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COMMENTS ON SUGGESTIONS FOR FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION

The Queensland Greens thanks the Redistribution Commission for these continued opportunities to contribute to the future of Queensland's Federal electoral boundaries.

We are disappointed that so few proponents provided shapefiles for their suggestions, including other political parties, this may have also been because the Commission's webform does not accept shapefiles being uploaded. Shapefiles provide a key point of comparison, critical for analysing proposed changes for evidence of political motivation. Failing to provide shapefiles is a significant transparency risk.

We recommend that the Commission investigate processes adopted in other jurisdictions where the Commission produces a webtool allowing proponents to shift boundaries using SA1 geographies, tally and balance populations, and export as shapefiles. These interactive webtools, such as those produced by Elections ACT, have not only improved the quality of suggestions but have also empowered more everyday people to participate by making the sometimes arcane redistribution rules built into the tool itself.

Given the Commission's reasonable expectation that Queensland will increase its allocation of federal electorates in the very near future. This additional seat and another redistribution will cause major boundary shifts. So we suggest the Commission take a minimalist approach to moving electors where possible, and, if required, focus on reuniting communities of interest.

Suggestions we support

We have expressed support for some suggestions because of their broad objectives of reuniting communities of interest. In some cases, we support the principle of a proposed change but not the full extent of the boundary adjustments suggested.

We support the submissions which propose that the Springfield and eastern Ipswich suburbs, such as Redbank Plains be removed from **Blair** and join **Oxley** (S14, S25,

S26, S34, S42, S43, S47, S57, S58, S59, S61, and S62), to reunite the community of interest in a growing area. We support the retention of the Karana Downs area (S47 and S58).

We support the suggestions to transfer Rochedale South and northern parts of **Rankin** into **Bonner** (S34, S37, S38 and S62).

We support the suggestions to move parts of Carbrook and Mount Cotton into **Bowman** (S38, S57, S60, and S61).

We support the broad desire to transfer parts of Paddington and Milton from **Brisbane** to **Ryan** (as mentioned in S14, S25, S37, S47, S52, S58, S59, and S61). The Milton area bounded by Milton Rd is a clearly distinct community, and the community centred on the Rosalie shops precinct and bounded by the natural valley there, is currently divided between **Brisbane** and **Ryan**. We believe these are the best options for uniting communities. We support the proposals for **Brisbane** to gain suburbs to the north and reunite communities in Stafford (S37, S59, and S61).

We support proposals to reunite the Rockhampton regional communities within **Capricornia** (S37, S47, S58, S59, S60 and S62). These communities share close social, economic and service connections with Rockhampton and should not be divided unnecessarily between electorates. We also support transferring Mount Coolon and Collinsville into **Dawson** (S14, S24, S25, S28, S34, S37, S38, S43, S47, S53, S58, S59, S60, S61 and S62).

We support the broadly proposed northern expansion of **Dickson**, to include parts of Dakabin, Kallangur and Narangba (S10, S14, S25, S34, S37, S38, S42, S47, S53, S60, S62) and the retention of communities north of the D'Aguilar ranges, we support the inclusion of the **Ryan** panhandle (conservation area west of Mount Nebo Rd, SA = 31002127901) in **Dickson** as its strongest connections (eg trail heads and service centre in Mount Nebo) are to the north.

We support transferring Mooloolaba and Alexandra Headland into **Fairfax** (S28, S37, S38, S47, S53, S58, S59, S60, S61, and S62), and the general movement of **Fairfax** south to incorporate Palmwoods (S14, S25, S47, S58, and S61) from **Fisher**.

We support including the communities of Cherbourg, the remainder of South Burnett, and neighbouring hinterland communities in **Flynn** (S14, S28, S38, S58, S59, and S62).

We are in support of **Forde** moving south to better cover the growing connecting communities in southern Logan and northern Gold Coast areas; these new-build communities share a similar experience and would otherwise be outliers in a primarily Logan or primarily Gold Coast focused electorate. Transferring Logan Village and Yarrabilba into **Forde** (S14, S25, S28, S43, and S60) and losing Boronia Heights and

Park Ridge to **Rankin,** consolidating communities with stronger links to Logan (S14, S25, S28, S37, S42, S47, S57, S58, and S62).

