THE FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION QUEENSLAND

Submission CS73

Katter's Australian Party

Comment on Suggestions – Queensland Federal Redistribution

Submitted on behalf of Katter's Australian Party

Katter's Australian Party submits that any changes to the boundaries of the federal Division of Kennedy should be kept to an absolute minimum.
Kennedy is already one of Australia's largest federal electorates, encompassing vast distances, remote communities and geographically dispersed population centres. Its size presents significant challenges for effective representation, accessibility and maintaining strong connections between communities.

Importantly, the Australian Electoral Commission's own enrolment projections demonstrate that Kennedy comfortably meets the required quotas. With 126,729 enrolled electors as at 28 July 2026 and a projected enrolment of 130,523 by August 2028, Kennedy is expected to remain just 1.51% below the projected quota, well within the permitted 3.5% tolerance.

We note that several submissions to the Redistribution Committee support retaining Kennedy's existing boundaries:

- **Submission S38** – Ben Last expressly proposes no changes to Kennedy, recognising that its current and projected enrolments are within the required tolerances.
- **Submission S52** – Bob Richardson recommends no changes to Kennedy or Leichhardt, noting that all three northern electorates are within quota. He further suggests deferring consideration of the Kennedy–Dawson boundary until a future redistribution.
- **Submission S53** – Luke Dixon also expressly recommends no changes to Kennedy as part of his statewide redistribution proposal.

We also acknowledge Submission S34 – Andrew Kamler, which recognises that Kennedy can remain unchanged and highlights the importance of avoiding significant increases to the physical size of Kennedy and Leichhardt, although it identifies possible minor boundary adjustments around Townsville.

Katter's Australian Party agrees with the general position expressed in these submissions. Given Kennedy's existing geographic challenges and compliance with enrolment requirements, substantial boundary changes are unnecessary and risk further complicating the effective representation of remote and regional communities. Any adjustments should be limited to those strictly necessary to meet statutory requirements or resolve minor boundary anomalies, while preserving established communities of interest.
Katter's Australian Party therefore urges the Redistribution Committee to retain Kennedy's existing boundaries as far as practicable and avoid unnecessarily expanding an already vast electorate.

Yours sincerely,

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References

1. Submission S38 – Ben Last, page 3.
2. Submission S52 – Bob Richardson, pages 2–3.
3. Submission S53 – Luke Dixon, page 5.
4. Submission S34 – Andrew Kamler, page 3.