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COMMENT ON SUGGESTIONS S60 AND S62

Keeping Glasshouse Country in Fisher

My name is Jesse Webb and I live in Beerwah with my wife, our adult child and our two young children. I am president of our local kindergarten and serve on the committee of our local chamber of commerce. I am writing as a local resident. I accept that Fisher, about 16 per cent over quota, must shed around 20,000 electors.[1]

Glasshouse Country belongs with the Sunshine Coast

I reject the Australian Labor Party's suggestion (S60). It would move the hinterland north into a Wide Bay centred on Gympie and Noosa.[2] Gympie is not a point of reference for us. Our roads, rail and services run along Steve Irwin Way and the Bruce Highway to the coast. Our GP, school and kindy are in Beerwah, and our hospital is Sunshine Coast University Hospital at Birtinya.

Peachester, Beerburrum, Glass House Mountains, Beerwah, Landsborough, Glenview and Mooloolah are all in Fisher today and within Sunshine Coast Council. They are one community, and my strong preference is that they stay together.

Beerwah is the growing centre of this community

Sunshine Coast Council's proposed planning scheme, still in draft, names Beerwah a District Activity Centre.[3] Beerwah is also where The Wave, the $5.5 billion rail line to Caloundra, joins the North Coast Line. It is funded by both governments, with contracts awarded and construction due from early 2027.[4] Beerwah East is planned for about 7,000 homes by 2041 and a future Major Regional Activity Centre.[5] This part of Fisher is growing around Beerwah, and its towns look first to Beerwah.

S62 with one adjustment on the southern corridor

I support the Liberal National Party's suggestion (S62) as the best basis for the new Fisher. It keeps the hinterland with the coast, keeps Fisher's core intact and keeps Fisher out of a Gympie-based Wide Bay.[2] I ask for one adjustment along the southern transport corridor: keep Glass House Mountains and Beerburrum (about 5,700 projected electors) in Fisher rather than moving them to Longman.[6] Those electors can be found on the coast instead:

- Jeff Waddell (S37) shows this works. It keeps Glasshouse Country whole in Fisher and moves areas such as Sippy Downs, Buddina-Minyama and Mooloolaba to Fairfax.[2]
- Fairfax can cede more of its north to Wide Bay, as Maggie Perry (S59) and S58 propose.[2]
- Hamish McDowall (S25) and the Queensland Greens (S63) also treat these towns as a group.[2]

If any part of Glasshouse Country must move, I ask that Beerwah, and as much of the surrounding community as possible, stays in Fisher. With this one change, I support S62.

Yours sincerely,



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Sources 1. AEC enrolment and quota figures. 2. AEC published suggestions: S25 Hamish McDowall, S37 Jeff Waddell, S58 Anonymous, S59 Maggie Perry, S60 Australian Labor Party (Qld), S62 Liberal National Party, S63 Queensland Greens (aec.gov.au). 3. Sunshine Coast Council, Proposed Sunshine Coast Planning Scheme (draft), Beerwah-Landsborough (haveyoursay.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/newplanningscheme). 4. Transport and Main Roads (Qld), The Wave (tmr.qld.gov.au). 5. Sunshine Coast Council, Invest Sunshine Coast, "Beerwah East" (invest.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au). 6. Glass House Mountains SA2 projection, from suggestion S43 (Darren McSweeney).