We support **Griffith** largely staying as it is currently arranged (S28 and S34) to minimise elector movement, and we broadly support moving small, currently disconnected communities on the east into Bonner.

We support the transfer of parts of Lockyer Valley into **Groom** (to varying degrees S14, S28, S38, S42, S58, S61 and S59).

We broadly support the desire to unite more of the outlying communities near Townsville within **Herbert**, particularly where these are being gained from **Kennedy** (S25, S42, S61, and S62).

We support retaining **Hinkler** largely orientated around Bundaberg and Hervey Bay, with limited transfers at the boundaries where required, allowing the overall character to be retained without large-scale transfers of electors (S28 and S62).

Kennedy represents a significant challenge for creating a coherent electorate. Currently the electorate contains outer suburbs of Cairns, Mount Isa, and communities south of Townsville. We support the goal of consolidating Cairns communities within Leichhardt (S37, S43, S47, S58, S59, and S61) and support transferring western communities of Boulia and Winton into **Kennedy** (S14 and S25). We note several submissions express concern about representing a geographically large electorate. We believe these issues are best addressed by strengthening **Kennedy's** identity as a western Queensland electorate, rather than continuing to divide its representation between coastal and outer-urban communities and the regional and remote communities of western Queensland. We have proposed only minor changes at this redistribution, but believe a future redistribution should consider a more substantial realignment of **Kennedy's** boundaries to better reflect its regional identity and strengthen the representation of western Queensland communities.

We support the movement of **Lilley** north, which has broad agreement among submissions (S10, S14, S28, S37, S38, S43, S47 S59, S60, S61, and S62), uniting communities in Aspley. We note several have proposed more southern boundaries (e.g. Beams Rd or the rail line), but this results in Carseldine and Fitzgibbon being split and we support a more northern boundary. This also supports reuniting southern communities in **Brisbane**, such as Stafford, Nundah, and Kedron (S14, S25, S37, S55, S59, S61, and S62).

We support including more hinterland communities in McPherson, as these communities are primarily socially and economically connected to the east (S14, S25, S28, S37, S38, S43, S47, S58, S59, S61, and S62) and otherwise separated from **Wright** by the natural boundary of the ranges.

We support consolidating the suburb of Oxley in **Moreton** (S14, S26, S43, S59 and S62), and using Jindalee Creek as a natural boundary, which is otherwise crossed by only two small bridges. We generally support the consolidation of south-eastern suburbs in **Moreton**, including Pallara / Willawong (S26, S42, S47, S58, S60, S61, and S62) and Algester (S14, S25, S28, S34, S37, S38, S42, S43, S47, S52, S53, S57, S58, S59, S60, S61, and S62).

Voter confusion seems to be the primary reason others have proposed Oxley suburb joining **Oxley** electorate, noting Oxley Creek already passes through **Moreton**, but the general view is that this suburb should be reunited (S2, S28, S35, S37, S38, S53, S57 and S61).

We suggest renaming **Moreton** to "***Oxley***" if the commission is concerned by the suburb name, as it has more electors from this suburb and hosts the current community centre and train station. **Moreton** is currently named after Moreton Bay, which it has no relationship with, and can be confused with Moreton Bay City on the other side of Brisbane. Moreton is also a misspelling of its namesake, a Scottish Lord Morton, with limited connection to Australia.

Oxley would then require renaming, with appropriate consultation with First Nations communities and elders, some options could include "*Woogaroo*" as the First Nations name for the area and creek which runs from White Rock – Spring Mountain Conservation area north through the middle of the electorate, or "*Inala"*, as it is a significant and prominent community within the electorate for the multicultural and First Nations communities and takes its name from the Yugambeh–Bundjalung word meaning *resting time* or *night time*.

