



Suggestion 11

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Redistribution Committee for Queensland

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank-you for the opportunity to make suggestions for the current redistribution for federal electorates in Queensland. Within this submission, I will make some observations to consider as well as some proposals on how to adjust the 30 federal electorates Queensland is entitled to.

Observations regarding the current electorates

Regional and Rural

For the most part, there does appear that there is not a need to massively overhaul electorates in regional and rural areas of the state. That said, it won't be too long before some seats in the north and central coast will begin splitting Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton and Bundaberg to maintain enrolment quotas. It is already largely happening on current boundaries. Fortunately only cosmetic changes can be made this time that this shouldn't be too much of an issue. It will however no doubt spark the usual debate on the orientations of Kennedy and Leichhardt. I do support the need to keep these two seats a similar size to what they are now, however I don't think it will be too much longer before Leichhardt will have to be a Cairns only seat extending south towards Townsville. While this might alleviate the need for Dawson to creep into Townsville in the long term, I do not support the notion of Kennedy being an electorate of north west Queensland as well as Cape York Peninsula. This may be alleviated with an additional seat (which we are not entitled to) or an expansion of the Parliament (not foreseeable in the future). Fortunately though, this is probably the only real issue outside south east Queensland.

South East Queensland

My biggest concern with SEQ seats is the current boundary of Wright. This is clearly a seat of two parts that have no direct links to each other without going through either Blair or Groom and Maranoa. It would make more sense to place the Lockyer Valley into a seat with the Somerset Regional Council area and parts of Ipswich. This would mean that Wright pushes more into the Gold Coast hinterland, which has more in common with Beaudesert than Gatton and draws the eastern boundary of Blair well into the inner Ipswich area. The flow on of this change is discussed later.

<u>Brisbane</u>

Brisbane metropolitan area is cursed with uneven growth with inner city and outer suburbs being over quota and the middle ring suburbs tending to be under quota. While it is accepted that the Brisbane River is a very clearly identifiable boundary, it does seem that at least one seat will have to cross the river. The only real seats that have the capacity to do this to maintain communities of interest are Ryan and Brisbane as the Gateway Bridge is not an adequate connector of communities on opposite sides of the river.

The current boundaries of Bonner are also a concern given that the Wynnum-Manly area are not generally areas associated with Mansfield and Eight Mile Plains. The need to make Brisbane and Lilley smaller enrolment-wise will also require some outside the box thinking to solve and I will propose that Bonner will need to become a northside bayside seat rather than a southside bayside seat. The flow on of this would mean that Petrie finally becomes a standalone Moreton Region seat, supported by the growth of North Lakes. This will also be discussed later in detail.

Suggested changes to boundaries

In examining where changes can and must be made, I have endeavoured to keep SA2s together where possible given these more or less correspond to same or similar suburbs. As a result, some of the proposed boundaries may appear rough and can be open to some alteration to follow major roads and railways, if suburb boundaries don't already follow these, in conjunction with SA1s. While I might not be totally familiar with all areas, I am very familiar with many areas around the state. As a result, I have tried to use this familiarity to my changes.

Seats left unchanged

Bowman, Groom, Herbert, Maranoa, McPherson.

Groom and Maranoa all have no need to change given steady actual and projected enrolments. These seats also have very good communities of interest which are well served on current boundaries.

McPherson does not need to change more due to its location on the state border and any potential flow on changes are limited by its geography. Current and projected enrolments are well within quota.

Bowman, while in the Brisbane metropolitan area and potentially subject to the changes in the region, is one of the few seats within current and projected quotas and sits nicely exclusively within the Redland City Council area. It would seem pointless disrupting this community of interest.

Herbert's inclusion in this list would seem curious given it is perilously close to being over projected quota. Given that Dawson can lose electors to Capricornia around Mackay and still remain within quota, there is no real need to donate electors from Herbert to make up the shortfall. This limits the further incursion of Dawson into Townsville south of the Ross River. If there is a need to lose electors, it would be better to lose electors on Townsville's north west to Kennedy to make up any further numbers that might need to be required there.

Regional and Rural areas

As noted before, minor cosmetic changes are more or less needed to bring these seats into quota. The area names used are those that refer to SA2s.

