the southern boundary of the Division of Herbert.

- I do not agree that the northern boundary of the Division of Herbert should be the Bohle River. I believe it should be the Hinchinbrook Shire southern boundary.

- Palm Island is in the same position as the residents of Cape York in the Division of Leichhardt, when they go to Townsville they have to rely on public transport, which I note Mr. McSweeney also wants to transfer in the Division of Kennedy...<

They have not got a car to hop in and drive to Innisfail to see the office of the Member for Kennedy.

There need for assistance from a Federal member when dealing with Federal Government Departments, such as Centrelink, is probably greater than most of the residents of Townsville.

The residents of Palm Island successfully 'objected' to be placed in State District of Hinchinbrook at the recent State Redistribution, and were placed back into the district of Townsville...

Some feat as vey few of the 'objections' were upheld.

I strongly believe that the Palm Islands should remain in the Division of Herbert.

**Dr Mark Mulcair states:-**

*Apart from the minor adjustment with Kennedy, I propose no changes to Herbert. While the division would be at the top of tolerance, I think it is desirable for as much of the Townsville urban area as possible to remain within Herbert. The Ross River is also a very clear boundary in the area.*

*In Kennedy He states:-*

*I also propose a very small adjustment in the Gumlow/Pinnacles area, which does not appear to have any direct connection to Kennedy and would fit much better in Herbert. This involves only 140 or so electors. Ideally, Alice river would be transferred as well, but this is not possible without more significant changes to Herbert and/or Dawson*

Dr Mulcair says the Ross River is a very clear boundary.

In this regard I agree with him

### **Conclusion:-**

I consider I have discussed all the various different 'suggestions' for the Division of Herbert.

After due consideration of these views I still believe the LNP and my 'suggestion' that the southern boundary of the Division be the Ross River, and the northern boundary be the southern boundary of the Hinchinbrook Shire is the most suitable way to divide the City of Townsville.

## **DIVISION OF KENNEDY**

### **Enrolment:-**

The existing Division of Kennedy had 100,404 electors as at 6/01/2017 which is 98.24% of a quota.

Its projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021 is 106,359 which is 96.58% of a quota.

My suggestion:-

- Transfers 6,526 electors as at 6/01.2017, (6,985 projected electors as at 27/09/2021) to the Division of Kennedy from the division of Leichhardt

I have discussed my reasons for this transfer in my 'Division of Leichhardt'.

- Transfers 2,867 electors as at 6/01/2017 (3,117 projected electors as at 27/09/2021) from the Division of Kennedy to the Division of Herbert

I have discussed the reasons for this transfer in my 'Division of Herbert'

- Transfers 1,825 electors as at 6/01/2017 (1,934 projected electors as at 27/09/2021) from the Division of Kennedy to my new 'suggested Division of Riordan'.

The areas suggested to be transferred are:-

- (a) SA2 Barcaldine – Blackall: - There are no electors or projected electors involved in the transfer.

Just a bit of 'housekeeping', to bring all this SA2 within the one Division.



- (b) SA2 Far Central West: - This is the Boulia Shire.

AT the recent State redistribution the Boulia Shire Council submitted an 'objection' to being in the new District of Traeger based on the Cities of Mount Isa and Charters Towers.

They preferred to be a District to the east, namely the District of Gregory as their community of interest lie to the eastern towns of Winton and Longreach and not to the northern city of Mount Isa.

This 'objection' was upheld by the State Redistribution Committee.

As the number of electors is small I believe that this reference should be granted.

There are 263 electors as at 6/01/2017 and 298 projected electors as at 27/9/2021.

I have included the Boulia Shire in my new suggested Division of Riordan.

- © SA2's Wulguru – Roseneath, Townsville South, Douglas, all within the Townsville City Council area, and I believe they are better suited to my new suggested Division of Riordan

The total enrolments of the area are 1,434 as at 6/01/2017 and projected 1,548 as at 27/09/2021.

