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The Secretary
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Dear Secretary

I refer to your advertisement in The Australian on Saturday, 19th September, 2026, calling for 'suggestions' for the redistribution of electoral boundaries for Queensland, and for 'Comments' closing on Friday 30th October, 2026.

Corrections:-

I refer to my 'suggestions' on Friday, 16th October, 2026 which I stated on Page 9:-

'In the tables, I acknowledge that my totals for the State do not align with the totals given by the commission.

I am approximately 2,000 under on one side, and the same amount over on the other side.'

I have now brought those totals to within 2 voters for both the current and projected totals.

I enclose the revised totals, together with a summary table.

On Page 2 when rereading my submission for first paragraph needed rewording.

It should have read:-

'Here we have two sets of projection figures, one your Committee uses from the ABS, and one from the Queensland Government, used for the recent Queensland State boundary's redistribution, which shows the same thing, the area from Townsville north, is holding 'its own' in growth with the State average and therefore should not have lost an electorate in the recent State Redistribution.'

On Page 8 under the heading *Logan-Beaudesert* I said:-

'As I mentioned above I suggest that Ryan become a Division wholly within the Logan Local Authority Area.'

It should have read:-

'As I mentioned above I suggest that ***Rankin*** *become a Division wholly within the Logan Local Authority Area.'*

Please note those corrections.

Amendment:-

After reading the 'suggestions', especially from the ALP, I agree that Karana Downs and all of those nearby localities which are within the Brisbane City Council area should be in the Division of Ryan

I have amended my tables accordingly, which included minor changes to my 'suggested' Divisions of Ryan, Brisbane, and Dickson, so as to 'fit' Karana Downs SA2 into the suggested Division of Ryan.

Even with Karana Downs SA2 removed from my 'suggested' Division of Blair it still falls within the statutory requirements, so I did not have to make to 'suggested' amendments to Divisions surrounding my 'suggested' Division of Blair.

'Suggested' names of Divisions

There were many and varied suggested names for 'suggested' Divisions.

Bob Richardson S52

I suggested the retirement of the name Flynn and to be replaced by 'suggested' Division of Adermann within the Sunshine Coast Hinterland.

ALP S60

The ALP states of Page 1:- *'At this time, the ALP does not seek to make submissions on the naming of divisions and leaves this for the AEC to consider,* however on *Page 10,* 3rd paragraph states:-

The ALP notes the significant and strong historical connection with the Hinlker name to the area of Bundaberg and raises this as a matter for the AEC's consideration for naming of electoral divisions.

LNP S62

As far as I can see the LNP have made no specific 'suggestions' on changing any of the existing divisions names.

Greens S63

The Greens state:-

'As our recommendations aim to reduce overall changes to electoral boundaries where possible we recommend that electoral names remain as they currently are to reduce confusion to electors.'

Callan S7

Callan suggests a Division be named after Wayne Goss, former Queensland Premier.

Benjamin Close S14 (originally listed as Anonymous)

Mr Close suggests that the name 'Groom' be replaced by 'Brown' after Bill Brown, an Australian cricketer from the 1930's to 1948.

Hamish McDowall S25

Mr McDowall suggests that the Division of Flynn by abolished, the name 'Flynn' be retired, and the replacement division be called 'Hayden' after former Governor General and Federal Leader Bill Hayden, and Lew Edwards former Deputy Premier of Queensland.

Ty Hardin S32

Mr Hardin suggests that four regional electorates of Capricorina, Leichhardt, Kennedy, and Maranoa be replaced by first nations names of places or distinguished first nation persons namely:-

Capricornia:- Tunula (the Darumbal name for the Fitzroy River system).

Leichhardt:- Mabo (after Eddie Marbo) or Kuku Yalanji which recognised the First Nations land and sea stewardship across Cape York and the Torres Strait.

Kennedy:- Gudjuda or Yirrganydji to honour First Nations coastal and river catchments of Tropical North Queensland.

Maranoa:- Formally recognise Mandandanji and Gungarri Country roots across the Balonne and Maranoa River systems.