- Leichhardt is over quota. The only seat that can accept enrolments from Leichhardt is Kennedy, which is close to being under-quota. Logically, it would be suburbs south of Cairns which will have to move as those north of Cairns will make Leichhardt non-continuous. Currently split SA2s in Bentley Park, Edmonton and Gordonvale-Trinity can be reunited with those already in Kennedy. This simple change brings both Leichhardt and Kennedy back to quota.
- Capricornia is under quota but not by much. Dawson is the logical seat to gain from given it is well within quota. Capricornia's shortfall can be made up by reuniting SA2s Walkerston-Eton and Ooralea-Bakers Creek into Capricornia. Minor adjustments with Flynn to reunite the Rockhampton City and Clermont SA2s would also boost the enrolment quota, with negligible effect on Flynn's enrolment quota. If the Committee sees fit that Dawson's enrolment is too low, then Herbert could be used to shed enrolments to raise the enrolment of Dawson.
- Flynn has no further changes to what was outlined previously.
- Hinkler is slightly under quota and can be brought back into quota by reuniting the Burrum-Fraser and Booral-River Heads SA2s from Wide Bay. This does not alter Wide Bay's enrolment projection significantly.
- Wide Bay has no further changes to what was outlined previously.
- Fairfax is over quota and Fisher is under quota. As these are both Sunshine Coast seats, it is logical to exchange electors between these two seats and not alter community of interests significantly. This exchange can be achieved by reuniting the Palmwoods SA2 into Fisher. This will result in both seats being back within quota.

South East Queensland

As previously outlined, my proposal includes how to place the Lockyer Valley into an electorate which better suits community of interests, namely a seat which uses the Warrego and Brisbane Valley Highways as spines. Logically, this means that Blair will stretch to fill this area, with the eastern boundary roughly along Bundamba Creek. The result of this squeeze means that Wright will now move into areas bounded to the west of the Pacific Motorway and roughly south of the Coomera River, but still centred on the Scenic Rim Regional Council.

• Wright loses the Lockyer Valley Regional Council area but gains all areas roughly west of the Pacific Motorway south of the Coomera River not included in McPherson. This reunites Highland Park, most of Nerang, Oxenford-Maudsland, Gaven-Pacific Pines SA2s in addition to reuniting the Greenbank SA2 in the Logan City Council area.

Wright	
SA2	Projected enrolment
Beaudesert	9683
Boonah	9024
Greenbank	9223
Guanaba-Springbrook	3148
Highland Park	6077
Jimboomba	16856
Mudgeeraba - Bonogin	4257
Nerang-Mount Nathan	14032
Oxenford-Maudsland	10450
Pacific Pines-Gaven	11322
Tamborine-Canungra	10500
Worongary - Tallai	5714
Total	110286

• Blair unites the Lockyer Valley and Somerset Regional Council areas into a more cohesive electorate. This is combined with the Ipswich urban area west of Bundamba Creek as well as North Ipswich and Tivoli.

Blair		
SA2	Projected Enrolment	
Brassall	7610	
Churchill-Yamanto	4931	
Crows Nest-Rosalie	2	
Esk	3961	
Gatton	4300	
Ipswich Central	4636	
Ipswich East	12821	
Ipswich North	3336	
Kilcoy	3585	
Leichhardt-One Mile	5162	
Lockyer Valley East	13791	
Lockyer Valley West	8417	
Lowood	9916	
North Ipswich-Tivoli	4676	
Raceview	10834	
Ripley	3335	
Rosewood	8561	
Total	109874	

• Moncrieff with the loss of Highland Park and parts of Nerang allows Southport SA2 to be reunited into Moncrieff. This does however pose a situation where Labrador SA2 needs to be split, probably in the vicinity of Central Avenue which is a reasonably clear boundary, if far from ideal.

