



**The Federal Redistribution 2009  
QUEENSLAND**



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**Comment Number 24  
on Public Suggestions**

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Dear Mr Killesteyn

I refer to your request for 'Comments' on 'Suggestions' for the current redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Queensland.

Please find enclosed my submission made up of two parts:-

- Comments on the 'Suggested Divisions' in which I forwarded to, including tables and maps, but due to time restraints, no text, prior to 'Suggestions' closing at 6pm on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2009.

I have again included the tables for these suggested Divisions as to keep the text and them together.

I have included an A4 duplicate of the maps I forwarded to you with my 'Suggestions'.

You have the 'full size' maps I included in my submission.

Street maps showing the suggested boundaries in Leichhardt (Cairns), Herbert (Townsville), and Dawson (Mackay), are also included in this submission.

(b) Comments on suggestions by other persons and organisations.

I will make detailed comments on some of the 'Suggestions' made by other persons and organisations and fax them to you prior to the closing of 'Comments on Suggestions' at 6pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009, however I wish to express my concern about matter in which the Liberal National Party (LNP) has submitted its 'Suggestions',

A 'flimsy' public presentation with no maps or detail so the public could follow where their 'Suggestions' placed the boundaries.

A private submission under the guise of a 'courtesy' in which the details including maps are included.

Under the heading *Proposed changes to existing electorates* the LNP state:-

'Finally we determined that using Map Info 9.0 Programme gave the clearest possible assistance to the Redistribution Committee to consider the suggestions we make. The following provides some commentary to the Map details contained on the supplied disk.'

In other words the public submission is complimentary to the private one, not the other way around.

When there was no copy of the Map Info 9.0 Programme on the Internet attached to their submission I contacted the Redistribution Secretariat, on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2009, and asked was it possible to access this additional information.

I was told by the Secretariat that this Map Info was given to the Redistribution Commission as a 'courtesy' and was not to be made public.

I was also told that the Secretariat had contacted the LNP and they had confirmed that what was on the 'web site' was all of the submission to be made public.

I 'put it' to the person from the Secretariat that all submissions had to be made public under Section 64 (3) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 which states:-

'The Redistribution Committee must cause copies of the suggestions lodged under paragraph (1) (a) to be made available for perusal, starting on the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday after publication of the notice in the *Gazette*'

and confirmed in a letter from the Redistribution Committed Secretariat on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009, acknowledging receipt of my 'suggestions' which states in part:-

'The Electoral Act required that all suggestions to the Redistribution committee be made public available. This will involve:

Making copies of all suggestions available for public inspection at the office of the AEC 7<sup>th</sup> Floor 488 Queen St, Brisbane,  
Publication of all suggestions on the AEC website'

I further 'put it' to the person from the Secretariat that there was no provision under the Act for material to be supplied to the Committee which could be classed as a 'courtesy' and not for publication, and that only material made public could be considered by Committee in its deliberations.

The person from the Secretariat advised I had a 'valid point' and he would take the matter up with his Manager.

At approximately 8.30am on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2009, I had a phone call from the person from the Secretariat advising that all material supplied to the Committee had been posted on the AEC website.

That evening I tried to access the information I was told was on the web site.

I found: -

That on the front page Suggestions 24 (LNP) and 25 (ALP) had attachments to suggestions and a \* beside them.

*The \* stated these downloads are available in MapInfo (.mid/.mif) format and are suitable for use in Geographical Information Systems (GIS). You will need GIS software to view and manipulate data.*

I therefore could not access the material.

Being Friday night and a long weekend (Monday being the Labour Day Public Holiday in Queensland) I had to wait until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2009 to go to Cairns and see if somebody could download the information.

I went to two of the largest mapping firms in Cairns, and neither had the required software to download the information.

On Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, 2009, I engaged a private person to see if he could download this information. He could not.

It appears to be impossible to access this information unless you fork out' approximately \$550-00 to but the software.

If I did decide to buy the software:-

- It would be of limited use to me other than during a redistribution.
- It would be probably be obsolete by the time of the next redistribution.
- It would probably be not available in Cairns until after the closing time of 'Comments on Suggestions'

I phoned the Redistribution Committee Secretariat on the afternoon of Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May, asking if there was going to be an extension of time for 'Comments on Suggestions' in view of the fact that all the 'Suggestions' were not available for public perusal on the '5<sup>th</sup> Monday' as required under the Act.

I was told that under the Act there is no provision for an extension of time.

I accept this to be so, however when Parliament passed this legislation many years ago (possibly 1983) they probably did not envisage the situation which has now occurred, i.e. that the Redistribution Committee did not have all the 'Suggestions' made public within the time frame stipulated in the Act.

I find it unacceptable that some of the 'so called' public submissions cannot be accessed by the general public without considerable financial outlay.

I am aware that the only way was the local newspaper 'The Cairns Post' could obtain a copy of the map of the LNP 'Suggested' Division of Kennedy was for their IT people to 'crack' the LNP website.

I ask the Redistribution Committee to take steps so as all the material presented to them at future redistributions is readily available to the public at a reasonable cost, or else 'public comments' will become a 'farce' and the 'real suggestions' will be the ones given to the Committee as a 'courtesy' behind closed doors.

I thought this practice went out twenty years ago with demise of the Bjelke-Petersen Government.

I intend writing to the Minister and the Parliamentary Committee that overseas the Electoral Act, to inform them of what has happened in Queensland during this Electoral Redistribution, and also requesting that they take whatever action (possibly legislative) to make sure this does not occur at future Redistributions.

I note that the ALP also made an attachment to their public submission, but their public submission included maps and Statistical Local Areas (SLA's) and Census Collection Districts (CCD's).

With the assistance of the Australian Bureau of Statistic (ABS) maps, it could be easily ascertained the details of their 'Suggestion'.

Should you have any queries please contact me on the above phone number.

Yours sincerely



R. J. Richardson.

**COMMENTS ON MY**  
**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF KENNEDY**

**TABLE 6**

**Enrolment**

My 'Suggested Division of Kennedy' completes the Divisions on North and Central Queensland.

It includes:-

- (a) The area of the existing Division of Kennedy that is not included in my 'Suggested' Division of Fulton.

This includes the towns and cities along the Great Northern Railway from Charters Towers to Mount Isa, and also the Burke, Doomadgee, Mornington and Boulia Shires.

- (b) The Burdekin Shire from the existing Division of Dawson.

Legislative requirements preclude this Shire from being included in my 'Suggested' Division of Dawson.

- (c) Parts of the existing Division of Flynn.

This includes:-

- All the area of the Gladstone Regional Council and the Banana Shire Council.
- The Western Regional Councils of Blackall/Tambo, Longreach and the Shire of Winton.
- Parts of the Regional Councils of Barcaldine and Central Highlands.
- The North Burnett towns of Eidsvold, Monto and Perry

- The Koolan Statistical Local Area (SLA), formerly Shire of the Bundaberg Regional Council.

While my 'Suggested Division' may be classed as a 'miss match' I consider it the better of the options, i.e. split the Regional Councils like Mackay and Rockhampton, or have a Division that 'completes' the Divisions of North and Central Queensland.

It does have agriculture, (including pastoral activities), and mining as a 'common interest'.

Should the Redistribution Commission accept this 'Suggestion' I envisage the 'Suggested Division of Kennedy' 'moving north' after future redistributions, thus losing Gladstone and its surrounding areas.

The reasons for this being:-

- That with future growth of Cairns the 'Suggested Division of Fulton' will lose its Townsville component and Kennedy would move east and 'fill the gap'.
- That with the future growth of Townsville, the 'Suggested' Division of Kennedy would move east and accommodate the surplus from Herbert.
- That with the future growth of Mackay and the anticipated development of the Town of Bowen as an industrial centre, the 'Suggested' Division of Kennedy would move south east and take in parts of the Whitsunday Regional Council (including Bowen), thus relieving the surplus from the Division of Dawson.

As a result of the increase of the size of the Federal Parliament in 1984, that redistribution brought the Division of Kennedy onto the Atherton Tableland to absorb the surplus from Leichhardt that the reduced quota produced.

