



Submission CS74

Australian Labor Party
(State of Queensland)

Australian Labor Party (State of Queensland) Comments on Submissions to the Australian Electoral Commission

Queensland Labor

Summary

The Australian Labor Party, State of Queensland (ALP) thanks the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) Redistribution Committee for Queensland for the opportunity to comment on suggestions regarding the redistribution of federal electoral divisions in Queensland.

The ALP maintains that the redistribution criteria can be met through minimal boundary adjustments and uniting genuine communities of interest. This is further supported by the likelihood that a more substantive redrawing of divisional boundaries will be required in the short term.

While submissions propose varying degrees of restructuring, some include more significant movements of electors and risk sacrificing established communities of interest. The ALP submits this would create unnecessary voter disruption, without delivering any additional benefit in meeting the statutory requirements.

Regional Queensland

The ALP submits there was a common theme among proposals addressing Regional Queensland, as well as substantial support for the ALP suggestion. That is, as boundaries in Regional Queensland shift south to rebalance electors and manage differences in population growth and quota requirements, the regional portions of Local Government Areas (LGAs) can be united with the division containing their primary service base. This strengthens the communities of interest around these employment and servicing hubs.

Leichhardt

The ALP reaffirms its position that no changes to Leichhardt are necessary to achieve the redistribution requirements.

Several submissions (S14, S38, S42, S53 and S62) support this position. Leichhardt is currently within quota at -1.36% and projected to remain so at -1.30%.

Herbert

Several submissions support the intent of the ALP submission and reference the opportunity to transfer further urban Townsville suburbs from the division of Dawson to the Townsville-based division of Herbert.

Herbert's enrolment is currently -2.98% and is projected to be -3.21%, close to lower the threshold of quota. This presents an opportunity to strengthen a community of interest, which is supported by many submissions (S5, S9, S15, S24, S25, S28, S34, S37, S38, S42, S47, S52, S53, S58, S59 and S61). Of these, several support returning Annandale to the division of Herbert (S38, S52 and S53).

The ALP notes submission S62 supports the ALP argument to unite a greater portion of the Townsville LGA within Herbert, however the ALP opposes the specific option proposed. The ALP instead supports the significant balance of submissions received about Herbert that advocate for the inclusion of greater portions of urban Townsville to its immediate south, insofar as quota allows.

Dawson & Capricornia

The ALP reiterates that this redistribution provides an opportunity to consolidate satellite communities of regional cities, such as those around Mackay and Rockhampton, within the same division.

Many submissions took this opportunity by returning electors from Mackay LGA to Dawson (S14, S15, S24, S25, S28, S34, S37, S38, S42, S47, S52, S53, S59 and S62) and Rockhampton LGA to Capricornia (S24, S25, S28, S34, S37, S38, S42, S47, S52, S53, S59, S61, S62 and S63). The ALP notes the agreement in these submissions with the central proposition that the AEC reunite Mackay LGA in Dawson and Rockhampton LGA in Capricornia.

The ALP notes submissions S62 and S63, which suggest the balance of the Whitsunday LGA be transferred from Capricornia to Dawson. Making this exchange would prevent the transfer of the full balance of the Mackay LGA to Dawson, even after the targeted transfer of electors from Dawson to Herbert proposed in the ALP submission. As such, the ALP submits that the AEC should prioritise uniting more of the Mackay LGA.

Furthermore, Collinsville is a rural mining community closely linked with other rural communities in the Isaac LGA, such as Moranbah, and distinct from the coastal communities of the Whitsunday LGA. Federal divisional boundaries since 1997 have retained Collinsville in the Capricornia division, acknowledging the connection between the mining communities across two LGAs and throughout the northern and central parts of the Bowen Basin.

Flynn & Hinkler

The proposal to move Bundaberg into the existing division of Flynn has considerable support among submissions (S14, S34, S37, S42, S47, S53, S58 and S59).

The ALP notes that S63 seeks to transfer only northern Bundaberg, specifically the area north of the Burnett River, to Flynn. This would split a significant urban community and goes against the general theme of this redistribution, which is to unite regional urban areas within a single division and avoid breaking established communities of interest. The ALP submits that the AEC should not adopt this change.

Submissions (S14, S34, S37, S42, S47, S53, S58 and S59) support the ALP proposal that, after the transfer of electors from Hinkler to Flynn, Hinkler extend its boundary south to include the balance of Fraser Coast LGA currently in Wide Bay, uniting Hervey Bay and Maryborough in one division.

