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To the AEC Redistribution Committee for Queensland,

Re: Suggestions for the Redistribution Committee for Queensland

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the redistribution of Federal electoral divisions for Queensland.

We understand that the electorate of Kennedy meets the requirement currently, but projected enrolment for the Division of Kennedy is close to being 3.5 per cent under the projected enrolment quota.

We further understand that the northern neighbouring electorate of Leichhardt does not meet the requirement with the projected enrolment being more than 3.5 per cent over the projected enrolment quota.

The division of Dawson to the south of Kennedy meets the requirements and the division of Herbert (also to the south of Kennedy) does not meet the requirement with the projected enrolment being more than 3.5 per cent over the projected enrolment quota.

Kennedy is already one of the 6th largest Federal electorates in Australia and is almost 2.5 times larger than the State of Victoria. Servicing a large electorate puts significant pressure on resources and the Member's time, with many hours spent travelling to remote areas. While this is the reality of being a regional Member of Parliament, the AEC should consider these practicalities in the proposed redistribution.

We believe that the AEC needs to minimise any geographic growth size of the Kennedy electorate; and rather redistribute more densely populated areas into Kennedy.

1. 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. This area has many similarities with parts of the existing coastal areas of Kennedy and the northern boundary of Kennedy; with current or former cane fields which are being rezoned and developed as residential areas.

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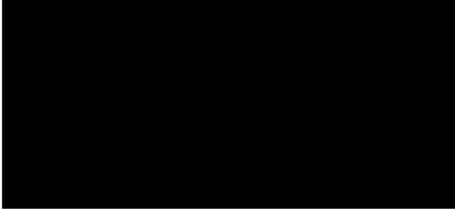
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2. By utilising the current Charters Towers Regional Council boundary as the boundary in the south eastern corner of Kennedy, this would tend to keep communities of interest together. This boundary would move the communities of Dalbeg, Millaroo, Swans 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.

Yours sincerely,



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