Moncrieff		
SA2	Projected enrolment	Notes
Ashmore	8340	
Benowa	5894	
Broadbeach Waters	6003	
Bundall	3262	
Carrara	9054	
Labrador	8369	Suburb to be split about
		Central Ave
Main Beach	2811	
Mermaid Beach-Broadbeach	8517	
Mermaid Waters	9011	
Merrimac	1057	
Miami	5050	
Molendinar	4313	
Parkwood	5978	
Southport	19437	
Surfers Paradise	13693	
Total	110789	

When trying to determine how to place Fadden, consideration needed to be given to how seats could best suit the Brisbane-Gold Coast corridor. I did find it curious that Fadden represented the eastern side of the Pacific Motorway and Forde the western side. Taking the cue from the recent state redistribution, it would make sense for those communities between Beenleigh and the Coomera River to be represented by one seat rather than two. This will mean that the SA2s of Ormeau-Yatala, Pimpama and Upper Coomera-Willow Vale will be reunited into one seat. The downside of this means that Labrador is split between Fadden and Moncrieff at about Central Avenue, but also the northern boundary would also split Mount Warren Park in an undefined way (about 1600 electors would be needed). While undesirable, parts of Mount Warren Park and Wolffdene-Bahrs Scrub are still reasonably well connected to the rest of the Fadden electorate via Stanmore Rd. This approach would allow Fadden to avoid crossing the Albert River in the Beenleigh-Eagleby area as Eagleby would be better suited to be placed in an electorate with Beenleigh.

Fadden		
SA2	Projected enrolment	Notes
Arundel	7075	
Biggera Waters	5461	
Coombabah	7375	
Coomera	7352	
Helensvale	11915	
Hope Island	8190	
Jacobs Well-Alberton	2772	
Labrador	4000	Suburb to be split about
		Central Ave
Mt Warren Park	1600	Boundary to be determined
Ormeau-Yatala	12407	
Paradise Point-Hollywell	7691	
Pimpama	5078	
Runaway Bay	7116	
Upper Coomera-Willow Vale	18207	
Wolffdene-Bahrs Scrub	4205	
Total	110444	

• With Fadden taking in both sides of the Pacific Motorway, Forde moves from being a north-south orientation to an east-west orientation. This means that Forde becomes a Logan City based seat roughly south of the Logan Motorway between Beenleigh and the Greenbank Military Camp (but not including the camp) plus Loganholme and Shailer Park. This new seat allows Hillcrest to be combined into one seat instead of three. All SA2s are together however, there is a need to shed approximately 1100 electors in the vicinity of Browns Plains, probably north of Browns Plains Road, as well as splitting Mount Warren Park as outlined in the Fadden notes.

Forde		
SA2	Projected enrolment	Notes
Beenleigh	5530	
Bethania-Waterford	6863	
Boronia Heights-Park Ridge	8246	
Browns Plains	3265	Boundary to be determined. Electors to be included in Forde
Chambers Flat-Logan Reserve	3442	
Cornubia-Carbrook	6449	
Crestmead	6853	
Eagleby	8711	
Edens Landing-Holmview	4676	
Hillcrest	5415	
Logan Village	5124	
Loganholme-Tanah Merah	7665	
Loganlea	5498	
Marsden	7603	
Mount Warren Park	2557	
Munruben-Park Ridge South	1165	
Regents Park-Heritage Park	10574	
Shailer Park	8441	
Waterford West	4611	
Total	112688	

• With Forde moving west, Rankin needs to move north, roughly north of the Logan Motorway into some of the suburbs on Brisbane's southern extremity.

Rankin		
SA2	Projected enrolment	Notes
Algester	5563	
Browns Plains	1165	Boundary to be determined. Electors
		that need to be included in Rankin
Calamvale-Stretton	12913	
Daisy Hill	4673	
Eight Mile Plains	7440	
Kingston	5946	
Kuraby	5186	
Logan Central	3452	
Loganlea	741	
Parkinson-Drewvale	9833	
Rochedale South-Priestdale	11249	
Runcorn	8199	
Slacks Creek	6515	
Springwood	6713	
Sunnybank Hills	11066	
Underwood	4135	
Woodridge	6989	
Total	111778	

The changes made to surrounding seats have allowed Oxley to be in a position to reunite all of the high growth areas around Springfield and Redbank Plains together and have a seat framed around the Ipswich and Centenary Motorways. To accommodate this, the Centenary suburbs would be moved to Ryan, which is more suitable as people in these suburbs would have more in common with areas around Kenmore and Indooroopilly than Inala and Springfield. While this reunites many SA2s in the Brisbane-Ipswich corridor, it does mean that Oxley will extend as far as Bundamba Creek and Mount Crosby Road in the Ipswich urban area. Given the growth in the Ipswich area, it is unlikely that most of Ipswich could fit into just one seat. As a result, this split can be justified and does use a reasonably clear boundary between Oxley and Blair. To give the proposed seat a more cohesive shape, I propose the Greenbank Military Camp be included in the footprint which wouldn't impact on the enrolment numbers at all.