Wide Bay & the Sunshine Coast

Considerable support exists for Wide Bay to extend south into the Sunshine Coast hinterland communities (S6, S37, S38, S43, S53, S61 and S63). These submissions consistently suggest that Wide Bay must extend into the Sunshine Coast LGA to both ease enrolment pressures in Fairfax and Fisher, as well as regain the electors it transfers north to assist other divisions in Regional Queensland to meet quota.

The ALP submission is one variation of this exchange, in which Wide Bay extends through the hinterland as far as Woodford. Many suggestions instead have Wide Bay take in more of northern and coastal Fairfax, and Fairfax take in more of Fisher, before Fisher takes in Woodford and surrounds from Longman.

Submissions S62 and S63 argue that Longman should gain electors from Beerburrum and Glasshouse from Fisher. Given Longman is over quota, the submitters' proposals for Longman to gain electors from Beerburrum and Glasshouse seem to be counterintuitive in meeting the AEC's quota requirements.

In contrast, the ALP submission seeks to transfer Longman's hinterland areas of Woodford and Wamuran to join other Sunshine Coast hinterland areas of Kenilworth, Maleny, Mapleton and Peachester from the over quota Fisher to join communities of interest in the division of Wide Bay. This addresses the over quota issues for Longman and Fisher, and under quota issues for Wide Bay much more succinctly than other proposals, while establishing a strong connection between the hinterland communities of interest and allowing Fairfax and Fisher to contract into seats defined by urban communities with a closer connection to the coast.

North of Brisbane

Brisbane

Brisbane is within quota, both currently (+0.31%) and at projection time (+0.61%). Despite this, and despite the alternatives available to bring surrounding divisions into quota, several submissions seek to alter the boundaries of the division. Some of these submissions make multiple and substantial changes (S55 and S63).

The ALP reiterates its original submission that minimal change is preferable, given the high likelihood of more substantive change in the form of another redistribution in the short term.

Because Brisbane is within quota, any change to its boundary would unnecessarily disrupt neighbouring divisions as well. As such, the ALP submits that no change to Brisbane is needed, and notes the submissions that support this position (S28 and S34).

Petrie & Lilley

Petrie and Lilley need only minimal change, and as previously submitted can do so between themselves to avoid causing additional voter disruption on their other boundaries. This proposal impacts the smallest number of electors in Lilley and Petrie from all the submissions received, those being within the areas of Aspley, Carseldine south of Beams Road and east of Ridley Road and a small SA1 in Bridgeman Downs south of Cabbage Tree Creek to make a defined boundary between Petrie and Lilley.

Many submissions (S10, S25, S28, S37, S38, S47, S55 and S58) show strong alignment with the ALP proposal to transfer electors in the southern parts of Petrie including Aspley and Carseldine, and a part of Bridgeman Downs to Lilley.

Submission S62 seeks to make wholesale change by transferring all of the Brisbane City Council suburbs out of Petrie. The LNP proposal also makes further changes in the northern part of Petrie necessary to offset the significant loss of suburbs in the south. This is not a coherent way to bring Petrie within quota, nor one that seeks to minimise disruption or with reference to established communities of interest.

The ALP also opposes moving Everton Park from Lilley to Brisbane. That move is not needed to bring either division within quota subsequent to the minor adjustments open to the AEC between

Lilley and Petrie. It would break Everton Park's established connection with Lilley's northside suburbs.

Submission S63 proposes that suburb unification is the rationale for the proposal. However, Stafford Heights and Kedron are unified and wholly located within Lilley already. Only Stafford is divided between Lilley and Brisbane. The ALP submission retained these areas within Lilley due to communities of interest and established transport connections. There are also strong arguments around the numerical impact of the Greens' submission. Brisbane is already within the permitted quota. Moving electors from Lilley to Brisbane creates substantially more change than what is required. There are also questions about the proposed boundary itself using Leach Street road reserve, Redwood Street, Appleby Road (misspelled Abbley in S63) and Wilgarning Street. This proposal is likely to create confusion.

Submission S63 further proposes that Petrie's parts of Aspley, Carseldine, Fitzgibbon and Bald Hills should be transferred to Lilley. This represents approximately three times more than the number of electors needing to be transferred to meet the AEC quota requirements. The digital map supplied appears to also include Petrie's part of Bridgeman Downs which is likely to increase the number of electors impacted by this proposal. The Greens' proposal would divide an established northern suburban community to achieve quota benefits elsewhere. This includes splitting the suburb of Bald Hills which is currently entirely in Petrie and would break the transport connections between Carseldine and Fitzgibbon.