- (d) SA2 Burdekin. This is part of the Burdekin Shire and I have suggested all the Burdekin Shire be included in my new suggested Division of Riordan.

The enrolments in this SA2 are 128 as at 6/01/2017 and the same is projected as at 27/09/2021.

### **Area**

The existing Division of Kennedy is 568,993 sq km.

My suggested Division is approximate 503,472 sq. km.

Please note: - The area I said in my table summary of the Division of Kennedy is incorrect.

### **Suggested boundary:**

Commencing at the outer limits of the Great Barrier Reef at the northern boundary of the Hinchinbrook Shire, by that boundary in a generally easterly direction to the shore line, by the shore line in a generally southerly direction to the northern boundary of the City of Townsville, by that boundary in a generally westerly direction until it reaches the eastern boundary of the Charters Regional Council, by the western and southern boundaries of that council in a generally southerly, then westerly direction to the southern boundary of the Shire of Flinders, by the southern boundaries of the shires of Flinders, Richmond, McKinlay Cloncurry, and the City of Mount Isa, in generally westerly direction to the western boundary of the State of Queensland, by that boundary in a northerly direction to a line of Latitude 16 degrees South, by that line in a generally easterly direction to the shoreline in the Gulf of Carpentaria by the shoreline in a generally northerly direction to the Nassau River, by that river and Teatree Creek upstream, to the boundary of the parish of Cobham, by the boundary in a generally easterly direction to the Mitchell River, by that river and the McLeod River upstream to the western boundary of the Shire of Mareeba, by that boundary, Black Mountain Road, Mona Mona Road, Armstrong Road, Oak Forest Road in a generally southerly direction to the Barron River, by that river upstream to

the Clohesy River, by that river and Shoteel Creek upstream to the western boundary of Cairns Regional Council, by that boundary in a generally southerly direction until it reaches the northern boundary of the suburb of Bentley Park, by that boundary in a generally easterly direction, part of which is Skelton Creek, to the Bruce Highway, by that highway and the North Coast Railway in a generally northerly direction to the northern boundary of the suburb of White Rock, (Hepburn Street) by that boundary in a generally westerly direction to Trinity Inlet, (Smiths Creek), by that inlet down stream to Cape Grafton, by a line eastward to the outer limits of the Great Barrier Reef, by the outer limits of that reef in a generally south easterly direction to the point of commencement. .

**Name:-**

The Division of Kennedy is one of the original Federal Divisions, being proclaimed in 1900.

It is named after the explorer, Edmund Kennedy.

The town of Kennedy is named after him and is in the suggested Division.

To my knowledge the division of Kennedy has always contained the Cities of Mount Isa and Charters Towers.

Before the 1948 Redistribution it also included the City of Cairns and the surrounding areas.

I see no reason what the name of the division should be changed.

**LNP suggestion states:-****Description:-****Current boundaries except:-**

- *To the north includes from Leichhardt Cape York and the Douglas Shire Council.*
- *To the east excludes to Leichhardt southern part of the Cairns city Council.*
- *Excludes to Herbert the northern section of Townsville City Council and Rangewood.*
- *Excludes Mount Stuart to Dawson*
- *To the south includes Collinsville and its surrounds from Collinsville from Capricornia*
- *Excludes to Flynn Boulia Shire Council*

*Rationale: - Leichhardt exceeds the required projected quota, due to growth in the Cairns area, necessitating an adjustment with Kennedy. Cairns Regional Council forms the natural boundary that meets the required enrolment. In addition, Kuranda's strong connections to Cairns through socio-economic interests require that be included in a division with Cairns.*

*The outcome results in enrolments from Cape York communities and the Douglas Shire being transferred to the Division of Kennedy.*

*It is proposed to extend the division of Herbert to the Townsville City and Hinchinbrook Shire boundary*

*To improve the community of interest outcome Alice River and Rangewood enrolments are transferred from the division of Kennedy to the division of Herbert, and transfer the Mount Stuart enrolments to the division of Dawson.*