Anonymous 7 S33

This person suggests replacing the Division of Petrie with 'Beetson' after Arthur Beetson, a former Rugby League player.

Andrew Kamler S34

Mr Kalmer States:-

'The big question is what going to happen to the name 'Flynn'.

He goes on to say:-

'I do believe that the name 'Flynn' should be retained on the electoral map.'

Delun S35

Delun suggests that the name ‘Moreton’ be retired because it is nowhere near Moreton Bay and be replaced by ‘Hayden’.

Moreton is a Federation Division an I am reluctant to recommend retiring ‘Federation Divisions’.

Before the current Regional Council, there was a Moreton Shire which existed from 1917 to 1995 located west of Ipswich.

I checked the Parliamentary Handbook, and found that the Division of Moreton covered an area from the coast inland to west of Ipswich from 1901 to the 1954 redistribution.

Since then it has been a Brisbane City Division located south of the Brisbane River.

It has co-existed with the previous Moreton Shire Council and the current Moreton Bay Regional Council.

I don’t believe it has caused that much confusion that warrants a retirement of a name of a Federation Division.

Daren McSweeney S43

In his submission Mr McSweeney, last paragraph on Page 10 states:-

*I propose that the name W**ide Bay** be retired. This would give the commission greater flexibility in naming divisions across the wider Sunshine Coast, Fraser Coast and Burnett regions.*

Should the commission prefer not to alter any existing division name, I propose the following sequence of renames, which preserves the use of all three names:

- *The division I have proposed as Flynn comprising Gladstone and Bundaberg re renamed* ***Hinkler.***

- *The division I have proposed as* ***Hinkler****, comprising Hervey Bay, Maryborough and Cooloola be renamed* ***Wide Bay.***

- *The new division comprising Gympie, Nambour, and Somerset be named* ***Flynn****.*

I looked at this when making my 'suggestions', and decided that at this point of time, it would cause confusion amongst voters to call a division 'Flynn' in a completely different area to where it currently covers.

Remember both the Divisions Oxley and Parkes have been retired and brought back after being retired for a number of years.

Maps in the Parliamentary Handbook show Oxley with a slight overlap on the divisions abolished in 1933 and the one created in 1948.

The Parliamentary Handbook maps also show that the Division of Parks which was abolished in the 1968 Redistribution was an inner Sydney Division much where the Division of Watson is today, where as the one created in 1984 was a Western New South Wales Division based on Dubbo and now extends right across western New south Wales to the south Australian border.

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Louise Elizabeth Shellshear S45
&
Neal Macrossan S48

Both of these submissions supported a Division being named after **John Murtagh Macrossan**, *who was a pivotal player in the direction of the first two Australian Federation conventions in Melbourne and Sydney in 1890 and 1891.*

I was very interested to read both submissions, and surprised to learn that Mr. Arthur Fadden (former Prime Minister) moved a motion in the House of Representatives, in 1948, that the current Division of Leichhardt be called Macrossan.

In those days the Parliament had 'the last say' on electoral boundaries and names.

I also read an article about Mr Macrossan on Wikipedia.

It is a wonder that this information 'did not come out', when the Queensland Electoral Commission suggested an electorate of the Queensland Parliament be named 'Macrossan' in 2008.

There were a number of adverse comments in the media about an electorate being named 'Macrossan', a railway siding near the Burdekin River outside Charters Towers.

The Queensland Electoral Commission (QRC) eventually called the electorate 'Dalrymple' after George Dalrymple.

After reading Wikipedia account of Mr Dalrymple, I am surprised QRC chose the name 'Dalrymple' over 'Macrossan'.

I believe that the person after which a division is named, should have relevance to that area.

Until there is an increase in the size of the Parliament I do not see North Queensland receiving a new division, however I believe Mt Macrossan's name should be 'kept in mind' when deciding names for new divisions.

Stuart Ashdown S46

Mr Ashdown says:-

I am a Queensland elector and I make this submission on one point: please keep the existing names of Queensland Federal Divisions, and keep boundary changes to the minimum needed to meet the enrolment requirements of the electoral Act.

It is clear of what Mr Ashsown thinks of name changes.