The number of Divisions in Queensland increased from nineteen to twenty four.

Subsequent redistributions has brought into the Division the Johnstone Shire (now a part of the Cassowary Regional Council) and parts of the Cairns Regional Council (south of Edmonton).



Prior to 1984 Redistribution, the Division of Kennedy was always a large sprawling Division taking in such diverse areas as Bowen, prior to the 1968 Redistribution, and the South Burnett towns of Wondai, Murgon and Cherbourg.

This is confirmed by an enclosed map copied from the 1984 Parliamentary Handbook.

Also that Handbook list industries in the division as diverse as nickel mining at Greenvale, coal mining at Moura, silver, lead, zinc and copper mining at Mount Isa, citrus fruits at Gayndah, cotton at Emerald, as well as beef cattle, wool, mixed grain and sugar.

After the 1984 redistribution the Division of Kennedy still had Blackall and Claremont in the Division

An enclosed map from the 1991 Parliamentary Handbook confirms this.

It is only since the growth of Cairns and Townsville, coupled with the steady increase in the number of Federal Divisions from Queensland that the Division of Kennedy has moved north and lost its Central Queensland component, and some of its size in area.

The Division of Kennedy has always been a 'problem child' for Redistribution Commissions, 'vast in area and sparse in population'.

Up until 1984 the Parliament had the authority to 'accept' or 'reject' redistributions.

Up until that time there were thirteen redistributions in Queensland.

Six were accepted by Parliament, four were rejected, and three lapsed.

It is my understanding a lot of the rejections and lapsed were because Parliament could not accept the proposed Division of Kennedy.

The suggested Division has 93,438 electors as at 19/2/09 which is 105.77% of a quota.

It is projected to have an enrolment of 98,046 as at 9/7/2012 which is 100.84% of a quota.

## **Area**

Table 18 shows the approximate area of the 'Suggested' Division would be 745,433 sq km.

This would be 'within range' when comparing the size of the Division after previous redistributions.

After the 1977 redistribution it was approximately 663,150 sq km.

After the 1984 redistribution it was approximately 772,000 sq km.

After the 2006 redistribution it was approximately 564,967 sq km.

If my 'Suggested' Division is accepted by the Redistribution Commission it would remain as Australia fourth largest Division in area behind Kalgoorlie (WA) 2,295,354 sq km; Lingiari (NT) 1,347,849; and Grey (SA) 904,881 sq km.

The Queensland State Electoral District of Mount Isa is approximately 570,502 sq km.

Considering that State Districts in Queensland have approximately a third of the electors of a Federal Division, the area of my 'Suggested' Division 'fits in' favourably in that scenario.

## **Suggested Boundary**

Commencing at the north-eastern extremity of the Burdekin Shire in the Coral Sea, by that boundary, generally in a westerly, then south-westerly direction to the eastern boundary of the Charters Towers Regional Council, by the eastern, northern and western boundaries of that Regional Council in a generally northerly, then southerly direction, until it meets the northern boundary of the Flinders Shire, by the northern boundaries of the Flinders, Richmond McKinlay, and Cloncurry Shires, in a generally westerly direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Burke Shire, by that boundary in a northerly direction to the shore line, by a line due north to the existing boundary in the Gulf of Carpentaria, by the northern and western boundaries of the existing Division in a westerly, then southerly direction until it meets the western boundary of the State of Queensland, by the western, then southern, then western boundary of the State in a southerly, easterly, then southerly direction until it meets the southern

boundary of the Shire of Barcoo, by the southern, eastern boundaries of that Shire in a generally easterly, then north-easterly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Longreach Regional Council (Isisford SLA), by that boundary in a generally north-easterly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Blackall/Tambo Regional Council, by that boundary in a generally south-easterly, north-easterly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Central Highlands Regional Council (Bauhinia SLA) by that boundary in an easterly then south easterly direction until it meets the western boundary of the Banana Shire, by the western, southern, and eastern boundaries of that Shire, until it meets the southern boundary of the North Burnett Regional Council, (Eidsvold SLA), by the southern and eastern boundaries, in a generally easterly, then northerly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Perry SLA of the North Burnett Regional Council, by that boundary in a easterly, then north-easterly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Bundaberg Regional Council (Kolan SLA), by the southern and eastern boundaries of that SLA in an easterly, north-easterly, and north-westerly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Gladstone Regional Council, by the southern, eastern, and northern boundaries of that Regional Council in a north-easterly, easterly, northerly, westerly, south-westerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Banana Shire, by the northern, then western boundaries of that Shire in a north-westerly, then south westerly direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Central Highlands Regional Council (Bauhinia SLA) by the eastern, northern boundaries of that SLA in a northerly, then south-westerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Barcaldine Regional Council (Jericho SLA), by the southern and western boundaries of that SLA in a south-western, then north-western direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Aramac SLA (Barcaldine Regional Council), by the southern, western, and northern boundaries of that SLA in a westerly, north-westerly, and north-easterly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Charters Towers Regional Council, by the southern and eastern boundaries of that Regional Council in an easterly, north-easterly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Burdekin Shire, by that boundary in a north-easterly, easterly, and then north-westerly direction to the point of commencement.

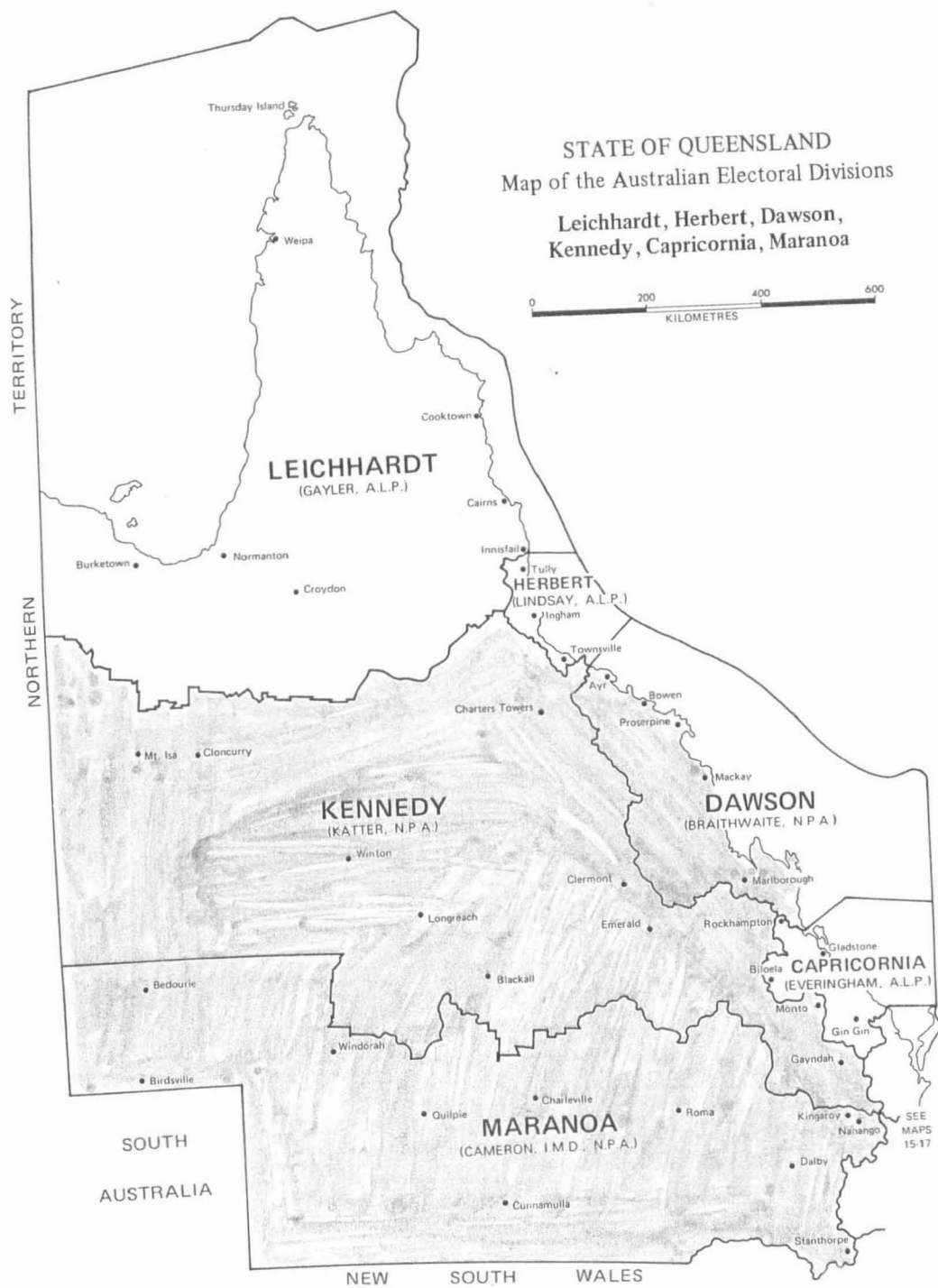
**Name**

I discussed the name of the Division in detail in my 'Suggested' Division of Fulton (in my 'Suggestions' submission.

