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Comments on Submissions

The following comments are in response to boundary changes for Blair, Bonner, Griffith, Moreton, Rankin, Forde and Ryan. They are focused on the suitability of the boundary change (e.g. whether it keeps communities of interest, follows natural boundaries). The impact on number of electors and electorate quotas will not be commented on, as each of these changes are being looked at in isolation.

Blair

Support: Uniting Springfield Lakes with Springfield

S57 (the author's submission), S59, S61, S62 (Liberal National Party) and S63 (Queensland Greens) all propose moving the Oxley-Blair border to Spring Mountain so Springfield Lakes is united with Springfield in the seat of Oxley. I strongly support this proposal as it unites a community of interest in the Springfield region. The existing boundary also had Springfield Lakes separated from the rest of Blair by Spring Mountain.

I also support the extension of this boundary into Spring Mountain, as described in S61, to follow the state boundary of Springfield.

Support: Moving Collingwood Park/Redbank Plains to Oxley

A key issue in the existing Oxley-Blair boundary was how Collingwood Park and Redbank Plains was not only separated from similar suburbs in Redbank and Bellbird Park, but was disconnected from the rest of Blair, being separated by industrial areas. I support proposals that unite these areas in the same electorate.

S57 (the author's submission), S59, S61 and S62 (Liberal National Party) propose to resolve this issue by moving the boundary to follow the Cunningham Highway and Bundamba Creek. This moves Collingwood Park, Redbank Plains and parts of Riverview to Oxley.

S63 (Queensland Greens) has some similarities in its proposal, suggesting Collingwood Park and parts of Redbank Plains be moved into Oxley. However it only partly resolves the issue, as Redbank Plains is split across electorates in half, with the half staying in Blair separated from the rest of Blair by industrial areas.

Griffith

Support: Move eastern suburbs to Bonner

S59, S61, S57 (the author's submission) and S60 (Australian Labor Party) suggest moving parts or all of Murrarie, Cannon Hill, Camp Hill, Carina and Carina Heights move to Bonner. If only a subset of these suburbs were needed to be moved to make quota, I would propose Camp Hill/Carina/Carina Heights between Sevens Hills Bushland Reserve and Whites Hill Reserve, over Murrarie/Cannon Hill/Carina (as proposed in S60) as they have a strong community of interest with Carindale and are connected to the rest of Bonner by the Creek Rd corridor. Murrarie and Cannon Hill share industrial areas and shopping precincts with Morningside and the Bulimba peninsula, making them more suited to remain in Griffith.

S60 (Australian Labor Party) refers to using Brisbane City Council's Doboy Ward as a reference for this boundary. I do not think this should play a sizeable role in deciding upon boundaries, as Brisbane City Council is due for a ward redistribution in 2027. The boundary of Doboy Ward is subject to change. With the Queensland State redistribution having already been completed, I would propose the Bulimba-Carindale-Greenslopes boundary be referred to instead.