Dr Mark Mulcair S47

Mr Mulcair, says:-

Although several divisions undergo significant change, they all retain their general arrangement and focus, and I suggest all seats retain their existing names.

Mr Mulcair does not see the need to change any of the existing names.

Gretchen S54

Gretchen lists the current Queensland State electorates named after deceased persons, which will be retired at the next State election which will occur after the next Federal elections.

He says that this redistribution should refrain from suggesting Divisions named after those persons.

I would have thought that was obvious.

He questions the need for geographic names.

Most of those geographic names are ‘Federation Divisions’.

I am reluctant to retire the names of ‘Federation Divisions’.

He goes on to name a number of persons he considers Divisions could be considered for Divisional names:-

- Mabo, after Ernestine Mabo, AO, wife of Eddie Mabo.
- Lyell after Lottie Lyell, Australia’s first film star.
- Kellerman after Annette Kellerman, a pioneer of the women’s one-piece swimming costume and fitness advocate.

Corey Baker S61

Corey Baker says:-

Proposal

Instead both of these concerns can be addressed through the creation of a new division between Wide Bay and Fairfax, with Wide Bay gaining Hervey Bay from Hinkler. This would occur with abolition of Flynn to maintain 30 divisions, which allows for a well-needed reconfiguration of divisions up the north coast.

Corey goes explain the *'Selection of Flynn for abolition',* in detail and goes on to say:-

Based on this guideline and the new division being a northern Sunshine Coast division, I recommend that it be named Irwin (after Steve Irwin). He is a notable and well regarded individual who rendered outstanding service to Australia through his work as a conservationist.

Steve Irwin certainly fits the 'Guidelines for New Divisions'.

While I am sticking with my suggestion of 'Adermann', 'Irwin' is worth considering.

General comments on names for Divisions submitted

The names submitted certainly cover a wide spectrum of Australian life,'founding fathers, politicians, sporting personalities, conservationists, and many others.

From the above submissions there appears only two names of existing Divisions which appear to be contention to be retired Flynn and Wide Bay.

As Wide Bay is a Federation Division I support its retention.

As for the replacement name I nominated ‘Adermann’.

Now its up to the Redistribution Committee to propose the names of all divisions.

Electoral boundaries

North Queensland Divisions of Leichhardt, Kennedy, Herbert, and Dawson.

Before looking at those Divisions individually I make a few comments about the collectively.

The three Northers Divisions of Leichhardt, Kennedy, and Herbert are within the statutory requirements, both on current enrolments, and projected enrolments.

The Division of Dawson is well below the statutory requirements on projected enrolments, however not enough to allow all the Mackay Regional Council area (including Sarina SA2, practically the old Sarina Shire) to be included without substantial changes to the electorates further north.

As this redistribution is expected to last one election period I question the need to disrupt, which division voters reside in, and then re-disrupt them in three years time.

An example is there are a few suggestions to transfer the suburb of Bentley Park back into the Division of Leichhardt, and then it would be necessary to return it to the Division of Kennedy in 2029.

Three elections, each time a different Division when the residents go to vote,, when there is no statutory requirement for this to occur.

I believe ‘left alone’ the Division of Leichhardt could remain within statutory requirements in 2029, even allowing for the quota to be reduced by approximately 4,000 voters.

The Queensland Electoral Commission in its last redistribution pushed all of the electorates north of Townsville to their upper limits to accommodate the LNP request to abolish the electorate of Hill.

This, pushing divisions to their upper limits, would would need to occur to the Divisions of Leichhardt, Kennedy, and Herbert, to accommodate the Sarina SA2 in the Division of Dawson, and then ‘upended’ again in 2029, if as expected Queensland obtains an extra division.

With respect, I believe this Redistribution Committee should make no changes to the Divisions of Leichhardt and Kennedy, and only add the remainder of the Annandale SA2 to the Division of Herbert from the existing Division of Dawson.

Leichhardt

Suggestion for this Division vary from ‘no change’ removing Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands, alteration around Kuranda and adding Bentley Park.

On enrolment requirements, none of these changes are necessary.

