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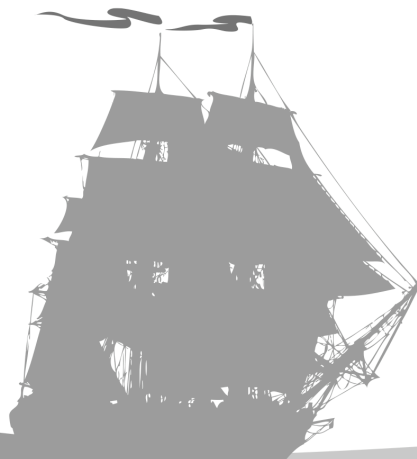


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Dear Committee Members,

Pirate Party Australia hereby presents the following comments on all other suggestions.

Area-specific suggestions have been considered with relation to each of the state-wide suggestions.

State-wide suggestions have each been considered in their own right and in comparison to our submission.

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1 Area-specific submissions

1.1 Moore Park Beach (S1, S2, S3, S4, S5, S6, S9, S14, S17)

This set of submissions proposes moving the Bundaberg satellite area of Moore Park Beach from Flynn into Hinkler, to be with Bundaberg. Their issues are entirely understandable—and replicated along the coast all the way to Cairns.

S7, S11, S12, S19, S21 and S22 make no change to the Flynn-Hinkler boundary around Bundaberg North.

S10 moves all of northern Bundaberg into Flynn instead.

S13 moves the Hinkler boundary is north to follow Baffle Creek; should the Commission adopt elements of this plan, the residents of Moore Park Beach will get their wish.

S15 moves the Hinkler boundary north to the Kolan River, thus Moore Park Beach is included in that Division.

In our submission, as well as S16 and S23, the Hinkler boundary is moved northward to include more of the northern Bundaberg area, but not by enough to include Moore Park Beach.

1.2 Fraser Coast Regional Council (S8)

Clearly there are significant community-of-interest issues in the broader Wide Bay - Burnett region. Fraser Coast Regional Council reiterates the request for Hervey Bay and Maryborough to be reunited in the one Division, historically Wide Bay.

S10 solves the problem by pushing the Hinkler boundary south such that Maryborough is now in that Division.

S15 unites the Fraser Coast RC area within the Division of Wide Bay.

Other submissions, including ours, either do not consider the area in question, or do not recommend a substantial change beyond the

Hinkler boundary moving south to Saltwater Creek.

The core of the problem is that the Sunshine Coast and Noosa council areas contain about 2.36 quotas of electors, with northern Brisbane also above quota. The simplest solution is Wide Bay pushing south into the Sunshine Coast (with the unfortunate consequence of giving up Hervey Bay). The alternatives would generally involve Hinkler or Flynn not only wrapping around Wide Bay to the west, but then extending even further into South-East Queensland.

1.3 Bob Katter MP (S18)

The Hon. Bob Katter MP has two core suggestions: (1) that Kennedy not grow much larger geographically, but where possible make up its population shortfall from growth in outer urban areas in Cairns (and, presumably, retaining any suburban parts of Townsville); (2) that the Charters Towers area remain in Kennedy.

Our submission keeps Kennedy generally intact, making much the same changes as Mr Katter's suggestion. He will no doubt object to submissions 7, 10, 13, 16, 19, 21, 23 and 24.

1.4 Sean Leader (S20)

Sean Leader proposes a number of changes in the Gold Coast and southern Brisbane areas: (1) the transfer of the area south of Smith Street from Fadden to Moncrieff; (2) the transfer of the area south of Slacks/Stubby Creek from Rankin to Forde; (3) the transfer of the area east of Loganlea Rd from Rankin to Forde.

Our submission also proposes (1), being a simple way to get Fadden back into tolerance. Submission 23 makes an identical proposal; submission 10 and 11 also move that area (among others).

While we did not propose any changes to Forde or Rankin, (2) and (3) have merit, and in isolation of any other changes to Forde and Rankin, we recommend they be adopted.

1.5 Jane McNamara (S24)

Jane McNamara proposes a greatly expanded Division of Herbert, comprising all the local council areas along the length of the Flinders and then Barkly Highways from Townsville to Mt Isa and the Northern Territory border.

However, including all of Townsville Regional Council alone would put such a Division over the permissible quota of electors. Including the rural and remote areas only exacerbates the problem (as well as leaving too few electors for Kennedy).