Ryan

Submissions S14, S25, S28, S37, S43, S53, S56 and S59 all support transferring Karana Downs and the balance of Brisbane City Council from Blair to Ryan. This makes sense as Karana Downs' environment, sports, services and veterans' groups are all connected to Brisbane, rather than Ipswich.

Several submissions (S38, S47, S52 and S58) suggest that Ryan extend into Dickson to include all or parts of the Hills District. Given the reversion to the 2009 boundary with Blair is not enough to bring Ryan within projected quota requirements, the ALP agrees that Ryan should look to Dickson to meet quota requirements. The ALP rejects, however, that any portion of the Hills District be transferred. Kedron Brook provides a clear natural boundary between communities and in maintaining a least disruptive approach, a transfer here would potentially split the Hills District which contains a strong, collective community of social, education and service interest.

The ALP submits that its proposal is the best alternative to suggestions regarding the transfer of any portion of the Hills District. Mount Nebo's main route of transportation, Mount Nebo Road, already leaves Dickson and passes through Ryan before reconnecting to Dickson. Samford Valley and Samford Village use Samford Road as their direct method of transportation into Brisbane or to the transport hub in Ferny Grove, both of which connect to Ryan through this transport corridor.

A single submission (S62) proposes that Centenary suburbs in Oxley be transferred to Ryan. The ALP submits that suburbs Jindalee, Mount Ommaney, Middle Park, Westlake and Riverhills should all remain in Oxley.

S62 claims that the Centenary Bridge acts as a connector between Centenary suburbs and Ryan. In reality, residents rarely cross this bridge unless necessary. It is a road frequented by commuters as far out as Ipswich who use this bridge to travel into the city for work. Instead, residents of the

Centenary suburbs do their shopping at the many local centres, including the Mt Ommaney Centre, Jindalee Central and Metro Middle Park.

Moving these suburbs to Ryan would divide an established community of interest between the Centenary suburbs and communities in Richlands, Inala and Forest Lake, as well as disrupting the Oxley boundary which otherwise does not require adjustment.

Dickson & Longman

The ALP submission proposed a modest transfer of electors between Dickson and Longman, and Dickson and Ryan to address the redistribution quota issue identified by the AEC.

Many submissions (S10, S14, S25, S37, S38, S42, S47 and S53) demonstrate alignment with the ALP proposal to transfer electors in Kallangur and Dakabin, and the southeast section of Narangba from Longman to Dickson.

Submission S62 proposes to transfer Dickson's parts of Murrumba Downs and Longman's parts of Kallangur and Dakabin into Petrie. There is a defined boundary provided by the M1 between these suburbs and North Lakes or Mango Hill. They also have strong and established existing local, road and transport and planning connections with the parts of the Pine Rivers in Dickson. Local and state government planning documents explicitly connect Kallangur with the suburbs of Petrie and Lawnton.

The Moreton Bay Central Priority Development Area brings together Petrie town centre, the University of the Sunshine Coast's Petrie campus and the nearby train stations of Kallangur and Lawnton into the one planning instrument for significant development of the area. These locations form part of an integrated development area for council and the state government for the purposes of road planning, housing, education and community and sporting infrastructure. The local road network via Old Gympie Road and Anzac Avenue also connects Dakabin and Kallangur, through the suburb of Petrie and along to Lawnton and Strathpine.

The LNP proposes Longman loses its parts of Dakabin, Kallangur and Narangba. This in part supports the ALP proposal to transfer Kallangur and Dakabin out of Longman to reduce pressure on Longman's enrolment, however the submissions differ on whether this should be placed in Dickson or Petrie. The ALP submission argues that Mackie Road is a strong and defined boundary between Dickson and Longman, going between the existing east and west boundaries of Burpengary-Narangba Road and the Bruce Highway. This maintains the community of interest between Dakabin and Kallangur and the Pine Rivers communities of Petrie, Lawnton and Strathpine. There is little justification for jutting the Dickson boundary into Narangba, while retaining the western part of Narangba in Longman and the eastern part of Narangba in Petrie.

Submission S63 proposes Petrie gain the area of Narangba west of Burpengary Road and the suburb of Burpengary from Longman. This submission states it "reunites parts of Burpengary previously split by the M1". It is worth noting that no part of Burpengary or Burpengary East currently sits within the division of Petrie.