Submissions with no changes

LNP

I congratulate the LNP for suggesting ‘***Leichhardt*** *– no change proposed’*

This would be the first time since the formation of the LNP that they have not suggested that Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands be ‘taken out of Leichhardt’.

I wonder if the retirement of the long standing LNP Member for Leichhardt, Mr Warren Entsch, brought with it a ‘change of heart’ on this matter, or is it just a coincidence.

The residents of Cape York and the Torres Strait were ‘very kind’ to Mr Entsch in the ‘ballot box’.

I wonder if Mr Enstch returned this gratitude by requesting his party to ‘suggest’ that ‘the Cape and the Islands’ be taken out of Leichhardt.

One will probably never know, but it is pleasing to see the LNP now supports this area remaining in Leichhardt.

ALP

From the tables on Page 14 of their submission, they state:-
Leichhardt:- *net change 0*

Suggested removal of Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands from the existing Division

This time it has got down to just two submissions suggesting this.

Jeff Waddell S37

Mr Waddell, you are left on your own, as a regular contributor, wanting to reduce the representation the residents of Cape York and the Torres Strait receive from their Federal Member.

Even Dr Mark Mulcair S47 states:-

Leichhardt

Previous redistributions have clearly established the general arrangement of Leichhardt and neighbouring Kennedy, and there has been resistance and push back to any suggestions of major changes here (e.g. transferring Cape York). I agree with this.

While roads in the 'Cape' have have improved, many communities are still 'cut off' for the duration of the 'wet season' which can stretch from December to April. (Christmas to Easter)

The residents of the Torres Strait will have to always have to rely on air and sea for their goods and services.

From which centre do those flights and those ships leave from?

Cairns

It is vital that Cairns Airport remains in the electorate that contains ‘The Cape’ and ‘The Islands’.

Section 66 (3) (b) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 sets out the issues which the Redistribution Committee must give due consideration, in relation to each proposed electoral division.

I believe ‘The Cape’ and ‘The Islands’ tick every one of those conditions for being in division which Cairns is the main centre.

The Member’s Electoral Office of Leichhardt is in Cairns.

The Member’s Electoral Offices for Kennedy are in Innisfail and Mareeba.

There is very little public transport from Cairns to Innisfal and Mareeba.

How is a resident of say from Thursday Island flying into Cairns going to get to Mareeba or Innisfail and back in one day without a private car?

Very difficult.

The Division of Leichhardt is 148,559 sq km

The Division of Kennedy is 567,377 sq km

The total area of the State of Victoria (Australia) is 227,600 sq km.

It is not only the size of Leichhardt which makes it different from most other Federal Divisions, it is remoteness of most of those communities on ‘The Cape’ and ‘The Islands’ and means a Member has to travel to get to some of them.

Home Affairs Minister Tony Burke recently went with the Member for Leichhardt Mat, Smith, to the outer Torres Strait Islands.

On his return to Cairns, he told the press he got a far better understanding of the issues by being there, talking to the locals, and seeing the interaction with people from Papua New Guinea, Australia’s only international border.

The Division of Leichardt has the largest population of First Nations people of any Federal Division except the Northern Territory, and most of them live in remote communities on ‘The Cape’ or on the Torres Strait Islands.

Mr Waddell, I have raised these issues with you at previous redistributions, but it seem to have no influence on your ‘suggestion’ redistribution after redistribution.

It may pay you to come and have a look of the situation up here and how difficult it would for a Member to service ‘The Cape’ and ‘The Islands’ without Cairns being in the same electorate.

Corey Baker S61

I gone over the issues in reply to Mr. Waddell, and see no purpose in going over them again except to say the boundaries you ‘suggest’ in Leichhardt may look ‘ok’ on a map, but in reality they are unrealistic.

Kuranda

There were a number of submissions, including the Greens, S63, suggesting changes to boundary, most wanting to transfer the locality to the Division of Kennedy mainly, because it is in the Mareeba Shire.

There is no numeral requirement for this to occur if the southern boundary on the coast remains where it is.