2 Party submissions—statewide

2.1 Liberal National Party (S16)

The LNP's proposal is similar to ours in a few regards, and yet very different in others.

On the Gold Coast, they propose Forde extend east of the Pacific Highway to absorb Fadden's surplus. In turn, Forde transfers a smaller amount of territory to Rankin. This part of their proposal is meritable in that Fadden is over quota and Forde is under quota. We must also note, however, that Forde was won by a very small margin for the LNP, and the proposed changes represent a significant improvement to the LNP's position in that Division (while Fadden remains safe LNP).

In metropolitan southern Brisbane, our proposals are quite similar, having no change to Bonner or Bowman and the same Griffith-Moreton boundary. Their proposed Oxley does not include the changes at the Blair boundary (which we included on community-of-interest grounds to keep all of greater Springfield in Oxley); consequently their Oxley requires a larger contribution from Moreton. Politically, no seats should change hands, although Griffith becomes slightly more marginal.

In northern Brisbane, our proposals differ more substantially. In both, Brisbane's northern boundary is placed along Kedron Brook, while Fisher takes rural northwest Longman—but everything in between is rather different.

The transfer of Moreton Island to Petrie is debatable. Presently there is no service from the Island to Scarborough harbour in Petrie.

The LNP's suggestions for Longman, Petrie and Dickson retain the substantial 'tails' of the former two Divisions. We also note that the proposed changes serve to shore up the LNP's position in now-marginal Dickson.

On the Sunshine Coast, the LNP's proposed Fairfax-to-Fisher changes are quite reasonable.

The LNP's proposed changes to Flynn and Hinkler (and to a lesser

extent Wide Bay) are substantial, but also certainly internally consistent. Flynn is recast as an electorate along the Capricorn Highway (plus some coast), Hinkler along the Isis Highway. Proposed changes to Wide Bay in the west have the intended effect of uniting the South Burnett area in two Divisions rather than three, which is a worthwhile outcome.

However, in at least one previous redistribution, local councils that the LNP propose to place in Flynn objected to their then membership of Flynn; the councils preferred to be in Maranoa. This indicates that perhaps those council areas look south along the Landsborough Highway more than they do east along the Capricorn.

While Hinkler is left above quota, both Flynn and Wide Bay are left at the extreme low end of projected tolerance. This could prove problematic in the future.

Continuing north, the LNP's proposed Capricornia looks quite similar to ours—some more of urban Mackay is transferred in, while the Collinsville area is transferred out. Their proposed boundary through Mackay is not particularly legible, however.

The LNP's proposed Dawson is also fairly similar to ours, setting a new northern boundary through Townsville at the Ross River. They've missed the opportunity to align the Dawson/Kennedy boundary with that of the Burdekin council, though.

The LNP's proposed Herbert is also similar-yet-different to ours; they proposed to transfer the remainder of the northern Townsville council area from Kennedy to Herbert, we proposed the south. The quota impact is similar. For consistency, a note should be made of political impact; the area transferred to Dawson leans Labor slightly and the area transferred in leans Coalition slightly. This would nominally be enough to change the result in Herbert.

In Kennedy and Leichhardt, the LNP have proposed significant changes, centring Leichhardt firmly as a Cairns seat and moving Cape York to Kennedy. Mr Bob Richardson, in his current and previous submissions, has detailed the problems with that approach: the Cape has minimal transport connections with the bulk of Kennedy that do not go through Cairns. The counter-argument of course is that the southern suburbs

of Cairns have a stronger community-of-interest claim to being in the same Division as the rest of their city—in which case, why is the LNP’s Dawson not drawn by starting with all of Mackay, or their Capricornia with Dawson?

The more cynical argument is that the LNP are simply trying to disrupt Kennedy.

Skipping back south, the LNP’s proposed changes to Maranoa’s northern boundary are mostly a result of the changes to Flynn; having lost some electors in the northwest, Maranoa must gain electors elsewhere—as it happens, in the northeast. Uniting more of the currently very divided South Burnett area in a single Division is a good outcome.

The LNP’s proposed changes involving Groom seem reasonable.

2.2 Queensland Greens (S19)

The Greens say they attempted to draw boundaries to achieve a party-proportional result. In a system of single-member electorates, any proportionality is usually a statistical fluke at best. The only solution is to change the electoral system—a change beyond the scope of this redistribution.