*Collinsville lacks community of interest and is without established transport and communication linkages with the division of Capricornia. It is proposed it be transferred to the division of Kennedy, aligning it with communities with similar inland characteristics.*

*Bouliia Shire council works closely with its Central Western shire neighbours as a member of the Remote Area Planning and Development Board. It is proposed to better unite this region by transferring Bouliia Shire to the Division of Flynn.*

- I have discussed the boundary of Divisions of Leichhardt/Kennedy in the Division of Leichhardt.
- I have discussed the boundary of the Divisions of Herbert/Kennedy on the Division of Herbert.
- I accept that the Collinsville area is ‘out like shady rock’ in the Division of Capricornia however I suggest it should be in my new suggested Division of Riordan.
- I discussed the Bouliia shire above the LNP views are similar to mine.

**Hon. Bob Katter states:-**

*By utilising the current Charters Towers Regional council boundary as the boundary in the south eastern corner of Kennedy, this would tend to keep communities of interest together. This boundary would move the communities of Dalbeg, Millaroo, Swans Lagoon and Mulgrave (in the south of Kennedy) into the existing Dawson electorate.*

*These changes would minimise significant geographical size increases to the electorate of Kennedy*

Mr Katter earlier in his submission had discussed the boundary of the Divisions of Leichhardt/ Kennedy, which I discussed in the Division of Leichhardt.

I agree that there is no place for this area in the division of Kennedy however I believe it should be in my suggested Division of Riordan.

**Dean Ashley suggests (in part)**

*Kennedy to transfer to Maranoa the whole of the city of Mount Isa and the shires of Boulia, Cloncurry, McKinlay, Richmond, Flinders, Burke Doomagdee, Mornington, Carpentaria and Croydon (19,827 projectors electors)*

I am totally opposed to this suggestion at 731,297 sq km those making suggestions should be looking at way to reduce the size (in area) of Maranoa not increase to beyond 1,000,000 sq km.

The residents in the Shires along the Great Northern Railway have community of interest ties eastwards to Townsville not southwards to those communities along the Western Railway from Charleville to Toowoomba.

I have discussed the rest of Mr Ashley's suggestions re the Leichhardt/Hennedy, Kennedy/Herbert boundaries previously in this submission.

**Mr Darren McSweeney:-**

Mr McSweeney suggests transferring the City of Mount Isa and the shire along the Great Northern Railway to Maranoa.

He also suggests transferring the Charters Towers Regional Council area to Capricornia.

I am opposed to both suggestions for the reasons discussed previously.

The towns and Cities along the Great Northern Railway (Flinders Highway) from Charters Towers to Mount Isa should remain in the Division of Kennedy.

They have been in that division since Federation and I see no need for them to be transferred at the redistribution.

**Dr Mark Mulcair states (in part):-**

*I would no recommend any more significant changes to Kennedy, such as removing Mount Isa, excising charter towers, or including Cape York. There have been plenty of submissions over the years from locals and Mr. Bob Katter MP, highlighting why these sorts of proposals fail the community of interest. A small adjustment in both the north and south is all that is needed.*

I totally agree with Dr. Mulcair statement.

The remainder of Dr. Muclair's submission relates to the boundaries of the Divisions of Leichhardt/Kennedy and Herbert/Kennedy which has been dealt with previously.

## **SUGGESTED DIVISION OF RIORDAN**

### **Suggested Division:**

Over a number of Federal Redistributions in Queensland the problem of The City of Townsville having an enrolment too large for one Federal Division but not enough for two has been addressed in various ways.

Firstly moving the Division of Kennedy into Townsville, but this was restricted by the growth in enrolments in the Cairns Urban area, and the only division that could 'pick up' the excess from that division.

Since then the redistribution committee has had a combination of the Divisions of Kennedy and Dawson sharing the excess from the Division of Herbert.

At the last redistribution the suburb of Annandale was added to the Division of Dawson, which drew many 'objection' from the residents.