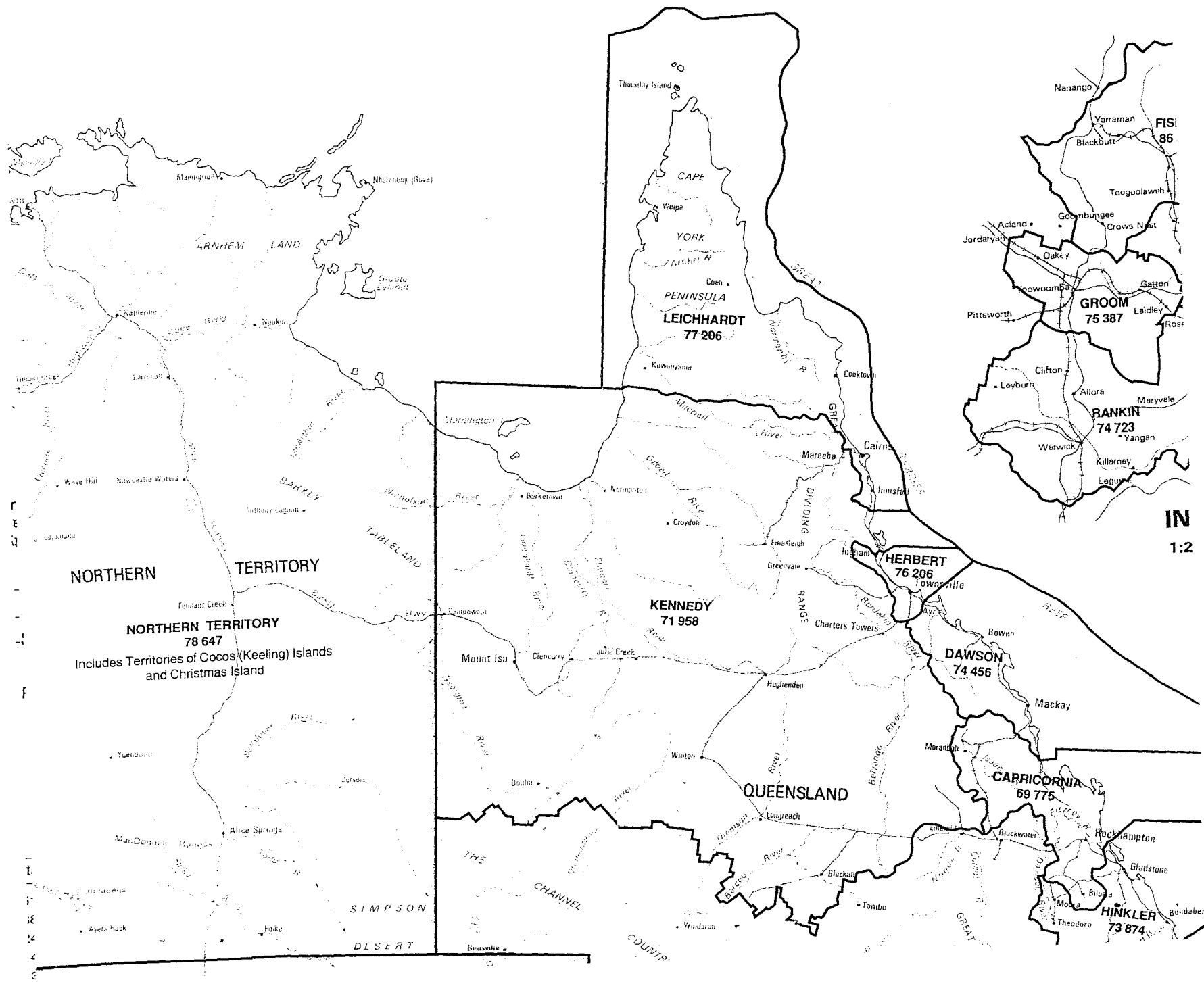
I believe that there should be a Division of Kennedy in Federal Parliament, either this Division or my 'Suggested' Division of Fulton.

If my 'Suggested' Division of Fulton is called Kennedy, I believe that this Division should be called Flynn after Rev John Flynn, founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

MAP 14

SEE  
MAPS  
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1991 PARLIAMENTARY HANDBOOK.



**COMMENTS ON MY**  
**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF HINKLER**

**TABLE 7**

**Enrolment**

With my 'Suggested' Divisions for North and Central Queensland completed I now turn my attention to remaining rural and regional Divisions to the south of the State, Hinkler being one of them.

In line with my desire to retain all the area of a Regional Council in one Division, if possible, quota wise, and I consider practicable, I have decided to rejoin the Cities of Hervey Bay and Maryborough into the one 'Suggested' Division, i.e. the 'Suggested' Division of Wide Bay.

This leaves all the area of the Bundaberg Regional Council, except the Kolan Statistical Local Area (SLA) to form the nucleus the 'Suggested' Division of Hinkler.

The Kolan SLA has been included in my 'Suggested' Division of Kennedy.

The Bundaberg Regional Council (excluding the Kolan) has 59,059 electors as at 19/2/2009, and a projected enrolment of 61,768 as at 9/7/2012, so approximately an additional 30,000 electors are required to bring the 'Suggested' Division to within the legislative requirements.

With my desire to place the additional 'Suggested' Division in the Gympie/Noosa region and the need to relieve some of the existing Divisions south of the Brisbane River I have decided to take my 'Suggested' Division of Hinkler into the south-west of the State as far as the Queensland/New south Wales/South Australian border (Cameron Corner).

This allows the existing Division of Maranoa (under a new name) to move east and relieve some of the existing Divisions south of the Brisbane River.

While this may appear to be a 'strange mix', Bundaberg coupled with Roma and Charleville, both their economies are centred on agriculture, (including pastoral activities).

While there is some mining in the 'Suggested' Division, it is not to the extent of that in the 'Suggested' Divisions to the north.

Similarly, there is tourism in the 'Suggested' Division, however not with the same intensity as that in the 'Suggested' Divisions to the south, in particular Fraser Island which is within the area of the Fraser Coast Regional Council which I have included in my 'Suggested' division of Wide Bay.

Apart from most of the area of the Bundaberg Regional Council, my 'Suggested' division includes:-

- The North Burnett Regional Council areas of Biggenden, Gayndah, and Mundubbera.
- The South Burnett Regional Council area of Wondai
- The Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire.
- Parts of the Dalby Regional Council, including the Chinchilla, Murilla/Wandoan and Tara SLA's.
- All of the area of the Roma Regional Council.
- The western Shires of Balonne, Bulloo, Paroo, Murweh, and Quilpie.

The 'Suggested' Division of Hinkler had 90,324 electors as at 19/2/2009 which is 102.25% of a quota.

On projected enrolments there will be 95,923 electors as at 9/7/2012 which is 98.65% of a quota.

### **Area**

Table 19 shows the area of the 'Suggested' Division is approximately 376,698 sq km.