Narangba and Burpengary form part of a very well-established Caboolture-Morayfield transport corridor and community of interest within the division of Longman. The Greens' argument that western Narangba is "isolated" is not borne out by evidence. Oakey Flat Road provides a major connection through Narangba, Burpengary and Morayfield. Narangba and Burpengary are connected to the Longman suburbs of Morayfield and Caboolture through major roads, the

Caboolture train line (e.g. Narangba and Burpengary train stations) and fall within the Caboolture Hospital catchment.

Submission S63 also proposes the transfer of Dickson's parts of Bridgeman Downs to Lilley with little to no justification provided. Dickson is already projected to be below quota, and therefore removing electors from Dickson seems counterintuitive to addressing the quota requirements for the AEC while minimising other disruption elsewhere. There is a strong case for retaining Dickson's parts of Bridgeman Downs given their direct transport connections with Albany Creek and the wider northwest suburban communities of Dickson. The AEC transferred parts of Bridgeman Downs from Lilley to Dickson in the 2017 redistribution using Cabbage Tree Creek and Hamilton Road for the boundary.

The Greens also propose Longman's parts of Dakabin and Kallangur, and Narangba up to an undefined boundary near Raynbird Road and New Settlement Road be transferred into Dickson. This, in part, supports the ALP proposal to transfer Kallangur and Dakabin to Dickson, however the submissions differ around where the northern boundary of Dickson should be drawn. The Greens' proposed New Settlement Road-Raynbird Road boundary appears to be incomplete and slightly confusing. Raynbird Road is a rural connector road connecting traffic through to the Boral quarry site. Much of the Greens' proposed boundary west of Raynbird Road appears to traverse rural land blocks rather than defined road or watercourse boundaries which has the potential to create confusion.

The eastern side of the proposed Narangba boundary extends along New Settlement Road via a five-way roundabout and small section of Oakey Flat Road which connects New Settlement Road to Raynbird Road. This has the potential to also be quite confusing for locals.

South of Brisbane

Blair

The ALP notes the strong support across most submissions for Blair becoming a seat within the City of Ipswich, continuing the movement of Blair consistent since its inception, principally being its contraction towards Ipswich.

Submissions (S14, S25, S28, S37, S38, S43, S52, S53 and S56) all support the entire Somerset Regional Council being transferred out of Blair. This is furthered supported by submission S34 that transfers the majority of Somerset out of Blair.

The ALP submits the weight of these submissions indicates Somerset's community of interest lies outside the City of Ipswich, supporting its submission that Blair establishes itself as an entirely Ipswich-based division. As noted above, there is also substantial support for transferring the balance of Brisbane City Council from Blair to Ryan.

Oxley

Some submissions propose moving parts of Ipswich's eastern suburbs from Blair to Oxley. The ALP reaffirms its position that Oxley does not require change, and any substantial boundary adjustments around Blair's eastern Ipswich-based suburbs is a departure from the guiding principle of minimising voter disruption.

Notwithstanding the sensible and minor ALP suggestion to unite the Stockland residential estate south of Brookbent Road (a development completed after the last federal redistribution), the ALP submission details a practical option for both Moreton and Ryan to meet quota requirements by gaining electors from other neighbouring divisions.

Changes to Blair around Somerset and Brisbane LGA boundaries, supported by submissions listed above when discussing Ryan, establish Blair as an Ipswich-based division. These changes are undermined by excising Ipswich-based suburbs, and impact the extent to which exchanges to align the local government boundaries in Somerset and Brisbane can occur.

The LNP and Greens submissions for the broader Ipswich area, however, misdescribe the existing boundaries and the local geography.

Errors in the LNP submission (S62)

- Ebbw Vale: the LNP's written submission says Ebbw Vale is being moved out of Blair, however the maps do not move it. The text and the maps contradict each other.
- Redbank: the LNP written submission says Redbank is being moved from Blair to Oxley, however Redbank is already in Oxley.
- Springfield and Springfield Lakes: the LNP treats these suburbs as if each sits wholly within one division. Both Springfield and Springfield Lakes are currently divided between Blair and Oxley.
- State electorate boundaries: the LNP says its changes follow the Ipswich state electoral boundaries. They do not. Ripley is in the state electorate of Redbank (and in Blair), and the state boundary does not follow Bundamba Creek as the LNP claims. The LNP's transfer of Ipswich's eastern suburbs from Blair to Oxley also does not follow the state electorates.

The AEC should treat with caution any reasoning in S62 that relies on these descriptions.