The residents of Kuranda, while living in the Mareeba Shire have a greater affiliation to those communities ‘down the range’ in the northern suburbs of Cairns.

Economically it relies on tourism more than the rest of the Mareeba Shire, with the Kuranda markets, Kuranda Tourist Train, and Skyrail, a cable car from Caravonica on the coast to Kuranda over the World Heritage listed rainforest.

Recently both the train and the Skyrail were ‘out of action’ and there were reports of business in Kuranda ‘feeling the pinch’.

Many residents of Kuranda work on the coast and travel up and down the range every because of its cooler climate compared to the coast.

I believe Kuranda could become a large residential area of Cairns if governments would build a ‘decent road’ and replace the bridge over the Barron River at Kuranda, which is past its ‘use by date’.

Bureaucratic ‘bull dung’ that there is no need for a new road for fifty years is holding Kuranda ‘back’, and crippling the sugar industry on the coast with land being taken up for residential development.

There have been two attempts by Redistribution Committees to take Kuranda out of the Division of Leichhardt, in 1997 & 2009, both overturned by the Augmented Commission.

I would have though that the Greens local membership would told their State Office Kuranda’s connection to the coast and further north to the Daintree Rainforest.

Bentley Park

There are a number of ‘suggestions’ that Bentley Park be returned to the Division of Leichhardt.

There is no need numerically for this to occur.

As I said previously in this submission, if Queensland gains another Division in 2029 it will have to return to Kennedy at that redistribution as each division will have to lose approximately 4,000 voters to accommodate the new division.

If Bentley Park stays stays in Kennedy at this redistribution there is a possibility, depending on projected enrolments, the Division of Leichhardt may be able to remain as it is, or just a slight contraction to Foster Road Mount Sheridan if there is another Redistribution in 2029.

If it was expected that this redistribution would last the normal seven year life span, I would probably support its return to Leichhardt, depending on the projected enrolments supplied by the ABS through the AEC.

Residents get annoyed when they are kept being transferred form one division to another.

During the period period 1992 to 2009 there were six redistributions over seven terms, and by 2009 there was ‘redistribution fatigue’, not only with the voters but also those connected to the redistribution.

I went to the Augmented Commissions hearing in Cairns in 2009 and the main discussion with the Member for Kennedy, Bob Katter was the number of times Queensland was being redistributed, due to their entitlement being increased just about every term.

Maggie Perry S59

Maggie raised the issue of a part of Mount Sheridan in Kennedy.

This was done deliberately by the 2017 Redistribution Committee because that area of Mount Sheridan could only be accessed by Robert Road in Bentley Park.

There are 69 current and 71 projectors electors in that area.

This area is now a part of Bentley Park according ABS 2026 Edition 4.

I respectively suggest to the Redistribution Committee that they leave the boundary between the Divisions of Leichardt and Kennedy as it is for its the full duration from the Coral Sea to the Gulf of Carpentaria.

Kennedy

LNP S62

The LNP says:-

Kennedy – The Boulia Shire is transferred to Maranoa, reflecting the boundary between state districts of Flinders and Gregory and allowing consistency of representation across levels of government.

The Boulia Shire in the 2017 Redistribution requested to be transferred from the Traeger electorate to the Gregory electorate on the grounds that *their front line services flow from Longreach.*

Also, *another strong argument is the Boulia Shire Council inclusion in the outback tourism network, known as Remote Area Planing and Development Board or RAPAD shires. These shires include Boulia, Diamantina, Barcoo, Winton, Longreach and Barcaldine.*

The Queensland Redistribution Commission accepted their request.

In the following Federal Redistribution the LNP at the ‘objection’ stage requested that the Boulia Shire be transferred to the Division of Maranoa, but the Boulia Shire Council did not.

I pointed this out in my ‘Comments’ on ‘Objections’.

The Augmented Commission in there final report left the Boulia Shire in the Division of Kennedy, noting that the request came from the LNP and not the Boulia Shire Council.

The same thing has occurred this time, the ‘suggestion’ coming from the LNP and not the Boulia Shire Council.

The numbers are small 239 current enrolment and 241 projected enrolment.