### **Suggested Boundary**

Commencing at the eastern extremity of the northern boundary the Bundaberg Regional Council,(Burnett SLA) in the Coral Sea, hence by that boundary in a westerly direction to the shore line, hence by that western boundary in a southerly, south-easterly, then southerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Biggenden SLA (North Burnett Regional Council), by that boundary in a south-westerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Gayndah SLA (North Burnett Regional Council) by that boundary in a westerly, then southerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Mundubbera SLA (North Burnett Regional council), by that boundary in a westerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Chinchilla SLA (Dalby Regional Council), hence by the northern and western boundaries of that SLA in a western and south-western direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Murilla/Wandoan SLA (Dalby Regional Council), by that boundary in a western direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Bungil SLA (Roma Regional Council), by the eastern and northern boundary of the Roma Regional Council in a north-westerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Murweh Shire, by that boundary in a north-westerly, then south westerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Quilpie Shire, by that boundary in a north-westerly, the south-westerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Bulloo Shire, by that boundary in a westerly direction until it meets the western border of the State, by that border and the southern border, in a southerly, then easterly direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Balonne Shire, by that boundary in a northerly, easterly, then northerly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Tara SLA (Dalby Regional Council), by southern and eastern boundaries of that SLA in a easterly, northerly direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Chinchilla SLA of the Dalby Regional Council, by that boundary in a generally northern direction until it meets southern boundary of the Wondai SLA of the South Burnett Regional Council, by the southern and the eastern boundaries of that SLA, in an easterly then generally northerly direction until it meets the western boundary of the Cherbourg Aboriginal Council, by that boundary in a north-westerly direction until it again meets the eastern boundary of the Wondai SLA, by that boundary in a north-westerly direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Gayndah SLA (North Burnett Regional Council), by that boundary in an easterly, northerly, south-easterly, then north-easterly direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Biggenden SLA (North Burnett Regional Council), by that boundary in an north-easterly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the

Bundaberg Regional Council, by that boundary in a north-easterly direction to the point of commencement.

**Name**

The Division of Hinkler was first proclaimed in the 1984 Redistribution.

It is named after Bert Hinkler, 1892 – 1933, pioneer aviator.

I do not suggest a name change.

**COMMENTS ON MY**  
**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF WIDE BAY**

**TABLE 8**

**Enrolment**

In line with my desire to retain all the area of a Regional Council in one Division, if possible quota wise, and I consider practicable, I have joined the two cities of Hervey Bay and Maryborough together in my 'Suggested' Division of Wide Bay.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council has 62,609 electors as at 19/2/2009, and a projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012 of 71,258.

This means the 'Suggested' Division has to gain approximately 25,000 electors to meet the legislative requirements.

I have:-

- Included the remaining areas of the South Burnett Regional Council, namely Murgon, Nanango, and Kingaroy into the Division.
- The Kilkivan SLA from the Gympie Regional Council has been included in the 'Suggested' Division so as to join the Fraser Coast Regional Council with the South Burnett area.
- Some outlying areas of the Toowoomba Regional Council, including a part of the Crows Nest SLA and a part Rosalie SLA are included in 'Suggested' Division.

The South Burnett areas have been in the Division of Wide Bay before and fit comfortably into the 'community of interest' criteria of the Electoral Act.

The 'Suggested' Division had an enrolment of 85,984 as at 19/2/2009 which is 97.33% of a quota

The projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012 is 95,956 which is 98.69% of a quota.

## **Area**

Table 20 shows the area of the 'Suggested' Division of Wide Bay is 16,898 sq km.

## **Suggested Boundary**

Commencing at the eastern extremity of the northern boundary of the Fraser Coast Regional Council on Fraser Island, hence by that boundary in a south-westerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Kilkivan SLA of the Gympie Regional Council, by the northern and western boundaries of that SLA in a south-westerly, north-westerly and southerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Murgon SLA (South Burnett Regional Council), by the northern and western boundaries of that SLA in a southerly and generally south-easterly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Nanango SLA (South Burnett Regional Council), by the northern boundary of that SLA, and the Kingaroy SLA (South Burnett Regional Council) in a westerly direction, by the western boundaries of the Kingaroy and Nanango SLA's in a south-easterly direction until it meets Cooyar/Rangemore Road, by that road, Back Creek road, Oakey/Cooyar Road in a generally easterly, then southerly direction until it meets the western boundary of the Crows Nest SLA (Toowoomba Regional Council), by that boundary in a easterly direction until it meets Pechey MacLagen Road, by that road, Groomsville Road, Cooby Creek, Coobybilla Creek, McLean Road, New England Highway, in a southerly, south-easterly, north-easterly, and south-easterly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Crows Nest SLA, by that and the eastern boundary of that SLA in an easterly, and the northerly direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Nanango SLA, by that boundary in a northerly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Kilkivan SLA, by the southern and eastern boundaries of that SLA in a generally easterly, then north-easterly direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Fraser Coast Regional Council, by that boundary in a generally easterly, then north-easterly direction to the point of commencement.

**Name**

Wide Bay was one of the original Divisions of Federal Parliament, proclaimed in 1900.

Name Derivation: - Named after the District which takes its name from the bay sighted by Captain Cook in the 18<sup>th</sup> May, 1770.

I have reservations about geographical names as boundaries move and the name becomes irrelevant, however as my 'Suggested' Division includes what is known as 'Wide Bay' I do not suggest a name change.

**COMMENTS ON MY**  
**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF GROOM**

**TABLE 9**

**Enrolment**

The existing Division of Groom had 91, 572 electors as at 19/02/2009 which is 103.66% of a quota.

The projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012 is 97,182, which is 99.95% of a quota.

It is within the quota variance, both at the 19/2/2009, and the projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012.

As the boundary of the existing Division is not affected by any suggested changes to other Divisions I believe that the existing Division should remain as it is.

**Area**

The area of the existing Division is 5,584.6 sq km.

As I have made no suggested changes to the existing Division the area of the Division will remain the same.

**Suggested Boundary**

As I have made no suggested changes to the existing Division the boundary of the Division will remain the same.

**Name**

The Division was first proclaimed in 1984 after the Division of Darling Downs was abolished.

The Division is named after Sir Littleton Groom, 1867 – 1936, Member for Darling Downs in the House of Representatives, 1901-29, 1931-36, Speaker of the House Representative 1926-29.

I do not suggest a change of name of the Division.

**COMMENTS ON MY**  
**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF CHALK**

**TABLE 10**

**Enrolment**

This 'Suggested Division is basically the existing Division of Maranoa moved east, and down the Range to include the Lockyer Valley Regional Council, the Scenic Rim Regional Council and part of the rural area of the Ipswich City Council.

It relieves the existing Divisions of Forde and Blair of its rural component and therefore allows those two existing Divisions to 'take the pressure off' some of the other Divisions south of the Brisbane River which on projected enrolments will be far over the allowable quota variance as at 9/7/2012.

Such existing Divisions are Oxley and Fadden.

I have suggested the transfer of 30,038 electors as at 19/2/09 from the existing Division of Blair and on projected enrolments as at 9/7/2012 34,026.

I have also suggested the transfer of 16,254 electors as at 19/2/09 from the existing Division of Forde and on projected enrolments as at 9/7/2012 18,420.

This is a total of 46,292 electors as at 19/2/2009 or 52.4% of a quota.

On projected enrolments as at 9/7/2009 it is 52,446 or 53.94% of a quota.

I have retained 44,104 electors as at 19/2/2009 from the existing Division of Maranoa.

On projected enrolments, as at 9/7/2012 45,742 electors have been retained.

I have retained the area from the Goondiwindi Regional Council along the State boarder to the Great Dividing Range, including Stanthorpe and Warwick, and Dalby.



I consider the 'Suggested' Division does have a community of interest, agriculture (including pastoral activities).

To date most of the areas I have included in the 'Suggested' Division has avoided the 'urban sprawl' that has overtake many parts of South-East Queensland.

Total enrolment for the 'Suggested' Division, as at 19/2/2009, is 90,396 or 102.32% of a quota.

The projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012 is 98,188 or 100.98% of a quota.

### **Area**

Table 21 shows the 'Suggested' Division has an area of approximately 44,201 sq km.

### **Suggested Boundary**

Commencing at where the western boundary of the Goondiwindi Regional Council meets the southern boarder of the State, by the western and northern boundaries of that Regional Council in a northerly and then generally eastern direction until it meets the western boundary of the Millmerran SLA of the Toowoomba Regional Council, by the western boundary of that SLA in a northerly direction until it meet the western boundary of the Wambo SLA of the Dalby Regional Council, by the western, northern, and eastern boundaries of that SLA, in a northerly, north-eastern, south-eastern and south-western direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Millmerran SLA of the Toowoomba Regional Council, by the northern and eastern boundaries of that SLA in a easterly and south-easterly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Clifton SLA (Toowoomba Regional Council), by that boundary in an easterly direction until it meets the western boundary of the Lockyer Valley Regional Council, by the western, northern, and eastern boundaries of that Regional Council in a northerly, easterly, south-easterly and southerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the South-West SLA of the Ipswich City Council, by that boundary in an easterly, then south-easterly direction until it meets the western boundary of the Logan City Council, by that boundary in a southerly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, by the northern and eastern boundaries of that Regional Council in a generally easterly and then southerly direction until it meets the southern

boarder of the State, by that boarder in a generally westerly direction to the point of commencement.

### **Name**

As I have suggested that the existing Division of Maranoa be moved eastward over the Great Diving Range to include Beaudesert and the Lockyer Valley, it loses the Maranoa River from within its boundaries, so I have suggested a new name, 'Chalk' after Sir Gordon Chalk, 1913- 1991.

It is with reluctance that I do so as Maranoa was one of the original Divisions of Federal Parliament, being proclaimed in 1900.

It is one of the problems with geographical names, i.e. as boundaries move, they lose the geographical feature they are named after and thus the name loses relevance to the Division.

Sir Gordon Chalk was a member of the Queensland Parliament from 1947 to 1976, representing some of the area I have included in my 'Suggested' Division, i.e. the Lockyer Valley.

He was Premier of Queensland for 7 days after the death of the then Premier, Mr Jack Pizzey, in 1968.

**COMMENTS ON MY**  
**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF ADERMANN**

**TABLE 11**

**Enrolment**

The 'Suggested Division of Adermann is the additional Division that the State of Queensland is entitled to at this redistribution of Federal Divisional Boundaries.

I believe that the 'new' Division in this area will relieve the pressure on enrolments, with regard to quota variance, for the Divisions to the north of this 'Suggested' Division, as well as those to the near south where projected enrolments have existing Divisions such as Fairfax, Fisher, Longman, and Dickson, far in excess of that which legislative requirements allow.

By extending the existing Division of Hinkler westwards, and moving the existing Division of Maranoa (renamed Chalk) eastwards I have also been able to relieve the enrolment pressure on existing Divisions to the south of the Brisbane River, such as Fadden, Oxley, Forde and Blair.

The 'Suggested' Division has 62,994 electors, as at 19/2/2009, from the existing Division of Wide Bay.

On projected enrolments, as at 9/7/2012, these enrolments will have increased to 67,150.

This large surplus from the existing Division of Wide Bay is the result of my 'Suggested' Division of Wide Bay regaining the City of Hervey Bay from the existing Division of Hinkler.

As well as the surplus from the existing Division of Wide Bay I have included in the 'Suggested' Division:-

- The rural component of the existing Division of Fisher, which has an enrolment, as at 19/2/2009, of 11,621, and a projected enrolment, as at 9/7/2012, of 12,608.
- The rural component of the existing Division of Dickson, which has an enrolment, as at 19/2/2009, of 10,811, and a projected enrolment, as at 9/7/2012, of 11,560.
- The SLA of 'West' from the Ipswich City Council.

As a result of these suggested transfers the areas of the Somerset Regional Council have been unified into one 'Suggested' Division.

I accept that dividing the area of the Ipswich City Council into a number of 'Suggested' Divisions is not desirable, however with the population of the City, and the projected population growth over the next three and a half years it is unavoidable.

It should be noted that it is the rural SLA's of the City that I have suggested be transferred to my 'Suggested' Divisions of Chalk and Adermann.

I believe that there is a 'community of interest' in the 'Suggested' Division between:-

- Gympie and the rural areas of the Brisbane Valley, agriculture (including pastoral).
- The coastal areas of the Gympie Regional Council and the Noosa area, tourism.

The 'Suggested' Division had 90,696 electors as at 19/2/2009, which is 102.66% of a quota.

The projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012 is 97,427 which is 100.2% of a quota.

## **Area**

Table 22 shows that the approximate size of the 'Suggested' Division is 10,142 sq km.

Where my suggestions have included SLA's or parts of SLA's which are not former Local Authority Areas it has been difficult to obtain the exact area in sq km without accurate mapping facilities, particularly in this 'Suggested' Division.

I had to estimate a percentage of a Local Authority a particular SLA occupied. Therefore the area stated is an estimate only.

## **Suggested Boundary**

Commencing at the northern boundary of the Gympie Regional council, previously the Cooloola Shire council, at Hook Point, by the boundary of that previous Shire, in a generally southerly, then south-easterly direction until it meets the northern boundary of the Somerset Regional Council, by the northern western and southern boundaries of that Regional Council in a westerly, southerly, and then easterly direction until it meets the western boundary of the 'West' SLA of the Ipswich City Council, by the western, southern, and eastern boundaries of that SLA in a generally southerly, easterly and northerly direction until it again meets the southern boundary of the Somerset Regional Council, by the southern and eastern boundaries of that Regional Council, in a generally easterly, then northern direction until it meets the southern boundary of the previous Caboolture Shire, by that boundary in a westerly direction until it meets the eastern boundary of the Caboolture Hinterland SLA, by the eastern, southern and then again the eastern boundaries of that SLA in a generally northerly, easterly and again northerly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Caloundra Hinterland SLA (Sunshine Coast Regional Council), by the southern, and eastern boundaries of that SLA in a generally easterly and northerly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the previous Maroochy Shire, by the southern and western boundaries of that previous Shire in a generally easterly, then northerly direction until it meets the southern boundary of the Gympie Regional Council which is also the southern boundary of the boundary of the existing Division of Wide Bay, by the southern and eastern boundaries of that existing Division in a north-easterly, easterly, then northerly direction to the point of commencement.

**Name**

I suggest the name of Aderman be the name of this Division after Charles Fredrick Adermann, 1896 – 1979, and his son Albert Evan Adermann, 1927 – 2001, both of whom represented in Federal Parliament areas which are included in my 'Suggested' Division.

They were both Ministers of various Coalition Governments.

Mr. Adermann Snr represented the Division of Maranoa from 1943 and was elected to the new Division of Fisher at the 1949 Federal Elections, which he held to his retirement at the 1972 Federal Elections.

Mr. Adermann Jnr followed his father into the Division of Fisher at the 1972 Federal Elections, transferring to the new Division of Fairfax at the 1984 Federal Elections and held the Division until his retirement at the 1990 Federal Elections.