Commencing again on the Gold Coast, the Greens have proposed minimal changes to McPherson and Moncrieff, while Fadden has a proposed net transfer to Wright. While we accepted some parts of the Gold Coast council area being in Wright, this was on the basis of settlement patterns; transferring in more suburbia undermines Wright’s already-fragile community of interest.

The Greens’ proposed changes in the southwest of Forde appear reasonable.

The changes in south Brisbane are in effect a counter-clockwise shift of Griffith, Bonner and Moreton. Performing such a shift rather than simply moving the Griffith-Moreton boundary must be viewed with some cynicism, as the resulting Griffith should be significantly stronger electorally for the Greens (though they would likely still place third on primary vote). Their proposed boundaries are also somewhat less

legible than the existing boundaries; in particular the Pacific Highway is all but abandoned as a boundary.

The other impact of the Greens' choice to transfer population from Griffith to Bonner is that now Oxley must look elsewhere, to Wright, to make up its population deficit. The area transferred is not particularly well connected to the rest of Oxley.

The Greens' proposed changes in northern Brisbane are a clockwise shift: Ryan moves north, Dickson moves northeast, Petrie and Lilley move southeast, and Brisbane moves west.

This proposed change may also be viewed cynically, as an attempt to concentrate Greens voters in the electorate of Brisbane (as with Griffith, they'd probably still come third there on primary votes, but the seat might flip to Labor). However, the seat would be very coherently focused on the CBD, the inner-north and inner-west suburbs.

The Greens' proposed Ryan becomes very 'north-west-edge'. There would exist a significant internal disconnect in the form of the southern D'Aguiar/Taylor mountain range, which is covered by Brisbane Forest Park. The only transport connection between south and north would be Gap Creek Road, which was only even sealed in the last decade. (This might be normal for a large rural Division, but urban Divisions can do better.) Crossing the Moreton Bay/Brisbane LGA boundary is not an issue, however.

The Greens' proposed changes to Lilley and Dickson are substantial, and would probably flip each seat's party representation.

Lilley as proposed regains some former territory around Ascot, which is firmly Coalition; the Sandgate and Boondall areas, lost to Petrie, are firmly Labor.

Dickson as proposed transfers some Coalition areas around Samford, and some balanced urban areas in the Hills District, to Ryan, gaining from Longman and Petrie some firmly Labor areas in Kallangur and Deception Bay (as well as the Coalition-leaning area of North Lakes). Deception Bay's connection to the rest of Dickson is debatable, but, to be fair, its connection to the rest of Longman (as per our proposal)

is also debatable.

The Greens' proposed Petrie moves even further southeast than in our proposal. The southern boundary is not particularly legible, although it does increase the use of watercourses.

As for the name change, if Petrie deserves to be renamed on movement grounds, then surely Moreton and even Oxley do too. Pirate Party Australia has an alternative proposal: rename Moreton (perhaps after the late Wayne Goss, who began his parliamentary career in that area) and then rename Petrie to Moreton.

The Greens' proposed Longman is similar to ours—Kallangur is given to Dickson and the Woodford to Mt Mee rural areas are given to Fisher. Their proposed boundary through Deception Bay is legible.

In addition to transferring electors from Longman to Fisher, the Greens' proposal transfers the rural far west of Fairfax to Fisher. This unites the southernmost parts of the Mary Valley in Fisher, and also brings in Mapleton—whether the latter is a good idea depends on whether Mapleton is more connected to Montville and Maleny, or to Nambour.

On the Fraser Coast, the Greens propose few changes, simply expanding Hinkler southward slightly to the Mary River. They (correctly) leave Aldershot in Wide Bay.

Capricornia must acquire electors from the north, and the Greens propose substantial changes: Charters Towers and the southern surrounds of Townsville from Kennedy, as well as various bits from Dawson, including a population swap in the outskirts of Mackay. As proposed, Capricornia has no apparent unifying features, and the removal of Charters Towers from Kennedy deeply impacts that Division too—which is why our proposal retained it.

The tradeoff between keeping urban or rural areas together appears continually in this redistribution. In the cases of Townsville and Mackay, the Greens appear to have favoured urban cohesion. Dawson retains almost all of Mackay, and Herbert regains Annandale (at the expense of losing peripheral parts of its north and west). Our proposal is necessarily different as a consequence of retaining Charters Towers in

Kennedy.