Errors in the Greens submission (S63)

- White Rock and Spring Mountain: the Greens say they are reuniting White Rock with Spring Mountain in Oxley. Their proposal actually leaves White Rock in Blair. "White Rock–Spring Mountain" is also not a name the Ipswich community uses.
- Lanefield: the rural Ipswich locality is Lanefield, not "Lanfield".
- Rosewood and Walloon: the Greens would split Rosewood from Walloon. Rosewood and Walloon are neighbouring communities in Ipswich's west. Separating them defies community of interest and has no evident rationale.

Moreton

Some submissions (S26, S47, S58, S61, S62 and S63) suggest that the entirety of Pallara be transferred into Moreton. The ALP does not support these suggestions as the bulk of Pallara is better connected to the south and west with Heathwood and Forest Lake, and other than some transport connections, has limited connection to suburbs to the northeast in Moreton. It also makes unnecessary changes to Oxley, a division that is within quota and otherwise does not require adjustment.

The ALP notes some submissions (S2 and S35) suggest the suburb of Oxley should be contained entirely within a single electoral division. The ALP does not support those suggestions as the existing boundary is now well known in the community. Additionally, with Oxley within quota the ALP does not believe subordinate section 66(3)(b) considerations warrant a boundary adjustment and

the potentially disruptive domino changes caused. The ALP also notes that the electorate of Oxley is named for historical figure John Oxley, not for the suburb.

A substantial majority of suggestions (S14, S25, S26, S28, S34, S37, S38, S43, S47, S52, S58, S61, S62 and S63) agree that Moreton should gain electors required to meet the quota requirements south into the balance of the Brisbane City Council currently contained in Rankin. This brings Moreton within quota now and at the projection date.

The alternative, taking Moreton north into Oxley's Centenary suburbs (S42, S43, S57 and S59), would send Moreton across the Oxley boundary towards the Brisbane River. It would cut across the community of interest described above for Oxley. The southern option keeps Moreton within the south side communities with already established shared communities of interest, employment and north-south transport corridors.

As discussed above, submissions addressing Blair's quota requirements consistently referenced the possibility for it to be contained entirely as an Ipswich division. The ALP submits that Moreton gaining the electors needed for quota from Rankin is preferable because it also allows the AEC to consider this option. The ALP does not support submissions that propose Moreton move west and the disruptive domino effect this would cause that is otherwise not required.

Bonner

Most submissions (S3, S14, S42, S47, S53, S58 and S59) support the logical conclusion also proposed by the ALP that Bonner can only sensibly gain electors by taking from Griffith, as taking from Bowman, Moreton or Rankin does not make sense on community of interest grounds, and in some cases result in further unnecessary flow-on effects to other divisions.

Suggestions which propose a transfer of electors from Griffith (S3, S14, S47, S53, S58, S59) are more sound on a community of interest basis, especially those which focus the transfer on the main transport routes from Bonner's bayside communities such as Wynnum Road (S3, S59). These support the ALP submission that these suburbs, specifically Murarrie, Cannon Hill and Carina, and reference their unification within a single division, being Bonner, and other established local boundaries including the divisional Doboy Ward boundary within the Brisbane City Council.

Various submissions suggest that, to bring Bonner's enrolment back into quota, Bonner should gain electors from Moreton or Rankin. The ALP rejects these submissions.

Bowman was cited as a key example of an unviable option, given its boundary with Bonner is a key physical and existing LGA boundary.

Similar reasons apply to Moreton with the M3 as the existing boundary that has been used since Bonner's creation in 2004, and Rankin where its boundary with Bonner is also the Brisbane City/Logan City boundary.

Some submissions (S34, S38, S62 and S63) suggest that Bonner gain Rochedale South and Priestdale from Rankin. Rochedale South and Priestdale share strong community and transport links with Underwood and Springwood, and do not share any community of interest with places like Mansfield or Wishart in Bonner. Rochedale and Rochedale South are two distinct communities separated by the Brisbane City-Logan LGA boundary, and they have grown separately over the last few decades. Suggesting that these suburbs be united in one federal division because their names both contain "Rochedale" is insufficient to establish a community of interest.

Griffith

The ALP supports proposals that seek to transfer electors that neighbour the existing electors of Griffith (S57, S59 and S63). Such proposals prioritise the transfer of Annerley and Tarragindi over Fairfield.