Support: Unite Holland Park West

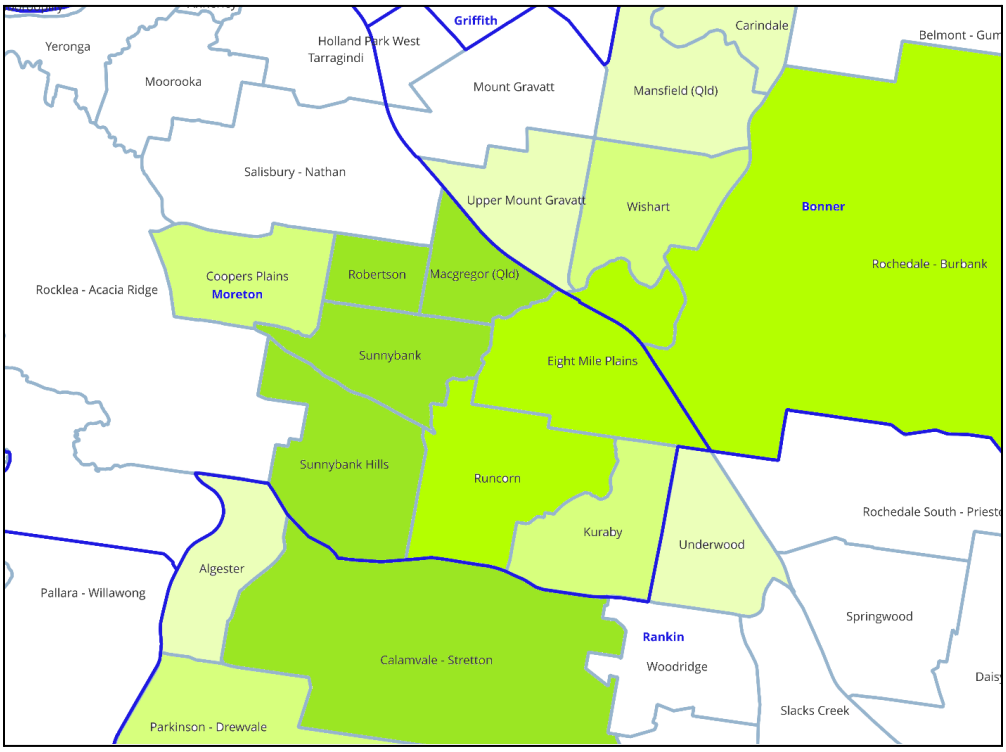
S57 (the author's submission), S59, S61 and S62 (Liberal National Party) propose moving the portion of Holland Park West in Bonner into Griffith. I support these proposals as they unite an area previously split between Bonner and Griffith.

Moreton

Support: Uniting Rochedale/Eight Mile Plains in the same electorate as Sunnybank/Sunnybank Hills

S1 clearly describes that the suburbs of Rochedale, Eight Mile Plains, Sunnybank and Sunnybank Hills have strong community links. In particular, they have strong Chinese-Australian and Chinese language speaking communities. I strongly support the proposal laid out in S1. examined the 2021 Census data to gain further insights in support of the proposal. I primarily looked at the number of speakers of Chinese languages (represented in the census as Cantonese, Mandarin, Other).

This data indicates that there is a large community of Chinese language speakers in the southern part of Moreton. Although this is only a single metric, it does broadly indicate there is a community of interest in these areas, based on language and culture.
Based on this, I suggest S1's suggestion be fulfilled by moving Rochedale and the remainder of Eight Mile Plains into Moreton. I also support that a combination of Calamvale/Algester/Stretton/Parkinson/Drewvale/Underwood be moved from Rankin into Moreton, as proposed in S57 (the author's submission), S60 (Australian Labor Party), S62 (Liberal National Party) and S63 (Queensland Greens), on this basis.



Shade of green represents % of people who speak a Chinese language (Cantonese/Mandarin/Other, as represented in 2021 census) at home

2021 Census Data

Current Electorate	SA2 Name	Speaks Cantonese at home	Speaks Mandarin at home	Total speak a Chinese Language at home	Population in SA2	% of SA2 speak a Chinese language at home
Moreton	Robertson	331	1268	1673	4870	**34.35%**
Moreton	**Sunnybank**	603	2388	3093	9033	**34.24%**
Moreton	Macgregor (Qld)	429	1492	1983	5979	**33.17%**
Moreton	**Sunnybank Hills**	1144	4307	5647	18085	**31.22%**
Rankin	Calamvale - Stretton	1714	5003	6908	22845	**30.24%**
Bonner	**Rochedale - Burbank**	663	2468	3208	11020	**29.11%**
Moreton /Bonner	**Eight Mile Plains**	929	3034	4084	15186	**26.89%**
Moreton	Runcorn	861	2231	3172	14046	**22.58%**
Griffith	South Brisbane	432	2074	2600	14243	**18.25%**
Rankin	Parkinson - Drewvale	600	2108	2736	16095	**17.00%**
Moreton	Coopers Plains	211	607	848	5704	**14.87%**
Bonner	Wishart	457	1168	1669	11444	**14.58%**
Moreton	Kuraby	395	866	1311	9025	**14.53%**
Bonner	Upper Mount Gravatt	356	1070	1461	10988	**13.30%**
Brisbane	Brisbane City	329	1336	1742	13310	**13.09%**
Ryan	Indooroopilly	330	1372	1740	13430	**12.96%**
Rankin	Algester	243	874	1145	9020	**12.69%**
Ryan	St Lucia	208	1233	1490	12220	**12.19%**
Rankin	Underwood	257	529	821	6809	**12.06%**
Griffith	Woolloongabba	186	734	969	8597	**11.27%**
Bonner	Mansfield (Qld)	263	614	890	8880	**10.02%**
Bonner	Carindale	478	1069	1583	16504	**9.59%**

Rankin / Forde

As there are many potential boundary adjustments in Rankin and Forde to represent the communities within suburban Logan, these will be discussed together.