The Greens' proposal for the Leichhardt-Kennedy border differs from ours in two key respects: they propose transferring the entire suburb of Mount Sheridan to Kennedy, but also the Bibbohra area from Kennedy to Cairns. From a quota standpoint the latter does not appear to be necessary, and it seems bizarre in all other ways—Bibbohra clearly belongs with Mareeba to the south. Otherwise, keeping Cape York in Leichhardt is, we believe, the correct decision, and the gradual creep of Kennedy into southern Cairns its unfortunate consequence.

2.3 Australian Labor Party (S22)

Labor have generally tried to avoid changes that are not dictated by the population figures. On occasion, they have also aligned boundaries to those of local governments.

Compliments from this author to theirs on their exceedingly clear maps.

Following the submission north to south, Labor of course keep the Cape in Leichhardt. They propose transferring somewhat fewer electors from Leichhardt to Kennedy than we do. This has the pleasant consequence of not leaving Kennedy over quota and therefore leaves Herbert (now a critical marginal) with intact boundaries.

That same principle of minimal change also makes the minimal transfer of electors from Dawson to Capricornia in the southern periphery of Mackay. This doesn't really solve the long-term problem, but it doesn't have to; why do today what might be solved under more favourable conditions tomorrow?

On the Fraser and Sunshine Coasts, Labor have also shifted Wide Bay south a bit. In a familiar pattern, they've shifted it less than in our proposal. Transferring electors around Brooweena to Hinkler appears to be fairly unique, probably because that area isn't very well connected to the rest of Hinkler as they've proposed it. It also doesn't solve anything around Bundaberg.

Labor's proposed transfer of electors around Woodford from Longman to Fisher is almost expected, although they left Wamuran in Long-

man (unlike in our proposal). Longman and Petrie are otherwise left untouched.

Labor's proposals for Dickson, Lilley, Brisbane and Ryan are quite reasonable. The cynical view is that their minimal-change principle is being applied to Lilley in particular, in order to not disadvantage the sitting member. The changes as proposed are likely to leave both Lilley and Dickson somewhat safer for their respective parties.

While we did not propose changes to Ryan, Wardell St and Stewart Road are a clear and appropriate boundary.

Moving south of the river, the transfer of Annerley from Griffith to Moreton is identical to both our proposal and the LNP's. The proposed population swaps with Bonner, while not strictly necessary, are reasonable in isolation. Politically, no seats should change hands, although Griffith becomes slightly more marginal.

Bizarrely, Labor's submission does not seem to include any changes to Oxley, despite mentioning that such changes are required to keep Oxley within projected population tolerances.

While Labor's proposed Forde is reasonable in isolation, the resultant Wright leaves us a little unconvinced on community-of-interest grounds; it would cover plenty of Gold Coast suburbia as well as hinterland proper. However, if the Gold Coast community is now increased to the point where they are a critical part of the electorate, that's acceptable.

3 Individual submissions—statewide

3.1 Martin Gordon (S7)

Regular contributor Martin Gordon has also generally avoided substantial change. Starting in SEQ, the Oxenford area is transferred from Fadden to Forde. In terms of quota this is the right idea, but in terms of geography it extends Forde even further south.

In south-west Brisbane, the proposal has Rankin equalise population with Oxley and Moreton, by transferring Algester to Oxley and re-aligning Moreton and Oxley as north and south of the Ipswich Motorway respectively. Such a boundary is certainly legible, but it leaves Moreton sprawling from Riverhills to Kuraby with the boundary-defining Ipswich Motorway as the primary connection. For this reason, we believe Oxley Creek to be the better primary east-west boundary between Oxley and Moreton.

Griffith is proposed to transfer some of its south-east to Bonner, Lilley some of its west to Dickson and Brisbane some of its west to Ryan. All three transfers are reasonable in isolation.

Longman is proposed to transfer the Elimbah area to Fisher (rather than the Woodford-Mt Mee area). We suggest that the Elimbah area is now closer-linked to Caboolture than the north-west hinterland is, and if only about 3000 electors are to be transferred, to transfer a lesser amount of the north-west.

The proposed transfer from Fairfax to Wide Bay of the Eumundi-Yandina SA2 is quite reasonable.