After Griffith transfers electors to Bonner, some submissions (S14, S47, S53, S57, S58 and S61) go too far in Griffith taking electors from Moreton. Griffith should only gain enough voters from Moreton to reach quota while minimising disruption, and the ALP does not believe that transferring the suburbs of Fairfield, Yeronga or Yeerongpilly is necessary or meets community of interest. Yeronga and Yeerongpilly in particular are more well connected with Moorooka and Sherwood than Dutton Park or Woolloongabba.

Rankin

Several submissions support the ALP submission that Rankin gain some or all of Shailer Park, Loganholme, Tanah Merah, Cornubia, Loganlea and Waterford West (S28, S47, S57 and S61), and Forestdale from Wright (S42, S47, S57 and S63). This supports the central theme of the ALP submission that Rankin be aligned along the northern reaches of the Logan LGA.

The ALP opposes moving Park Ridge and Boronia Heights to Rankin as suggested in S61 and S63. These suburbs belong to the Mount Lindesay Highway corridor with Logan Reserve and Greenbank, and have direct connection with Logan Reserve via Park Ridge Road and the Park Ridge Town Centre as an emerging activity centre. Their community of interest continues to deepen with new education, shopping and community services recognising their historic and strengthening connection. These suburbs should remain together and contained in Forde.

The ALP also opposes proposals moving Logan suburbs into Brisbane-based divisions, or Brisbane suburbs into Rankin. These are S63 (Underwood to Moreton), S43 (Runcorn to Rankin) and S61 (Rochedale to Rankin). This unnecessarily divides communities of common interest and will cause confusion.

Forde

In general, there are several submissions (including S20 and S51) highlighting the need for the Logan LGA to be primarily represented by two Logan-based divisions, namely Forde and Rankin. Many submissions transfer Yarrabilba and Logan Village into Forde (including S14, S20, S25, S28, S43, S52 and S53), Forestdale into Rankin (S42, S47, S57 and S58) and broader Greenbank area generally into a Logan-based division. The ALP submits that it is simpler and will provide better representation for the vast majority of southern Logan to be represented in one division.

Areas like Flagstone and Yarrabilba have grown immensely since the last federal redistribution, and are urban growth suburbs well-connected to the north along arterial transport corridors like the Mount Lindesay Highway, Chambers Flat Road and Waterford-Tamborine Road, as well as east-west between them along Camp Cable Road and Cusack Lane. Many members of these communities commute along these roads daily heading north into Logan, or further, for work, health services and education. In addition to their established community within the Logan LGA, these areas are represented on a state level in Logan LGA-based electorates.

These growth areas primarily connect to Boronia Heights/ Park Ridge and Waterford/Beenleigh via the transport corridors described above over communities further south in Wright. When considering the boundaries for the division of Forde, the ALP reiterates its position that the communities of

interest between these growth areas in southern Logan and the city itself should be recognised within the division of Forde.

The Albert River effectively represents the interurban divide between the Gold Coast and Logan, and given the growth that has occurred in southern Logan and its changed profile as urban growth, the ALP submits that the Albert River should be used as a border between federal divisions to improve representation for both Logan and the Gold Coast.

With specific reference to submission S62, the submission's proposed Forde stretches from Springwood in the north, Pacific Pines in the south and as far west as Park Ridge. This is a contrived attempt to propose a divisional boundary that ignores existing communities of interest and attempts to group suburbs that have no existing community connection. The AEC has an opportunity to realign boundaries that strengthen representation in and distinctly between Logan and the Gold Coast, with S62 making the issues identified in many submissions more pronounced.

Wright

As described above, submissions note the communities or interest in southern Logan and also describe Wright's existing connection to hinterland Gold Coast communities.

The ALP supports these submissions recognising Wright's profile as a Gold Coast hinterland, Scenic Rim and Lockyer Valley seat, and further supports the realignment to better align Logan's southern growth areas within a Logan-based seat.

The majority of submissions addressing the Lockyer Valley reach the conclusions that it should remain united in a single division.

Furthermore, and with reference to the Lockyer Valley Regional Council submission (S44), the ALP supports the proposition that the Lockyer Valley should remain entirely within a single federal division, preferencing that the region maintain its existing alignment with Scenic Rim communities in Wright. This is further supported by submissions S27 and S31 and recognises the connections with Scenic Rim communities and strong agricultural connections in communities along the Queensland state border.

Other submissions addressing the Lockyer Valley propose varying boundary adjustments from transferring it entirely to Groom or Maranoa (S34, S37, S47 and S62) or segmenting the community between divisions by transferring Gatton and the western portion of Lockyer Valley alone to Groom (S14, S42, S58, S59 and S63).