This has also resulted in area very close to the City of Mackay being placed in the neighbouring Division of Capricornia, and then areas very close to Rockhampton being placed in the neighbouring Division of Flynn.

I believe now is the time, with no additional division to be 'fitted in' to address the problem, shifting one of the Central Queensland Divisions, namely Flynn based on Gladstone, to North Queensland.

This suggested based on the area south of the Ross River in Townsville takes in:-

- The suburbs of the City of Townsville south of the Ross River, including Annaddale.



Under the existing boundaries three Divisions, Herbert, Dawson and Kennedy share this area.

Under my suggestion there will only be one, i.e. Riordan.

The Townsville City Council area will only be divided two ways inst of the existing three, divisions of Herbert and Riordan.

- The Burdekin Shire
- The Whitsunday Regional Council area.

I would have liked to have left the Proserpine and Arlie Beach areas in Dawson as their community of interest lies more with Mackay than Townsville however to 'get the numbers' I had to include the area, with the consequence that the suggested Division of Dawson had take in most of the Livingstone Shire to come within the allowable projected tolerance as at 27/09/2021.

- Most of the Isaac Regional Council Area.

There is a portion east of the Sarina/Marlborough Road which I have suggested be in the Division of Dawson so as to allow that suggested division encompass most the Livingstone Shire.

- All of the Central Highlands Regional Council area
- The far central western council areas of Blackall- Tambo, Barcaldine, Longreach, Winton and Boulia.

I previously discussed the Boulia Shire.

I was at first reluctant to include those Councils in this suggested Division, as their previous desire to be in the Division of Maranoa is well documented.

However I was heartened when I saw that the LNP had suggested their transfer from the Division of Maranoa.

I assume that this opposition to transferring has resided.

- The Banana Shire.

I accept that this shire would have very little community of interest with the City of Townsville.

I would have preferred to have it in suggested Division of Hinkler based on Bundaberg, however the overriding terms of reference that all division must be within 3.55 of the projected quota in 3.5 years prevented me from doing that.

I accept that there are areas that have little or no community of interest with others, however I believe that it is better 'to bite the bullet' now and shift a division north than have the Division of Dawson split between the cities of Mackay and Townsville, and the Division of Capricornia split between the cities of Rockhampton and Mackay.

I acknowledge that it is not a matter for the redistribution to determine but as the coastal area have the majority of the electors

And the Townsville the largest portion of those I would imagine that one of the two Offices the Federal Member would have (being classed as a large Division) would in the Townsville part of the Division.

This should placate the constituents in Annandale who complained that their local member office was in Mackay while there was a Members office 10 minutes away, but was not their Local Member.

**Enrolment:-**

The suggested Division has 99,385 electors as at 6/01/2021 which is 96.30% of a quota, and is projected to have 106,461 electors as at 27/9/2021 which is 96.675 of a quota.

**Area:-**

The approximate area of the suggested division is 389,627 sq km.

**Name:-**

Flynn would be acceptable to me, however I did not suggest it as the largest City in the existing division, Gladstone is not in the suggested Division.

Probably the majority of the area of the suggested division may be in the existing division of Flynn, but not the population.

I have nominated the name Riordan after David Riordan (1888 - 15/10/1936 who represent the Division of Kennedy from 12/10/1929 until he died 15/10/1936 and his nephew William James Fredrick Riordan who replaced his uncle at a by-election on 12/12/1936.

William Riordan was a Minister in the Chifley Government and retired from parliament 31/10/1966.

Two names dominate Federal politics in western Queensland, the Riordan's and the Katter's, who have represented the

division ever since William Riordan's retirement, except for one term.

As Bob Katter Jnr is the current member and his son is the State Member for Mount Isa this ruled their name out of being considered, so I believe that as the suggested Division covers much of Western Queensland I believe the Riordan is an appropriate name.

## **DIVISION OF DAWSON**

### **Suggested Division:-**

With the suggested Division of Riordan I have been able to bring the suggested Division of Dawson back to Mackay the Mackay Regional area; however this on its own does not meet the requirements of the 3.55 variance of the projected quota as at 27/09/2021.