Several areas are proposed to be transferred to Hinkler. The remaining parts of Booral - River Heads and Burrum - Fraser are reasonable and almost expected. However the proposed transfer of the Kilkivan area to Hinkler is surely in error—Kilkivan is not contiguous with the rest of Hinkler.

Moving north now to Leichhardt, the proposed transfer of Kuranda to Leichhardt was heavily recommended against in many 2009 submissions. Apart from that, the transfer of some parts of southern Cairns are

expected.

The proposed split of Charters Towers along the Flinders Highway is a poor outcome for that town and hence for Kennedy in general, but it does admittedly allow no changes to Mackay or Townsville.

Making up Flynn's shortfall from Wide Bay's west is an approach that we of course agree with, having proposed something quite similar.

3.2 Jeff Waddell (S10)

Regular contributor Jeff Waddell proposes some very substantial changes, often compelling, and undoubtedly controversial. In particular, he presents a strong case that many Divisions must be changed on community-of-interest grounds.

Mr Waddell includes a somewhat unusual item: analysis of the level of gerrymandering of Queensland, showing that Labor could win a majority of seats on current boundaries with slightly less than a majority of the statewide two-party-preferred voteshare. This is probably actually just a consequence of the metropolitan areas leaning Labor (under conditions of equal two-party-preferred) a little less intensively than rural areas lean Liberal National.

The data actually exist for Mr Waddell to comprehensively analyse his proposal in two-party-preferred terms. For the 2016 election, the AEC published both a table of two-party-preferred results by polling booth (including postal and other special votes at a Divisional level) and a table of how many electors from each SA1 voted at each booth (also including postal and other special votes). Projecting the former onto the latter then aggregating by proposed Divisions should give a quite accurate result.

Moving on to the proposal proper, much in SEQ has been driven by the changes to Wright, removing both the Gold Coast and Lockyer Valley regions in favour of more parts of Logan. This results in coherent boundaries for McPherson/Berry, Moncrieff, Fadden and Forde.

The proposed Bonner/Griffith changes are less compelling. If those two electorates are to be redrawn radially rather than circumferentially,

then greater changes still will be required. In addition, Griffith's surplus is needed to the southwest more than the east. For this reason, while the proposed Griffith/Moreton boundary is certainly no weaker than the current one, it transfers population from Moreton to Griffith when the reverse is seemingly needed.

The proposed transfer from under-quota Moreton to over-quota Griffith has a knock-on effect with under-quota Oxley also being required to give up population, to Moreton. In Oxley's case it's more justifiable, with Blair taking on a substantial surplus from the redrawn Wright; that has to go via Oxley. Transferring Durack doesn't result in a particularly strong boundary, but it seems better than the alternatives of Seventeen Mile Rocks or Darra.

Oxley picking up the outermost parts of Springfield from Blair is only proper. The proposed new western boundary with Blair is also very strong.

Wright's proposed western changes can be thought of as having the ultimate effect of transferring about 10,000 electors from the north of the state to the south, via Maranoa. Wright as proposed has stronger boundaries than currently, although an electorate spanning Stanthorpe to Wolffdene still doesn't have that much of a unifying community of interest by SEQ standards.

In northern Brisbane, Lilley as proposed is very similar to our proposal. The only difference is that the Dickson boundary is left untouched (as is Dickson in general).

The proposed Brisbane/Ryan swap, as is not uncommon, leaves Ryan with little connectivity between its southern and northern parts. The boundary as proposed is of course more legible than the existing one.

The Petrie/Longman/Fisher changes as proposed send almost 20,000 electors from northern Brisbane into the Sunshine Coast. Petrie as proposed is very similar to our proposal. Giving up Bribie Island to Fisher (rather than Kallangur to Dickson) means that Longman can take all of Deception Bay.

Transferring Bribie Island is not without its problems, already noted by

Mr Waddell. However, doing so will eventually make up for the roughly 10,000 net electors transferred south via Maranoa and Wright.

On the Sunshine Coast, redrawing the hinterland into Wide Bay/Bjelke-Petersen and extending Fairfax back up the urban coast, rather than splitting off the excess electors along the northern edge, creates a compelling set of new boundaries. There is one weak spot: urbanised Tewantin and Noosaville aren't in Fairfax. However, Wide Bay/Bjelke-Petersen has been drawn with an excess of electors sufficient to include those two suburbs in Fairfax.