We support the suggestion that **Oxley** gains suburbs from **Blair**, using Swanbank as a clear natural boundary. This includes Redbank Plains and greater Springfield as the existing division between separate communities sharing transport links, shopping centres, schools, and services. (S14, S25, S26, S34, S42, S43, S47, S57, S58, S59, S61, and S62).

We support the broad agreement to move **Petrie** north, transferring Aspley, Carseldine and other southern suburbs out of **Petrie** (S10, S14, S25, S28, S37, S38, S42, S47, S53, S55, S59, S60, and S61), gaining suburbs from **Longman**.

We support the broad agreement to move **Rankin** south, gaining Boronia Heights and Park Ridge (S14, S25, S28, S37, S38, S42, S43, S47, S49, S57, S58, and S62), Forestdale (S42, S47, S57, S58, and S60), and the suburbs east of the M1 like Shailer Park and Cornubia (S28, S37, S38, S47, S53, S58, S59 and S60), losing Rochedale South (S25, S34, S37, S38, and S62) to **Bonner.**

The Brisbane–Logan LGA boundary divides several otherwise connected communities. The Islamic College of Brisbane is a major community centre and would

be separated from its neighbouring communities if the LGA boundary was followed. A clear example is Kuraby and Underwood, which share local services, transport connections and commercial activity, yet are divided electorally along a minor road. We support reuniting this community within **Moreton** (S28, S37 and S53), removing it from **Rankin**, prioritising its established connections over an administrative boundary.

We agree with suggestions S47 and S58 that Karana Downs and Mount Crosby do not have strong connections to **Ryan,** and these areas should remain in **Blair**, and their strong connections to Ipswich.

We support the suggestions to gain parts of Bardon, Paddington and Milton (S10, S14, S37, S42, S47, S53, S59, S61, and S62), though we disagree to this extent.

We broadly support transferring Sunshine Coast hinterland areas into **Wide Bay** (S6, S14, S28, S34, S37, S38, S42, S47, S53, S58, S59, and S60). We note the suggestions (S34, S37, S43, S54, and S61) to change the name of **Wide Bay** as it has little connection to the geographical feature it is named after, and support the suggestion. We suggest naming it after the river, which is the primary connector for the whole area, a Gubbi Gubbi name for the Mary River is "*Moocooboola*" amongst others. Consultation with First Nations communities should be undertaken to determine the most appropriate name.

We support moving Logan Village communities out of **Wright** and into **Forde** (S14, S20, S25, S28, S38, S43, S53, and S60) and **Rankin** (S42, S57, S58, and S60). We support the movement of parts of Lockyer Valley out of **Wright** into **Groom** (S14, S28, S34, S37, S38, S42, S43, S47, S56, S58, S59, S61, and S62) and gaining areas near Rosewood from **Blair** (S37, S38, S47, S58, and S61) which will support better interconnectivity for **Wright** between its communities, especially important given it is currently physically separated by the Little Liverpool Range.

Suggestions we do not support

We oppose significant transfers of eastern **Griffith** communities, including Carina and Cannon Hill, into **Bonner** (mentioned to different degrees in S14, S43, S47, S53, S57, S58, S59, S60, S61). These proposals would unnecessarily disrupt established communities when smaller boundary adjustments can achieve the required population balance. We also dispute claims (S57, S59 and S60) that these changes would reunite communities, particularly where they replace the clear boundary of Creek Road with a boundaries running through residential streets. Smaller transfers around Whites Hill Reserve or Park Hill Estate would be less disruptive alternatives.

We note the request of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council CEO (S44) and other submissions (S25, S34, S37 and S62) to transfer the area as a whole. Doing so would negatively impact western Toowoomba region communities that would need to be

moved out of Groom into Maranoa, and it seems based on the artificial boundaries of LGAs. The partial transfer of western Lockyer Valley to **Groom** represents the best compromise.