Having had to put the Proserpine/ Arlie Beach areas into my suggested Division of Riordan, I had to move south to obtain the required numbers.

The Livingstone Shire was the obvious place, even though it was close to Rockhampton.

The electors of this Shire decided they did not want to be a part of Rockhampton at local government level in a referendum so I cannot see that they would have a valid claim on 'community interest grounds to be a part of Rockhampton at Federal government level.

To join the two areas together I had to take a part of the Isaac Regional council area, (former Broadsound Shire).

I have suggested the Sarina Marlborough Road as the boundary.

### **Enrolment:-**

The suggested enrolment of the suggested division is 99,900 as at 6/01/2017 which is 96.8% of a quota.

The projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021 is 106,589 which is 96.79% of a quota.

**Area:-**

The approximate area of my suggested Division is 24,563 sq km.

**Name:-**

The Division of Dawson was created in the 1948 Redistribution, based on Mackay and its surrounds.

I see no reason to suggest a name change.

The Division was named after Andrew (Anderson) Dawson, Queensland first Labor Premier, 1899.

## **DIVISION OF CAPRICORNIA**

### **Suggested Division:**

The enrolment in the Rockhampton Regional Council area is insufficient to meet the requirement of the electoral act so extra voters had to be found.

Having placed most of the northern part of the existing Division into the suggested Divisions of Riordan and Dawson, and having suggest the abolishment of the Division of Flynn, the City of Gladstone was a suitable location to obtain these extra voters.

Prior to the increase in the size of the House of Representatives in 1984 the cities of Rockhampton and Gladstone were in the same Federal Division.

Combined the enrolments of Rockhampton and Gladstone Regional Council areas still fell short of the required enrolments, I reluctantly had to take some of the Bundaberg Regional Council area, namely the coastal area north of the Kolan River and the former Kolan Shire.

I note the suggestions from the Moore Park area wanting to be in the Division of Hinkler.

More by coincidence than design my suggested divisions have this area in Hinkler.

It is one of the difficulties with 'tight' numeral requirements, under the Electoral Act; sometime the community of interest terms of reference cannot be met.

**Enrolment:-****Enrolment:-**

The suggested enrolment of the suggested division is 100,839 as at 6/01/2017 which is 97.71% of a quota.

The projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021 is 107,694 which is 97.79% of a quota.

**Name**

The Division of Capricornia was one of the original Divisions of Federal Parliament, being proclaimed in 1900.

Geographical name can become irrelevant as boundaries change, however while this Division contains the City of Rockhampton as its major centre of population I believe the relevance remains. I therefore do not suggest a name change.



### **Conclusion:-**

I have had insufficient time to make detailed comments on the other divisions I have made suggestions for however I do make the following observations.

### **Hinkler:-**

I would have liked my suggested Division to be more compact however:-

- Having to put the Banana Shire in the suggested Division of Riordan
- The need to put some of the northern area of the Bundaberg Regional Council area in my suggested Division of Capricornia
- My desire to have the Fraser Coast Regional Council area in one Division.

I note the suggestion from the Fraser coast Regional Council.

- I had to take my suggested Division further south than I would have like, the communities of the Somerset Regional council and the Sunshine Coast Hinterland do 'fit in' with rural nature of the Suggested Division.

### **Maranoa:-**

I note the suggestions of the LNP; however I have a feeling that they may be short on numbers.

The exchange of Pittsworth and Crows Nest will even itself out, but there is 7,000 transferred to Flynn, that has to be made up.

I suggested the transfer of this area to my suggested Division of Riordan, and to make it up transferred the former Boonah Shire (Scenic Rim Regional Council) to Maranoa.

While it is on the coast, it is still mainly rural, and has transport links to Warwick via the Cunningham Highway

I thank the Redistribution Committee for the opportunity to make this submission, and also their staff for their assistance.