Oxley	
SA2	Projected enrolment
Bellbird-Brookwater	8683
Bundamba	6300
Camira-Gailes	6617
Carole Park	1
Collingwood Park-Redbank	5358
Darra-Sumner	3296
Durack	5165
Forest Lake - Doolandella	18158
Goodna	6248
Greenbank Military Camp	0
Inala-Richlands	10730
New Chum	4
Pallara-Willawong	3163
Redbank Plains	10391
Karalee- Barellan Point	4137
Riverview	1827
Rocklea-Acacia Ridge	6157
Springfield	4116
Springfield Lakes	9012
Wacol	1655
Total	111018

• The changes to Dickson have been made to reunite the Hills district and enable Petrie to be a seat exclusively north of the North Pine River. This means that Dickson creeps into the Brisbane City area around Ferny Grove, Bald Hills and unites Bridgeman Downs SA2. All these areas are suburbs that have direct links to the Pine Rivers areas covered by the Dickson electorate. This allows the central Brisbane electorates to be arranged to be within quota.

Dickson	
SA2	Projected enrolment
Albany Creek	12260
Bald Hills	5402
Bray Park	7467
Bridgeman Downs	6375
Cashmere	13784
Dayboro	6491
Eatons Hill	5904
Hills District	18170
Keperra	5455
Lawnton	4324
Samford Valley	9170
Strathpine-Brendale	8841
Upper Kedron-Ferny Grove	7215
Total	110858

Given the growth around North Lakes, it would make sense to take Petrie out of the Brisbane City Council area. This can be accommodated by the changes previously outlined to Dickson and making Petrie a seat that uses Anzac Ave as the spine of the electorate in its entirety. This means that Petrie has no need to cross the North Pine or the Pine River. This also allows the opportunity to include the locality of Petrie to be in its namesake electorate for the first time. Unfortunately, it will need to add electors by splitting the Dakabin-Kallangur SA2 and add approximately 4000 electors from Longman.

	Petrie		
SA2	Projected enrolment	Notes	
Clontarf	5974		
Dakabin-Kallangur	12480	Electors already in Petrie plus 4000	
		from Longman.	
Deception Bay	15346		
Margate-Woody Point	8823		
Murrumba Downs -Griffin	11891		
North Lakes-Mango Hill	17944		
Petrie	6489		
Redcliffe	7708		
Rothwell-Kippa Ring	11714		
Scarborough-Newport	9284		
Total	107653		

• The only change to Longman is the donation of 4000 electors from the Dakabin-Kallangur SA2 to Petrie. This makes Longman at the lower end of variance but still within quota.

Longman		
SA2	Projected enrolment	Notes
Beachmere-Sandstone Point	11414	
Bribie Island	14569	
Burpengary	9963	
Burpengary East	3065	
Caboolture	17502	
Caboolture South	13461	
Caloundra Hinterland	2	
Dakabin-Kallangur	3979	Value after the approximately 4000
		electors have been given to Petrie.
		Boundary not defined
Elimbah	2675	
Morayfield	3748	
Morayfield East	5651	
Narangba	12431	
Upper Caboolture	2323	
Wamuran	2877	
Woodford - D'Aguilar	5023	
Total	108683	

Inner Brisbane

My first attempt to arrange Brisbane, Lilley, Ryan, Moreton, Bonner and Griffith tried to keep these seats in their similar locations. I attempted to try and accommodate the Wynnum-Manly area into a better community of interest; avoiding where possible, crossings of the Brisbane River; and to make sure that Brisbane contained the Brisbane CBD. The only way I could do this was to shift Lilley west and make Griffith cross the river and move as far north as Sandgate and Brighton. This was unacceptable given the Gateway Bridge is not an adequate communication link across the river. It was at this point that I concluded that at least Ryan or Brisbane had to cross the river and one of the seats, Griffith or Bonner, would have to move from the south side to the north side. Given that Griffith is a much older electorate than Bonner, I chose to move Bonner. This means that there is a general movement of seats anticlockwise around the Brisbane CBD.