Support: Park Ridge/Boronia Heights/Forestdale be united with northern Logan suburbs

S49, S57 (the author's submission), S60 (Australian Labor Party), S63 (Queensland Greens) proposes Park Ridge and Boronia Heights be moved into Rankin to be united with the community of interest around the Browns Plains shopping centre. This centres Rankin around the northern suburban area of the Logan LGA. S62 (Liberal National Party) partly supports this as well, by suggesting Boronia Heights be moved into Rankin.

S57 (the author's submission) and S63 (Queensland Greens) proposes moving Forestdale out of Wright, into the same electorate as Hillcrest. I strongly support this, as Forestdale is part of the community of interest around Browns Plains and is geographically separated from the rest of Wright by the Greenbank Military Training Area.

Support: Moving Yarrabilba/Logan Village to Forde

S20, S60 (Australian Labor Party), S63 (Queensland Greens) propose moving Yarrabilba and Logan Village to Forde, as they are growing areas with community facilities in existing suburban Logan. I strongly support this proposal, as this growth area is transforming from a semi-rural area to an outer suburban area as development occurs, giving it more in common with Logan suburbs than the rural parts of Wright.

Against: Adding existing suburban areas to Wright

S59, S61 have proposed forms of moving suburbs such as Hillcrest, Park Ridge and Boronia Heights into Wright. Although I agree with the author of S59 that Wright in its current form is an incohesive seat with multiple distinct regions, I do not think moving these suburbs improves on this. These proposals would move additional suburban parts of Logan LGA, with strong connections to Browns Plains and the northern suburbs of Logan LGA, into a predominantly rural and semi-rural seat it has little connection to.

Ryan

Support: Gaining parts of Ashgrove/Bardon/Paddington

S10, S59, S61, S62 (Liberal National Party) and S63 (Queensland Greens) all propose gaining parts of Ashgrove/Bardon/Paddington from Brisbane. I broadly agree with this proposal, as Brisbane needs to lose electors, and these suburbs have similar characteristics to the areas in the eastern part of Ryan.

I support the use of natural boundaries, whether it be Ithaca Creek in S62 (Liberal National Party) or Enoggera Creek in S63 (Queensland Greens).

The boundary proposed in S62 (Liberal National Party) splits Ashgrove in half, both dividing the SA2 across electorates and dividing a community of interest centred on the main shopping street. The proposed boundaries of S10, S59, S61 and S63 (Queensland Greens) keep the core part of Ashgrove in Brisbane, with parts bordering Bardon moving into Ryan.

Support: Gaining parts of Enoggera/Alderley

S61, S63 (Queensland Greens) proposes gaining the parts of Enoggera and Alderley between Kedron Brook and Enoggera Creek. Both propose using Enoggera Rd as the basis of the eastern boundary. I support keeping the community of interest around Gallipoli Barracks in the same electorate. These surrounding areas have a lot of veterans and shared community needs as a result.