My belief is that the Redistribution Committee should follow the wishes of the Boulia Shire Council.

If they request it, grant it, if the don’t. leave the Shire in the Division of Kennedy.

On the matter of those Western Shires, Mr Waddell S37, the Greens S63, have suggested splitting those Shires between the Divisions of Kennedy and Maranoa.

I totally oppose such a suggestion.

My understanding from what they have submitted to Redistributions, both State and Federal, is they work very closely together, such as sharing machinery, block purchasing, etc. and any move to split those Shires would be resisted just as the Queensland Redistribution Commission found out when they proposed to split the Blackall-Tambo Shire between the electorates of Gregory and Warrego at the recent State Redistribution.

Corey Baker S61

Corey Baker says:- *Kennedy- Maranoa Mount Isa, Mount Isa surrounds, Northern Highlands SA2's and the remainder of Far Central West SA2*

Other what I said above about the Boulia Shire I see no need at this redistribution for any of the above to be transferred to the Division of Maranoa.

Kennedy does not need to lose any electors, let alone that amount.

Steve Waddell S37

Steve Waddell on Page 47 says:-

Around Townsville, Kennedy gains Palm Island.

Corey Baker S61

Corey Baker says:-

Herbert -Kennedy Palm Island

I totally object to their suggestion to transfer Palm Island from the Division of Herbert to the Division of Kennedy.

These people were forcibly transferred there from all over North Queensland under State Government policies the from 1914 to 1971.

All there services are provided from Townsville, not Ingham.

The 2017 Queensland State Redistribution proposed to transfer the Island from the electorate of Townsville to Hinchinbrook.

The Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council lodged an 'objection'.

The Commission in its final report wrote:-

Hinchinbrook and Townsville

The Commission had proposed that Palm Island be transferred to Hinchinbrook, as Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council is surrounded by the Hinchinbrook Shire Council and therefore they imagined that this change would better unite local councils in the area.

After reviewing public feedback, the Commission accepts that the major travel, communication and shared interest of Palm Island are with Townsville and hence have reversed this change, retaining Palm Island in Townsville.

In the recent State Redistribution the LNP suggested that Palm Island be transferred to Hinchinbrook.

The Queensland Redistribution Commission wrote in its report on proposed boundaries:-

The district retains Palm Island which has its primary transport link to central Townsville.

The Commission gave consideration to whether Palm Island should be included in Townsville or Hinchinbrook, noting the 2017 proposed redistribution included Palm Island in Hinchinbrook but ultimately decided it should remain in Townsville following consideration of objections to the proposal. The Commission also noted the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council resolved to lodge an objection highlighting Palm Island's social, cultural and service connections with Townsville should the Commission propose its transfer to Hinchinbrook. The Commission will consider any submissions received on the manner.

The Commission on Page 133 of its final Report says:-

The Commission noted the submission from Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council (O-577) highlighting Palm Island's social, cultural, and service connections with Townsville, and is satisfied the island should remain in the district.

So after all that, Palm Island remains in the State electorate of Townsville.

I suspect any proposal to shift Palm Island out of the Federal Division of Herbert will be met by an 'objection' from the Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council, and rightly so.

Kennedy/Herbert/Dawson Boundary

There have been a number of ‘suggestions’ referring to the above boundary.

I be the first to agree it is a ‘mess’.

Its been a ‘mess’ since the 2009 Redistribution.

Other that transferring the remainder of the Annandale SA2 to the Division of Herbert from the Division of Dawson, I do not believe now is the time to make further changes.

With another redistribution probable in 2029, with the quota approximately 4,000 less than what it is now, I believe that is the time to sort this ‘mess’ out.

Herbert

There were a number of submissions referring to the boundaries of the Division of Herbert, which can be separated into three separate areas:-

Palm Island

I addressed that issue in the Division of Kennedy.

- **North of Townsville CBD**

The LNP ‘suggests’ that the Northern boundary between the Divisions of Herbert and Kennedy be shifted north to the Townsville-Hinchinbrook Local Government boundary.