**TABLE 6**

**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF**

**KENNEDY**

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009	Projected Enrolment 9/07/2012
<b>From existing Division of Kennedy</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Boulia Shire	284	276
Burke Shire	226	233
Charters Towers Regional- Charters Towers	4,893	4,927
Charters Towers Regional- Dalrymple	2,439	2,564
Cloncurry Shire	1,628	1,598
Doomadgee Shire	552	651
Flinders Shire	1,243	1,220
McKinlay Shire	546	535
Mornington Shire	595	640
Mount Isa City	10,581	10,888
Richmond Shire	594	585
Total from existing Division of Kennedy	23,581	24,117
<b>From existing Division of Dawson</b>		
Statistical Local Area (SLA)		
Burdekin	12,163	12,288

**From existing Division of  
Flynn**

Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)

Banana Shire	9,542	9,435
Barcaldine Regional- Barcaldine	1,075	1,070
Blackall Tambo Regional- Blackall	1,123	1,110
Blackall Tambo Regional- Tambo	418	426
Bundaberg Regional- Kolan	3,151	3,315
Central Highlands Regional- Bauhinia	1,504	1,563
Gladstone Regional- Calliope PT A	9,348	10,502
Gladstone Regional- Calliope Pt B	1,864	1,880
Gladstone Regional- Gladstone	19,430	21,768
Gladstone Regional- Miriam Vale	3,679	4,029
Longreach Regional- Ilfracombe	195	193
Longreach Regional- Isisford	178	178
Longreach Regional- Longreach	2,253	2,235
North Burnett Regional- Eidsvold	632	627
North Burnett Regional- Monto	1,728	1,717
North Burnett Regional- Perry	314	314



Winton Shire	901	886
Total from existing Division of Flynn	57,335	61,248
<b>From existing Division of Maranoa</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Barcoo Shire	237	234
Diamantia Shire	158	159
Total from existing Division of Maranoa	395	393
<b>Total Suggested Division of Kennedy</b>	93,474	98,046
<b>Quota</b>	88,343	97,232
<b>% of Quota</b>	105.81%	100.84%

**TABLE 7**

**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF**

**HINKLER**

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009	Projected Enrolment 9/07/2012
<b>From existing Division of Hinkler</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Bundaberg Regional- Bundaberg	32,485	34,557
Bundaberg Regional- Burnett Pt A	9,950	11,613
Bundaberg Regional- Burnett Pt B	2,899	3,266
Bundaberg Regional- Isis	4,739	5,124
North Burnett Regional- Biggenden	1,141	1,165
Total from existing Division of Hinkler	51,214	55,725
<b>From existing Division of Flynn</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Bundaberg Regional- Burnett Pt A	491	518
Bundaberg Regional- Burnett Pt B	6,190	6,690
Dalby Regional- Murilla-Wandoan	810	790
North Burnett Regional- Gayndah	1,894	1,912
North Burnett Regional- Mundubbera	1,365	1,355

South Burnett Regional- Wondai	3,200	3,427
Total from existing Division of Flynn	13,950	14,692
<b>From existing Division of Wide Bay</b>		
Statistical Local Area (SLA)		
Cherbourg Shire	452	474
<b>From existing Division of Maranoa</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Balonne Shire	2,969	2,929
Bulloo Shire	227	227
Dalby Regional- Chinchilla	4,132	4,330
Dalby Regional- Murrilla-Wandoan	1,830	1,884
Dalby Regional- Tara	2,347	2,364
Murweh Shire	3,015	2,971
Paroo Shire	1,308	1,280
Quilpie Shire	656	648
Roma Regional- Bendemere	670	679
Roma Regional- Booringa	1,232	1,236
Roma Regional- Bungil	1,500	1,577

Roma Regional- Roma	4,090	4,172
Roma Regional- Warroo	737	735
Total from existing Division of Maranoa	24,713	25,032
<b>Total suggested Division of Hinkler</b>	90,329	95,923
<b>Quota</b>	88,343	97,232
<b>% of Quota</b>	102.25%	98.65%

**TABLE 8**

**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF**

**WIDE BAY**

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009	Projected Enrolment 9/07/2012
<b>From existing Division of Wide Bay</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Fraser Coast Regional- Hervey Bay Pt B	62	73
Fraser Coast Regional- Maryborough	18,263	18,776
Fraser Coast Regional- Woocoo-Tiaro	3,569	3,934
Gympie Regional- Kilkivan	2,515	2,688
South Burnett Regional- Murgon	2,288	2,299
Total from existing Division of Wide Bay	26,697	27,770
<b>From existing Division of Hinkler</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Fraser Coast Regional- Hervey Bay	36,453	43,624
Fraser Coast Regional- Hervey Bay Pt B	2,845	3,280
Fraser Coast Regional- Woocoo-Tiaro	1,417	1,571
Total from existing Division of Hinkler	40,715	48,475

**From existing Division  
of Maranoa**

Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)

Crow's Nest	2,548	2,652
Rosalie	1,098	1,139
South Burnett Regional- Kingroy	8,431	9,022
South Burnett Regional- Nanango	6,495	6,898
Total from existing Division of Maranoa	18,572	19,711
<b>Total Suggested Division of Wide Bay</b>	<b>85,984</b>	<b>95,956</b>
<b>Quota</b>	<b>88,343</b>	<b>97,232</b>
<b>% of Quota</b>	<b>97.33%</b>	<b>98.69%</b>

**TABLE 9**

**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF**

**GROOM**

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009	Projected Enrolment 9/07/2009
<b>Existing Division</b>	91,572	97,182
<b>Quota</b>	88,343	97,232
<b>% of Quota</b>	103.66%	99.95%

**No suggested changes as existing Division is within the quota variance both as at 19/02/2009 and the projected enrolment as at 9/07/2012.**

**TABLE 10**

**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF**

**CHALK**

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009	Projected Enrolment 9/07/2009
<b>From existing Division of Maranoa</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Clifton	1,918	2,060
Dalby Regional- Dalby	6,472	6,581
Dalby Regional- Wambo	3,791	3,957
Goondiwindi Regional- Goondiwindi	3,036	3,055
Goondiwindi Regional- Inglewood	1,847	1,866
Goondiwindi Regional- Waggamba	2,014	2,047
Millmerran	1,996	2,023
Southern Downs Regional- Allora	1,820	1,893
Southern Downs Regional- Killarney	3,185	3,320
Southern Downs Regional- Stanthorpe	7,646	7,974
Southern Downs Regional- Warwick	7,763	8,044
Southern Downs Regional- West	2,616	2,922
Total from existing Division of Maranoa	44,104	45,742



**From existing Division  
of Blair**

Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)

Ipswich City- South-West	2,033	3,574
Lockyer Valley Regional- Gatton	10,567	11,174
Lockyer Valley Regional- Laidley	10,043	11,182
Scenic Rim Regional- Boonah	7,395	8,096
Total from existing Division of Blair	30,038	34,026

**From existing Division  
of Forde**

Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)

Scenic Rim Regional- Beaudesert	7,698	8,895
Scenic Rim Regional- Tamborine-Canungra	8,556	9,525
Total from existing Division of Forde	16,254	18,420

**Total Suggested Division  
of Chalk**

<b>Quota</b>	88,343	97,232
<b>% of Quota</b>	102.32%	100.98%

**TABLE 11**

**SUGGESTED DIVISION OF**

**ADERMANN**

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009	Projected Enrolment 41,099
<b>From existing Division of Wide Bay</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Coolum-Mudjimba	462	467
Gympie Regional- Cooloola	15,410	16,699
Gympie Regional- Gympie Regional-	12,010	13,047
Maroochy Hinterland	2,407	2,688
Noosa Hinterland	11,548	12,628
Noosa-Noosaville	6,707	6,715
Sunshine-Peregian	6,410	6,692
Tewantin	8,040	8,214
Total from existing Division of Wide Bay	62,994	67,150
<b>From existing Division of Fisher</b>		
Statistical Local Areas (SLA's)		
Caboolture Hinterland	3,539	3,789
Caloundra Hinterland	5,647	6,197
Somerset Regional- Kilcoy	2,435	2,622
Total from existing Division of Fisher	11,621	12,608

**From existing Division  
of Dickson**

Somerset Regional- Esk	10,811	11,566
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**From existing Division  
of Blair**

Ipswich City- West	5,270	6,103
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**Total suggested Division  
of Adermann**

90,696	97,427
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<b>Quota</b>	88,343	97,232
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<b>% of Quota</b>	102.66%	100.20%
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**TABLE 18****AREA OF SUGGESTED DIVISION OF KENNEDY**