We note the broad requests for southern Townsville suburbs to be included in **Herbert**, the challenge is that this would come at the cost of other communities elsewhere with the most common outcome being inclusion in **Kennedy**, and would cause that electorate to be even less coherent and lacking identity. We do not support the transfer of Palm Island (S37), which would be detrimental to the First Nations community primarily connected to Townsville. Our proposal was to unite smaller regional communities to the north and west of Ross River and consolidate more of the south and eastern communities to ensure they retain a community of interest and have greater representation within **Dawson**.

We do not support the movement of the entirety of the Bundaberg urban area from **Hinkler** (S14, S34, S37, S38, S42, S43, S47, S53, S58, S59, and S60), this would the outer communities, such as Bargara, to lose connection to their economic and service centre. Including Bundaberg would significantly reorient **Flynn** away from its regional communities and toward coastal urban areas.

We do not support the transfer of western **Longman** around Woodford, particularly the proposal that it should join **Wide Bay** (S60) which is a significant overextension.

We do not support the expansion of **Maranoa** into new regions and generally support retaining its southern and western character (S14, S28, S31, S37, S58, S59, and S62). Required population changes can be met by relatively minor adjustments to communities already neighbouring the electorate within the Toowoomba region. We oppose expanding **Maranoa** into Somerset (S38, S53 and S60) or further north into Central Highlands (S25, S34, S43 and S52). These proposals would incorporate communities, such as Lowood, just outside Ipswich, with Charleville and Dalby, communities with different economic and service connections to **Maranoa's** existing western and southern communities, further weakening an already geographically extensive electorate's coherence. The required population adjustments can instead be achieved through smaller changes around its existing boundaries.

We caution the commission against treating local government boundaries as a primary justification for electoral boundaries. While LGAs can help identify communities of interest, administrative boundaries do not necessarily reflect how communities live, work, access services or interact. Where an LGA boundary divides an otherwise connected community, greater weight should be given to the community's practical connections.

Several submissions have proposed including the Karana Downs - Mount Crosby area in **Ryan**. We do not support this proposal, and it appears to be based on filling a gap

on a map and the LGA boundary rather than the community itself (S14, S25, S28, S34, S37, S42, S43, S53, S59, S60, and S61). Some explicitly note that this is driven by LGA boundaries without due consideration of the community itself (S53, S59, S60, S42 and S61).

Conservation areas separate the area from the rest of **Ryan**, creating a natural boundary, and it connects to the north only via a single road (Mount Crosby Rd). The community has a strong connection to Ipswich as its primary services hub, as argued by S47 and S58. Census data shows the larger proportion of the community travels to Ipswich and southern Brisbane suburbs (like Rocklea and Wacol) for work. School catchment areas favour the southern connection, with Mount Crosby State School catchment extending south into Chuwar and the Karana Downs - Mount Crosby area falls within the Ipswich State High School catchment. The area also has a distinct semi-rural character, with large acreage properties, similar to **Blair** communities in Karalee and Barellen Point, rather than **Ryan's** urban communities. Including it in **Ryan** would cross an established natural boundary without meaningfully improving community representation. Taken together, these geographic and service connections demonstrate a stronger justification for retaining the area in **Blair** than simply following the Brisbane City Council boundary.

We also do not support the proposal (S34, S58, and S60) to move Samford Valley into **Ryan**, primarily as it crosses the natural boundary of the D'Aguilar Range. As with previous suggestions, the Samford Valley area differs significantly from **Ryan's** inner urban character and would divide the valley communities from the neighbouring Cedar Creek and Draper, with which it shares the most common experience, and split the Samford State School catchment. The required population changes can readily be accommodated without crossing natural boundaries; several communities around **Ryan** are currently divided and could be reunited by appropriate shifts, such as Enggoerra, Milton and Rosalie.

We do not support the submissions (S25, S28, S34, and S62) which seek to have several electorates cross the Brisbane River in the urban centre, notably **Brisbane** and **Ryan.** We note that the LNP's proposal would divide communities like Westlake and Middle Park to achieve its aims and therefore fail its own "compliance checks" to retain communities of interest.

We thank the commission again for this opportunity.

Kind regards,

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Addendum

As a party and movement deeply committed to protecting our environment and its lizard inhabitants:

All hail the Queen!