Against: Expanding northwards into Moreton Bay LGA

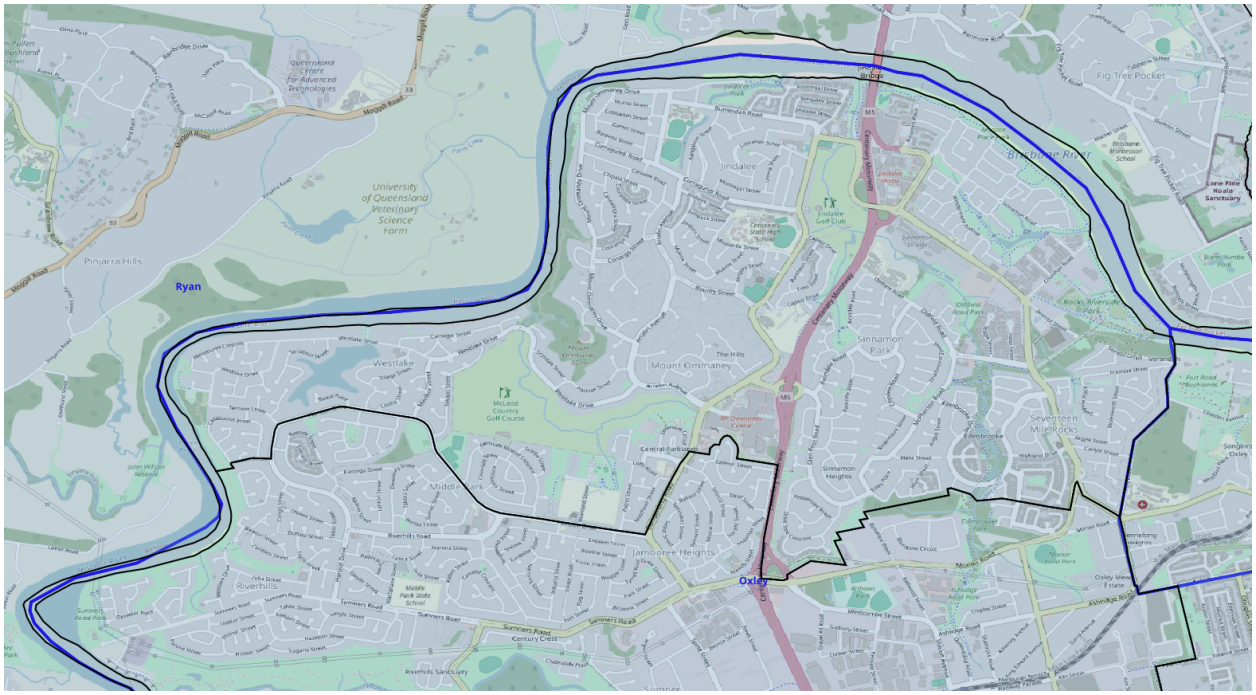
S60 (Australian Labor Party) proposes gaining Samford Valley, Mount Nebo and surrounds from Dickson. I do not believe these areas should be included in Ryan. These areas are semi-rural, and similar to other semi-rural parts of Dickson like Dayboro. This is also reflected in their inclusion in the state electorate of Pine Rivers (2026 redistribution boundaries). Although they are connected to The Gap and Samford via key roads, they are disconnected from the majority of Ryan. Most importantly, I believe LGA boundaries should be followed whenever possible. Local Governments are large in South East Queensland, and provide both a local identity for an area and key services. The existing northern Ryan boundary follows the Moreton Bay LGA.

I do support the proposal in S10 that if Ryan were to expand northwards and cross Kedron Brook, it should gain Everton Park and/or parts of McDowall, both of which are in the Brisbane LGA.

Against: Gaining Centenary suburbs, as proposed in S62

S62 (Liberal National Party) proposes that parts of the Centenary suburbs are transferred to Ryan. I agree that there is a community of interest across the centenary bridge and connections to Indooroopilly shopping centre / existing suburbs of Ryan as “western suburbs”. However, this means Ryan would cross the Brisbane River, which is a very clearly defined natural boundary.

Critically, the proposed boundary in S62 splits the Centenary suburbs between Ryan and Oxley, splitting up a community of interest. The Centenary suburbs consist of Jindalee, Mount Ommaney, Jamboree Heights, Middle Park, Westlake, Riverhills and Sumner. The proposed boundary does incorporate parts of Westlake, Middle Park, Jamboree Heights and Sumner, and excludes the entirety of Riverhills. The proposed boundary would leave these suburbs isolated from the remainder of Oxley by Wolston Creek and the train line. I believe that any redistribution should have all of the Centenary suburbs remain in the same electorate (whether that be Ryan, Oxley, Moreton, or another configuration). This can be seen in the 2026 state electorate boundary of Mount Ommaney, which unites the Centenary suburbs by using Wolston Creek, Sumner Rd and the Brisbane River as borders.



Proposed Ryan boundary in S62 (Liberal National Party), splitting up the Centenary suburbs.