Location	area in sq km
Boulia Shire	61,093
burke Shire	40,126
Charters Regional Council	68,388
Cloncurrt Shire	48,112
Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire	1,862
Flinders Shire	41,538
McKinlay Shire	40,885
Morington Aboriginal Shire	1,274
Mount Isa City	43,343
Richmond Shire	26,602
Burdekin Shire	5,053
Banana Shire	28,577
Rarcaldine Regional Council Barcaldine SLA	8,443
Blackall/Tambo Regional Council	30,489
Bundaberg Regional Council Kolan SLA	2,650
Central Highlands Regional Council Bauhinia SLA	23,641
Gladstone Regional Council	10,488
Longreach Regional Council	40,638
North Burnett Regional Council Eidsvold SLA	4,809
North Burnett Regional Council Monto SLA	4,322
North Burnett Regional Council Perry SLA	2,359

Winton Shire	53,935
Barcoo Shire	61,974
Diamantia Shire	94,832
Total	745,433

**TABLE 19****AREA OF SUGGESTED DIVISION OF HINKLER**

Location	area in sq km
Bundaberg Regional Council Bundaberg City	96
Bundaberg Regional Council Burnett Shire	2,004
Bundaberg Regional Council Isis SLA	1,701
North Burnett Regional Council Biggenden SLA	1,316
North Burnett Regional Council Gayndah SLA	2,709
North Burnett Regional Council Mundubbera SLA	4,193
Dalby Regional Council Murilla-Wandoan SLA	11,828
Dalby Regional Council Chinchilla SLA	8,701
Dalby Regional Council Tara SLA	11,680
South Burnett Regional Council Wondai SLA	3,577
Cherbourg Aboriginal Council	32
Balonne Shire Council	31,144
Bulloo Shire Council	73,805
Murweh Shire Council	40,740
Paroo Shire Council	47,727
Quilpie Shire Council	67,615
Roma Shire Council	58,830
Total	367,698

**TABLE 20**

**AREA OF SUGGESTED DIVISION OF WIDE BAY**

Location	area in sq km
Fraser Coast Regional Council	7,125
Gympie Regional Council Kilkivan SLA	3,264
South Burnett Regional Council Murgon SLA	665
South Burnett Regional Council Kingaroy SLA	2,422
South Burnett Regional Council Nanango SLA	1,735
Toowoomba Regional Council Crows Nest SLA 90% of 1,631 sq km	1,468
Toowoomba Regional Council Rosalie SLA 10% of 2,199 sq km	219
Total	16,898

**TABLE 21**

**AREA OF THE SUGGESTED DIVISION OF CHALK**

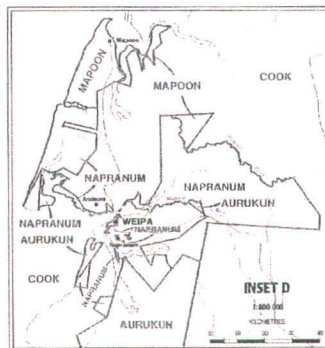
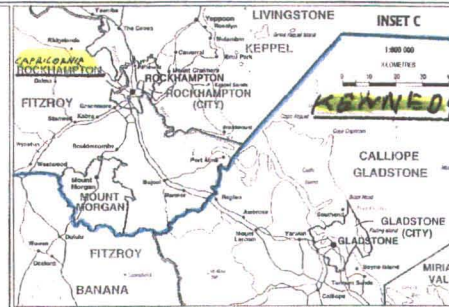
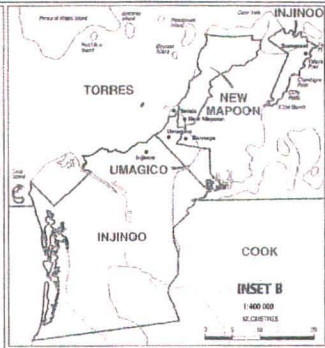
Location	area in sq km
Toowoomba Regional Council Clifton SLA	867
Toowoomba Regional Council Millmerran SLA	4,521
Dalby Regional Council Dalby SLA	48
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Goondiwindi Regional Council	19,294
Southern Downs Regional Council	7,120
Ipswich City Council South-West SLA 10% of 1,089 sq km	109
Lockyer Valley Regional Council	2,273
Scenic Rim Regional Council	4,256
Total	44,201



**TABLE 22**

**AREA OF THE SUGGESTED DIVISION OF CHALK**

Location	area in sq km
Toowoomba Regional Council Clifton SLA	867
Toowoomba Regional Council Millmerran SLA	4,521
Dalby Regional Council Dalby SLA	48
Dalby Regional Council Wambo SLA	5,713
Goondiwindi Regional Council	19,294
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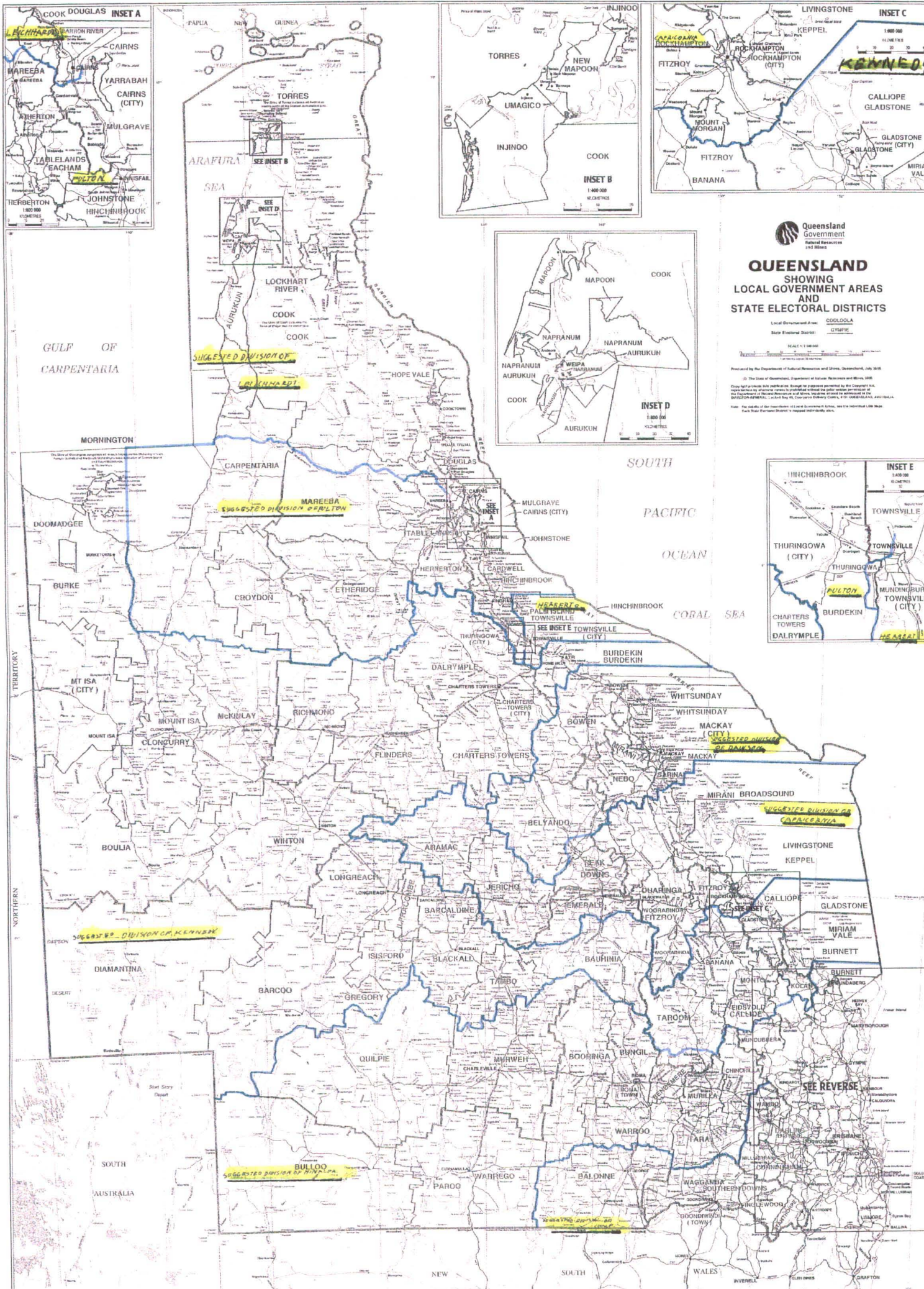
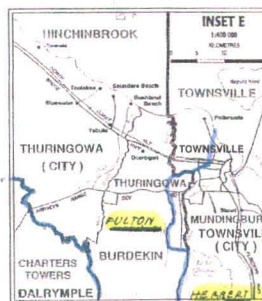


