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Submission: Boundaries
Details: Division of Capricornia -
I write in support of the Liberal National Party's suggestion (S62) for Capricornia, and submit that it should be preferred to the approach in the Australian Labor Party's suggestion (S60) for four reasons.
1. The Rockhampton Regional Council should be united in Capricornia. Gracemere, Mount Morgan, Bouldercombe and the western surrounds look to Rockhampton for work, health care and services. There is broad agreement on this point, including from Labor and from S14, S24, S25, S28, S34, S37, S38, S43, S47, S58, S59 and S61.
2. That change is enough. Capricornia is almost 8 per cent below quota. With the

whole Rockhampton council area, and with Sarina, Walkerston and the Pioneer Valley remaining in the division, S62 brings Capricornia within quota without moving the Central Highlands.

3. The Mackay hinterland shares Capricornia's interests. Walkerston and Eton sit on the Peak Downs Highway, the main supply corridor for the Bowen Basin mines in Capricornia's Isaac region. Just up the coast from Sarina, the port of Hay Point exports coal railed down from the Bowen Basin. The rural communities of the Pioneer Valley share the agricultural and resource interests of the division's inland towns.

4. The Central Highlands belong with Flynn. Emerald, Blackwater and their neighbours are tied to Gladstone by the Blackwater rail system, which carries the region's coal to Gladstone's ports, and by the Dawson Highway. Moving them to Capricornia would also leave Flynn needing to "grow southward", as Labor acknowledges, setting off further change down the coast.

For these reasons I ask the Committee to adopt the approach in S62.