Moving with the submission down to Groom, the changes proposed are sensible given the changes already made to Wright. Likewise the immediate flow-on changes to Maranoa.

Moving north, the proposal has explicitly decided to redraw Divisional boundaries focused on the main cities, and then to let the rural boundaries fall where they may. It's a simple question of prioritising urban or rural communities of interest; there's no quantitatively correct answer.

As a result, Leichhardt is drawn focused on Cairns; Cape York goes to Kennedy/Mabo. Herbert is drawn focused on Townsville. Dawson is redrawn to include all of Mackay and definitely not any of Townsville, Herbert then includes periphery to the south rather than the north.

Those proposed changes leave Kennedy well over quota to the point of requiring an east-west split; the eastern part to remain Kennedy (or perhaps renamed to Mabo), the western part to become part of Maranoa.

Whilst the proposed Kennedy/Mabo is not unreasonable, the greatly-enlarged Maranoa is likely to prove unserviceable. Sure, Durack in WA is bigger. But, as a proxy for locations that must be visited, Durack has about 110 polling places. Maranoa as proposed would likely have about 130—and laid out so as to constitute a far longer road trip.

Dawson's changes leave it bigger and Capricornia severely under quota, therefore Capricornia must push south into Flynn. This reverts a few decades of northward drift. Capricornia as proposed seems quite

reasonable.

Flynn as proposed seems reasonable in isolation. The proposed Hinkler/Wide Bay appears to be less coherent, with no particularly strong links between the inland section around the Burnett Highway, and the coastal-plain towns of Hervey Bay and Maryborough—although at least those two towns are reunited.

Wide Bay/Bjelke-Petersen is also not entirely compelling, with the Kingaroy section almost cut off by road from Gympie by the southern extent of the Hinkler/Wide Bay boundary.

As for the name: Johannes Bjelke-Petersen was the leader of a remarkably authoritarian, corrupt, and by the end hated government. However, after Joh's wife Florence Bjelke-Petersen, who served as a Federal Senator, passes on, the Division could be named for her. This would also help address the gender imbalance in Divisional names.

3.3 Andrew Kamler (S11)

Andrew Kamler has presented a fairly logical proposal, with straightforward minimalist exchanges from the Fraser Coast north, and significant changes in the Brisbane metropolitan area.

The proposed changes from the Fraser Coast north are: Leichhardt transferring some of the Cairns southern area to Kennedy, Dawson transferring some more of the Mackay southern periphery to Capricornia, and Wide Bay transferring some area north of the Mary River to Hinkler. All of these changes are very similar to those we proposed.

In the south-east, Mr Kamler identifies Wright as having little community of interest, and resolves this by excluding the Lockyer Valley from the Division, making up the shortfall from the western Gold Coast. Much like in Labor's proposal, we're unconvinced that Oxenford and Boonah have that much in common, but at least reducing to two communities of interest, and increasing the relative importance of one, should prove a more acceptable outcome.

The proposed Divisions of Moncrieff, Fadden, Forde, Rankin and Blair all seem fairly reasonable. Politically, Forde would surely become a

safe Labor seat, although Blair would become far more marginal.

In Brisbane proper, the proposal makes some very significant changes, with the inner-southside boundaries looking not too dissimilar to those from 1997. The high-level view is that two currently-northside-only Divisions (Brisbane and Ryan) are proposed to cross the Brisbane River, abolishing a Division south of the River (nominally Bonner, but effectively Griffith) and creating a new one north of it (Bonner proposed).

Ryan as proposed will surely make the residents of the Corinda and Centenary areas very happy; these areas look to Indooroopilly as their primary non-CBD centre. Brisbane as proposed is also reasonably coherent.

Ryan taking the Centenary suburbs and Blair shifting west into the Lockyer Valley drags Oxley into an east-west configuration, similar to that in Submission 7. Moreton is also pushed east. Both seem reasonable.

Lilley moving west provides a good alternative to the current situation of Petrie's extended tail. Lilley's tail into The Gap as proposed is not an issue; The Gap needs to be with Ashgrove.

Naming is a bit of an issue here: proposed-Lilley receives a slim plurality of population from the current-Lilley, but the majority of current-Lilley's population goes to proposed-Bonner. By the AEC rules, both Divisions have claim to the name. By the principles outlined at the start of our previous submission, proposed-Bonner actually has the stronger claim.