• Ryan is the first seat to move around and will have to cross the Brisbane River. This will utilise the Centenary Bridge and the bridges at Indooroopilly to maintain the communities of interest. I am proposing that Ryan moves into the Centenary suburbs, as well as suburbs based on Oxley Road west of Oxley Creek. These suburbs have strong ties with Indooroopilly which will remain in the seat. To accommodate this, suburbs north of Mount Coot-tha like The Gap, Ferny Grove, Keperra, Paddington and Auchenflower currently in Ryan will be given to Dickson, Brisbane and Lilley. Ryan will still contain the vast majority of the Brisbane Forest Park.

Ryan	
SA2	Projected enrolment
Bellbowrie-Moggill	7187
Brookfield-Kenmore Hills	5144
Chapel Hill	7849
Fig Tree Pocket	2935
Indooroopilly	8194
Ipswich - North	67
Jindalee-Mount Ommaney	5689
Riverhills	3060
Karana Downs	4565
Kenmore	6501
Lake Manchester-England Creek	3
Middle Park-Jamboree Heights	5253
Pinjarra Hills-Pullenvale	4157
Seventeen Mile Rocks - Sinnamon Park	6925
St Lucia	5606
Taringa	6125
Toowong	7480
Westlake	3469
Chelmer-Graceville	5428
Corinda	3520
Sherwood	4135
Oxley	5505
Total	108797

• With the removal of areas west Oxley Creek to Ryan and Sunnybank Hills and Kuraby to Rankin and being under quota, it makes sense for Moreton to spread further across the southern suburbs of Brisbane City Council, using the Kessels Road, Ipswich Road and Logan Road corridors as the focus. My proposed Moreton unites several SA2s including Annerley and Holland Park but still separates the Fairfield-Dutton Park SA2 with Fairfield remaining in Moreton.

Moreton		
SA2	Projected enrolment	
Annerley	8736	
Coopers Plains	3397	
Macgregor	3464	
Moorooka	8061	
Robertson	2922	
Salisbury-Nathan	4884	
Sunnybank	5085	
Tarragindi	8017	
Yeronga	7594	
Eight Mile Plains	2123	
Rochedale-Burbank	4212	
Upper Mount Gravatt	6083	
Wishart	7592	
Mount Gravatt	10976	
Holland Park	6163	
Holland Park West	4778	
Fairfield-Dutton Park	2296	
Greenslopes	6853	
Mansfield	6265	
Total	109501	

• As Moreton moves to take over the southern end of Bonner, Griffith needs to shift east to take over the bulk of the remaining areas east of the Brisbane CBD. How close Griffith gets to the CBD will be dependent on building enrolments from the Wynnum-Many area. By taking over what is essentially the northern part of Bonner and moving along the Wynnum Road and Old Cleveland Road corridors. The quota is reached in the Coorparoo area. The new Griffith will still contain Bulimba and Balmoral, but lose areas immediately south of the Brisbane River as far as and including Hawthorne, Norman Park and Coorparoo.

Griffith	
SA2	Projected enrolment
Brisbane Port-Lytton	5
Manly West	8481
Manly-Lota	5511
Tingalpa	6448
Wynnum	9757
Wynnum West-Hemmant	10295
Wakerley	6098
Belmont-Gumdale	5634
Carina	8246
Carina Heights	4833
Carindale	12263
Cannon Hill	4054
Murrarie	2891
Camp Hill	8380
Morningside-Seven Hills	9453
Bulimba	4884
Balmoral	3369
Total	110602

