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Dear Commissioners

I think that it is important for Cairns to have homogenous political representation. With the need for Leichhardt to shed electors and Kennedy to gain, then there needs to be some changes to boundaries.

However, I am strongly against Kennedy encroaching further into suburban Cairns – splitting Cairns in two should not be a desirable outcome.

I would support any proposal that returns unity to Cairns. The suggestion by the LNP seems eminently feasible as the current Cairns Regional Council area does represent a current community of interest. I note that such a suggestion is alluded to by other submitters.

The extension of Kennedy up the Cape will be lamented and ridiculed by some, but I would suggested a look at the original boundary of Kennedy before the mid-20th Century creation of Leichhardt. As your Queensland counterparts have shown – sometimes redistributions can (and perhaps should) be a tad radical in their proposal whilst still ensuring like communities of interest are together as well as preserving the principle of one vote, one value.

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