Bonner as proposed has an unconvincing western boundary. We encourage a redraw utilising more legible features, rather than suburb boundaries *per se*.

Griffith as proposed has reasonable boundaries, apart from the acknowledged need for a redraw around Coorparoo to use features rather than suburbs. It also draws the majority of its population from current-Bonner. Sir Samuel Griffith served the majority of his career from a northern Brisbane seat anyway, so perhaps the time has come to shift the Griffith name to the northside?

We request clarification of which Division is proposed to include Moreton Island. We suggest it should remain in the division containing the Port of Brisbane (proposed-Griffith), or else be moved to Bowman with the rest of the Bay Islands.

Notwithstanding that our proposal shifted Petrie south, getting Petrie entirely north of the Pine River is an excellent feature of this proposal. The difference can be attributed to Kamler's decision not to shift any electors from Longman to Fisher. Having not done so, there were enough electors to put the Petrie/Dickson boundary along the North Pine River. The Longman boundary, left underdefined, should be drawn along the Dakabin/Kallangur border, and then, to equalise population a little, along the Burpengary East southern border.

Dickson's as proposed is reasonable. Longman as proposed is fine, apart from the boundary issues listed under Petrie.

3.4 Dr Mark Mulcair (S12)

Regular contributor Dr Mark Mulcair has made a comprehensive submission.

The return of the southern Rockhampton periphery to Capricornia is a particularly nice feature, although it doesn't really resolve the quota imbalance along the coast, as it leaves three Divisions in a row all at the bottom end of tolerance. The changes in Divisions to the north are reasonable.

The proposal for Wright, and consequent transfers south of the Brisbane River, are quite good overall, Placing half of Springfield in Blair is imperfect, but more growth is expected there along the highway, which will either connect Springfield back to Ipswich, or radically change the boundaries next time anyway.

The north of metropolitan Brisbane is somewhat less satisfactory: Petrie reverts to a long southern tail, and Elimbah is transferred to Fisher. It might be possible to draw the two Sunshine Coast seats a little more under quota, not transfer Elimbah, and get a cleaner Brisbane northside.

The proposed changes involving Brisbane and Groom are reasonable.

3.5 Darren McSweeney (S13)

Regular contributor Darren McSweeney has proposed substantial changes in the north of the state, primarily from refocusing Leichhardt, Herbert, Dawson and Capricornia on Cairns, Townsville, Mackay and Rockhampton, respectively.

The tradeoff is that Kennedy must expand into Cape York and Maranoa must expand into the areas along the Flinders Highway. Kennedy also must give up the Charters Towers and Dalrymple areas to Capricornia. As always, it's a question of priorities.

Moving down the coast, Maranoa's expansion in the northwest permits it to give up its share of the South Burnett to Flynn. With Wide Bay doing the same and even Blair giving up some territory, proposed-Flynn not only has the spare population for Capricornia to surround Rockhampton but for Hinkler to regain all of the Bundaberg council area. This is quite a good outcome, although Flynn now protrudes a very long way south to Kilcoy.

As is common, Wide Bay as proposed needs to pick up some population from the Fairfax and does so near Noosa. Fisher performs a territory swap but is otherwise left at the bottom end of tolerance.

As noted previously, not transferring population from Brisbane to the Sunshine Coast permits redrawing Petrie entirely north of the Pine River; this proposal does so.

Dickson as proposed moves substantially southeast due to the redraw of Petrie; it gives up the areas north of the North Pine River and in return takes over some of Petrie's tail in the Brisbane City council area. Proposed-Dickson also expands further east into Lilley. The proposed boundary is very legible.

Lilley as proposed gives up more to Dickson than it gains from Petrie; the resulting boundaries are fairly legible.

Brisbane and Ryan's proposed swap doesn't resolve the pair both being

close to quota, but the proposed boundary is probably better than the current one.

South of the Brisbane River, the primary movements are again mostly a product of Wright releasing the Lockyer Valley to Blair. Proposed-Oxley expands southwest into Blair and net-passes some of the gains on to Moreton and then Rankin. Proposed-Moreton is not an especially coherent Division, though usually not all of them can be.