The others including the ALP S60, ‘suggests’ moving the boundary south to the Black River (all of the Northern Beaches SA2 be in the Division of Kennedy) so that the Division of Herbert could ‘pick up’ areas south of the City from the Divisions of Dawson/Kennedy

Other submissions have made similar ‘suggestions’.

- **South of Townsville CBD**

There were number of ‘suggestions’ calling for a ‘clean up’ of the boundary in the this part of Townsville, including the ALP S 60, S15 (Anonymous 6), Andrew Kamler S34, Ben Last S38, Darren McSweeney S43 & Luke Dixon S53.

As I have previously said in this submission I support the transfer of the remainder of the Annandale SA2 (including the suburb of Annandale) from the Division of Dawson to the Division Herbert as it:-

- Can be done without any ‘flow on effects’ to other divisions.

- Allows more of the areas around the City of Mackay to be included in the division of Dawson.

However, I believe any other changes in the Townsville area should be left until the next redistribution probably in 2029, to avoid ‘double transferring’ of electors.

Dawson

The ‘suggestions’ for the Division of Dawson centre of three areas:-

- **The Dawson/Kennedy/Herbert boundary in the North of the division.**

I have discussed the issues around Townsville previously in the submission, however the area of the Division of Kennedy not discussed is that portion in the Burdekin Shire, around Millaroo and Clare.

There are 132 current and 133 projected electors in the area.

It was put in the Division of Kennedy by the Augmented Commission after their Cairns hearing in 2009 over the proposed transfer of Kuranda from the Division of Leichhardt to the Division of Kennedy.

From memory there was mention by the Redistribution Committee in their report of proposed boundaries of wanting to put this area in the Division of Kennedy, however they had ‘no room for it’.

After agreeing to leave Kuranda in the Division of Leichhardt, the Augmented Commission then decided to put the area in Kennedy.

I have not checked the 2009 Redistribution Committee’s Report for my memory accuracy, however the current Committee would have one available if they want to ‘follow it up’.

Where does it go in this redistribution?

I don’t think it matters, with such small numbers, however in keeping with my desire to keep transfers to a minimum I believe it should remain in the division of Kennedy.

- **Collinsville**

There were a number of submissions that suggested that the area in the Division of Capricornia including Collinsville and Mount Coolon should be transferred to the Division of Dawson on the basis it is a part of the Whitsunday Regional Council.

There is a current enrolment of 1,588 and a projected enrolment of 1,635 in the area in question.

Collinsville was the second largest community of the old Bowen Shire, which was amalgamated with the Whitsunday Shire in 2008 to form the Whitsunday Regional Council.

With six Divisions of approximately 4,000 electors making up the Whitsunday Regional Council, the Collinsville-Mount Coolon area does not even have a Division of ‘its own’.

I shares Division 4 with the coastal localities of Merinda, Guthalunga and Gumlu.

It is the only part of the Whitsunday Regional Council which is ‘not on the coast’.

Its economy is based on coal mining (and coal transport) and cattle grazing, where as the coastal portion of the Regional Council is based on small crops (Bowen), sugar (Prosperpine), and tourism throughout the coastal area.

It has been a part of the Capricornia Division since the 1997 Redistribution.

In line with my view to keep changes to a minimum at this Redistribution I suggest to the Redistribution Committee it remain in the Division of Capricornia,

- **Southern area around Mackay currently in the Division of Capricornia.**

There seems to be a universal view that this area currently in the Division of Capricornia be transferred to the Division of Dawson.

The question is, how much will fit, within the regularity requirements?

If the only change in the north is the transfer of the remainder of the Annandale SA2 to the Division of Herbert, I believe that the Sarina SA2 (basically the old Sarina Shire) will have to remain in the Division of Capricornia.

From my calculations, by including the Sarina SA2 in the Division of Dawson, it would have 'flow on effects' right through to the Division of Leichhardt, even possibly to the town of Kuranda.

I have tried to avoid this situation in North Queensland throughout my submissions.

It is not a perfect situation leaving the Sarina SA2 out of the 'suggested' Division of Dawson, but my suggested Division is far better for the majority of those electors living on the outskirts of Mackay, than the present situation.