Brisbane is the other electorate that must cross the river given the lack of electors south of the Brisbane River. As
Griffith has been stretched to include the Wynnum-Manly area, areas around South Brisbane, Norman Park and East
Brisbane need to be shed to keep Griffith in quota. Brisbane is the only seat that can accept these electors. All suburbs
south of the Brisbane River not included in other summaries will be in Brisbane and will make up nearly half the quota.
The other half will need to come from other inner city suburbs north of the Brisbane River, roughly south of Enoggera
and Breakfast Creeks and immediately east of Mount Coot-tha. This will unite Paddington-Milton and Bardon SA2s into
one seat. One drawback is that the inclusion of Coorparoo in Brisbane will give the seat an unusual shape on the south
side. This could be addressed with examination of SA1s and probably use Logan and Old Cleveland Roads and Norman
Creek as potential boundaries between Brisbane, Griffith and Moreton.

Brisbane	
SA2	Projected enrolment
Hawthorne	3840
Norman Park	4935
Coorparoo	12412
East Brisbane	4214
Fairfield-Dutton Park	1275
Highgate Hill	4612
Kangaroo Point	5666
South Brisbane	3887
West End	7002
Woolloongabba	3602
Brisbane City	5048
Fortitude Valley	4164
New Farm	9588
Newstead-Bowen Hills	7867
Paddington-Milton	8534
Auchenflower	4157
Red Hill	4423
Spring Hill	2783
Kelvin Grove-Herston	5403
Bardon	7511
Total	110923

• Brisbane's northside now has enough enrolments to accommodate two at quota seats. These two seats can roughly be defined with Gympie and Lutwyche Roads as the boundary. My proposal however does not do this and relies on SA2s for estimations, but the numbers do line up. With the addition of the extra seat north of the Brisbane River, Lilley needs to shift west. The new Lilley will take in areas that were in Ryan and Brisbane. The inclusion of The Gap would give Lilley a bit of a tail however, it is included as a community of interest along Waterworks Road through Ashgrove and is a better fit in a Brisbane-based seat rather than being in Pine Rivers-based Dickson. The new orientation of Lilley will unite many SA2s that were previously divided between Lilley, Ryan and Brisbane.

Lilley	
SA2	Projected enrolment
The Gap	12474
Ashgrove	10107
Alderley	4659
Enoggera	6203
Grange	3187
Mitchelton	6173
Newmarket	3538
Wilston	3054
Windsor	5276
Stafford	5083
Wooloowin-Lutwyche	6976
Kedron-Gordon Park	10190
Everton Park	6983
McDowall	5691
Stafford Heights	5331
Chermside West	4787
Chermside	5968
Wavell Heights	7400
Enoggera Reservoir	13
Total	113093

• The new Bonner remains a bayside seat however, it does move north of the Brisbane River. It will include suburbs largely between the Brisbane and the Pine Rivers and east of Gympie and Lutwyche Roads. There is a small arc which includes Aspley and Carseldine in the north, but all still remain in a community of interest. This proposed seat unites Aspley, Taigum-Fitzgibbon SA2s into one seat.

Bonner	
SA2	Projected enrolment
Ascot	4054
Brisbane Airport	10
Albion	2123
Clayfield	7794
Eagle Farm-Pinkenba	558
Hamilton	4547
Aspley	9468
Boondall	6698
Bracken Ridge	12499
Brighton	7120
Carseldine	6444
Hendra	3687
Northgate-Virginia	4868
Nudgee-Banyo	7088
Nundah	8871
Deagon	2755
Geebung	3214
Sandgate-Shorncliffe	4834
Taigum-Fitzgibbon	8218
Zillmere	6224
Total	111074

Final Comments

I do accept that this proposal has some serious limitations given it is based solely on trying to keep SA2s together as much as possible, especially in inner Brisbane however, despite the need to try and limit elector movements between electorates, it does appear likely that there will be significant movement in the Greater Brisbane area due to the uneven population growth. One positive outcome from this uneven growth is that there is great potential to make several seats more cohesive than what was been arranged in the past. This is especially true in opportunities to unite high growth areas around North Lakes and Springfield in single seats and associated with areas more similar demographics. The other issue I wish to be addressed is the inclusion of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council into Wright, given the tenuous land communication links between the Lockyer Valley and the Scenic Rim.

I commend to the committee the spirit of this submission and hope its suggestions are insightful for deliberation.

Sincerely,

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