Realigning Forde along the Pacific Motorway from Springwood to Ormeau creates a strong community of interest. The Fadden changes are reasonable. Wright's additional gains in the Gold Coast are not ideal, but its gains in rural Logan do shift the centre of gravity further east.

3.6 Bob Richardson (S15)

Regular contributor Bob Richardson has produced an effort covering most of the State. We look forward to the remainder.

Starting in the north, Cape York is left in Leichhardt, as it should be (and Mr Richardson never fails to remind us of that). Kennedy's deficit (and then some) is made up with transfers from Leichhardt, as usual.

The proposed Herbert is fine, but the new proposed Division of Riordan—stretching from southern Townsville to *Boulia* via Emerald—is unconvincing. Presumably it's meant to be centred on the Bowen Basin, with the northern and western extremities along for the ride?

The proposed Divisions of Capricornia, Wide Bay and Fairfax look reasonable—Hinkler less so, though it's probably not really that much worse than extending Flynn far south, as in our proposal and others'. Our primary concern is including the western Sunshine Coast in a Division whose spiritual centre is Bundaberg, but connected via Kilcoy—and especially with Nanango and Kingaroy still in Maranoa. The resultant Fisher will be interesting to see.

3.7 Mark Yore (S21)

Regular contributor Mark Yore has submitted a proposal with a slightly uncommon goal: seeking to maximise total Division quality rather than minimise any Division's lack of quality.

Adopting this goal permits the drawing of quite reasonable regional-city-focused boundaries for Leichhardt, Herbert, Dawson and Capricornia. The usual caveats apply of putting the Cape in Kennedy, and removing Charters Towers from Kennedy.

Flynn is proposed to take up much more of the South Burnett. Fairly minimalist changes on the Fraser and Sunshine Coasts.

Blair as proposed is undoubtedly awkward, expanding east not only to take in the rest of the Stanley River catchment but then even further north to Kenilworth and south to Samford. It's a bit like 2006, but in reverse! We do suggest that Bundamba should remain in Blair, and that Oxley should have all of the Springfield area; the ideal boundary would be along Six Mile Creek.

Dickson is proposed to push into Brisbane City Council, protruding east into Everton Park and then continuing into Stafford. A more compact approach would be to take all the suburbia that empties onto Beckett Road, and then the western half of Everton Park. Lilley would then take the area between Stafford Road and Kedron Brook from Brisbane.

While the changes around Taigum are reasonable, the transfer of Moreton Island to Petrie is debatable. Presently there is no service from the Island to Scarborough harbour in Petrie. Contrary to Mr Yore's statement, there *is* a service to Bonner. We suggest that Moreton Island should remain in Bonner, or else be moved to Bowman with the rest of the Bay Islands.

The proposal for Griffith is reasonable. Moreton as proposed is a bit sprawling east to west.

The proposed minor changes involving Wright and Fadden are reasonable.

3.8 Dean Ashley (S23)

Dean Ashley has presented a very logical and thoroughly researched proposal.

The proposals for south-east Queensland are generally reasonable, although we of course would prefer the Moreton-Oxley population transfer to happen at the suburb of Oxley.

The 'clockwise twist' proposed for the rest of the state is again a consequence of priorities: either urban or rural interests can be kept together, but not both.

Our primary concern is that Maranoa as proposed is likely to be unserviceable. Yes, Durack is bigger, but almost of its remote towns are accessible from just two highways: the North West Coastal and the Great Northern. Durack contains a contiguous area only a little smaller than current-Maranoa that is virtually devoid of people. The other concern, which the MP for Kennedy will undoubtedly assert, is whether the area proposed for transfer to Maranoa has sufficient connection with a Division which largely looks to Toowoomba.

Otherwise, the proposal is really quite good.

4 General Comments

Pirate Party Australia congratulates everybody who've just made their first submission to a redistribution, their first submission at the 'Public Suggestions' stage, or their first submission to a Queensland redistribution.

Indeed, congratulations are in order to all the submitters.

Democracy is not a spectator sport.

There are several clear hot-spots for this redistribution: Wright in general, the northern cities (and whether or not to massively disrupt Kennedy to fix them), the Fraser and South Burnett area, and what to do with the northern Brisbane surplus.

The most important issue is Kennedy. Disruption offers great potential for the coast, but the cost is potential change to the Cape and a probably-unserviceable Maranoa.

We wish the Commission the best of insight.