Capricornia

From reading the submissions there seems to be a consensus that:-

- Capricornia loses as much of the Mackay area as possible.

I do not believe that this can include the Sarina SA2 because of the numeral restraints.

- Picks up all of the Rockhampton Regional Council area that is in the Division of Flynn.

I do not believe it is possible to include all of the Central Highlands Regional Council area as well as the Sarina SA2, Bouldercombe SA2, and Mount Morgan SA2, and remain within the numeral restraints.

I have no issue with the Central Highlands East SA2 which includes the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire being in the Division of Capricornia.

I could fit Sarina, Bouldersombe and Mount Morgan SA2's in if I included the Banana Shire (Banana and Biloela SA2;s) instead of the Central Highlands-West and Emerald SA2;s

I then had to decide what had the greater 'community of interest' with Rockhampton, Mount Morgan or Emerald.

I decided on Mount Morgan.

The issue with Central Highlands West SA2 is, it surrounds the town of Emerald, so to include Emerald a portion of the Central Highlands SA2 must be included.

The SA2 could be split.

Where does the remainder go?

The only possible Division would be Maranoa as it includes the Shires to the west of the Central Highlands Regional Council.

I believe it would be better to include all of the Central Highland-West and the Emerald SA2's in Maranoa.

I note that Maggie Perry S59 states:- *As a Biloela resident, Emerald and Blackwater have nothing to do with Biloela, let alone Gladstone.*

I once worked in Theodore, and the residents there said the city on the coast they go to for goods and services not available locally is Rockhampton, not Gladstone.

I believe residents of the Banana Shire would have about equal 'community of interest' claims to Rockhampton as would the residents of Emerald.

The residents of Bouldercombe and Mount Morgan certainly would would have greater claims than either of the above.

For the above reasons I 'suggest' to the Redistribution Commission that they include Bouldercombe, Mount Morgan, Central Highlands-East, Banana and Biloela SA2's in the Division of Capricornia, and the Central Highlands-West and Emerald SA2's in the Division of Maranoa.

The Division based on Gladstone
(Hinkler or Flynn)

LNP S62

The LNP wants to split Bundaberg along the Burnett River and taking in Kingaroy, Nanango, and Kilkivan.

ALP S60

The ALP wants the *urban centre of Bundaberg, as defined by the new State electoral boundary be transferred from Hinkler to Flynn.*

The Greens S63

The Greens Say:**-**

From Hinkler: Bundaberg North and regional communities to the south of the Burnett River, to south Bingera, and the communities of Apple Tree Creek and Childers, South Isis and parts of Cherwell and south of the Brice Highway to the Burrum River.

From Wide Bay: the South Burnett hinterland communities including Aramara, Kilkvan, Goomeri, and the remainder of the South Burnett Local government area.

Among the other submissions there were two lines of though:-

(a) roughly follow the LNP and the Greens submissions, with using the Burnett River as the boundary in Bundaberg and adding rural communities in the Hinterland.

(b) Joining the two cities of Gladstone and Bundaberg together, with very little rural areas.

While the ALP supports option (b) they want the southern boarder of the Division to follow the new State electoral Boundary, together with some of the existing Division of Flynn such as the Banana Shire, North Burnett Regional Council and part of the South Burnett Regional Council.

I believe that the enrolment numbers for both the current and projected enrolments allow for the whole of the Gladstone and Bundaberg Regional Council areas to be in one Division.

The rural areas to be transferred to my 'suggested' Divisions of Capricornia, Maranoa, and Wide Bay.

I believe this can be justified on 'community of interest' grounds.

Who would have the greater connection with Bundaberg?

Bargara and Childers or Monto and Gayndah'

I believe Childers and Bargara.

I note that these two cities were in the Division of Hinkler from its creation in 1984 to when the Division of Flynn was created on 2006.

I 'suggest' to the Redistribution Committee that whole of the Local Government areas of the Gladstone and Bundaberg be included in one division named Hinkler.

Conclusion

I will close this part of my submission, and send it.

Hopefully I will continue tomorrow and send it to you prior to closing time at 6pm EST.

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

Yours sincerely

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