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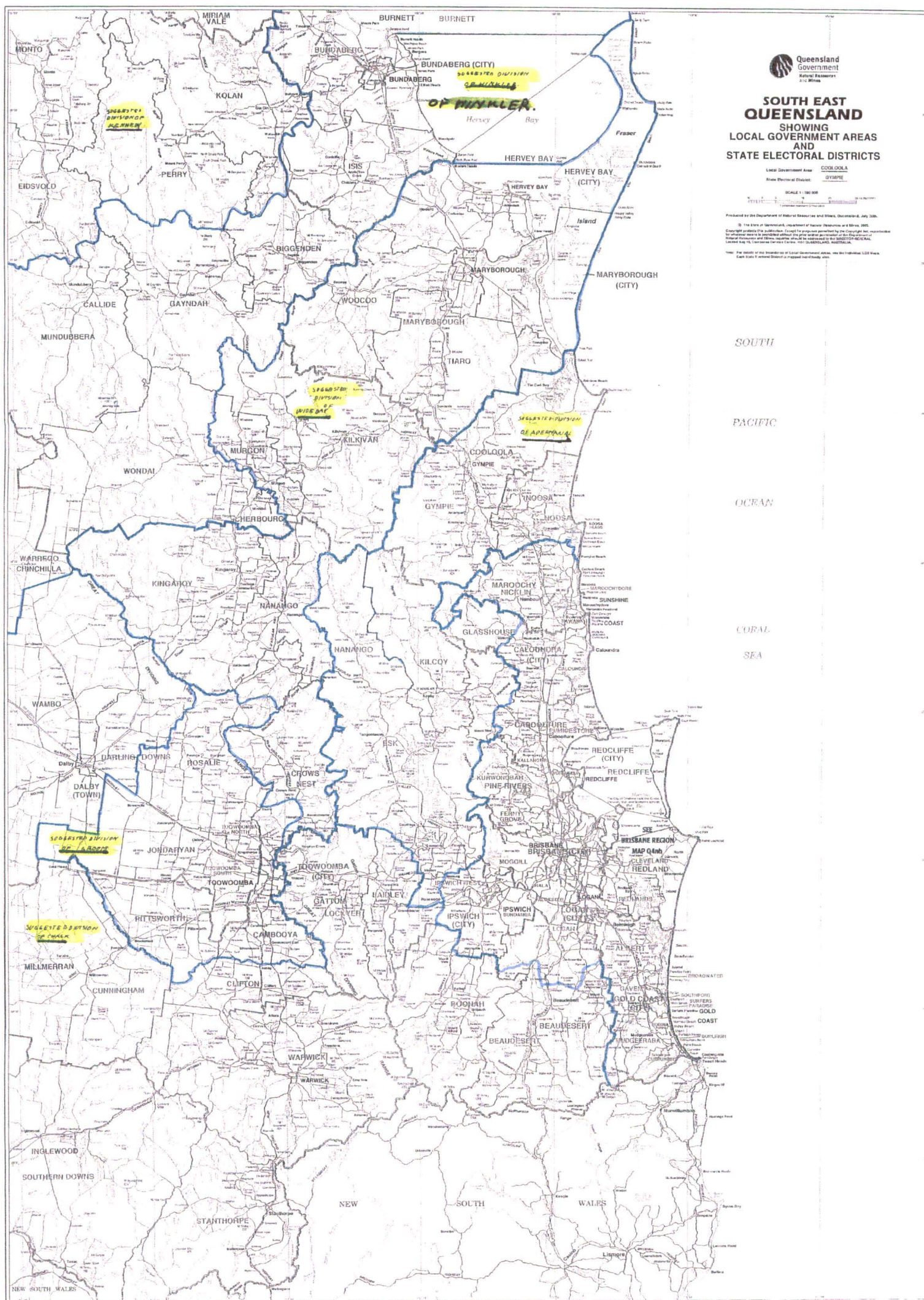
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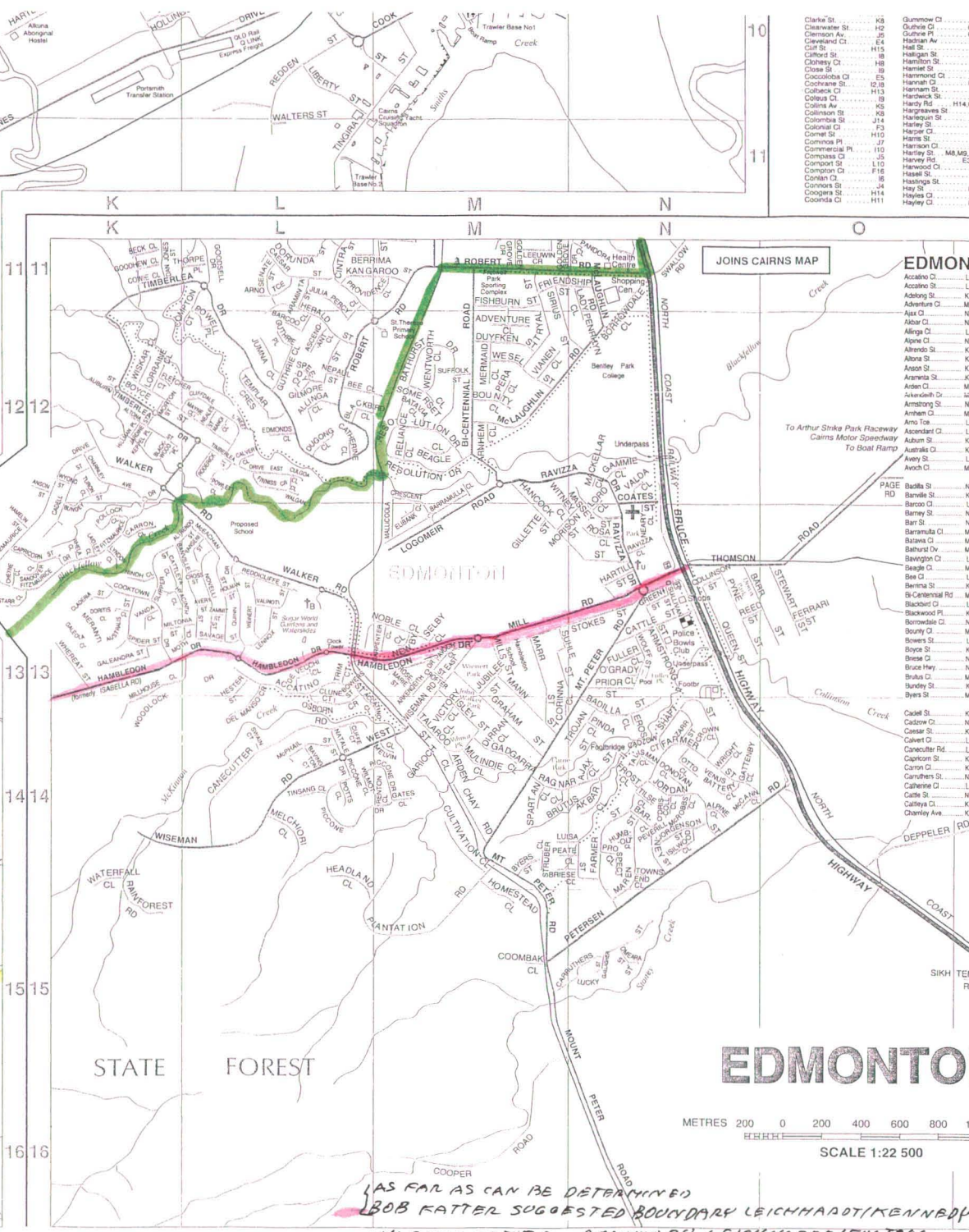
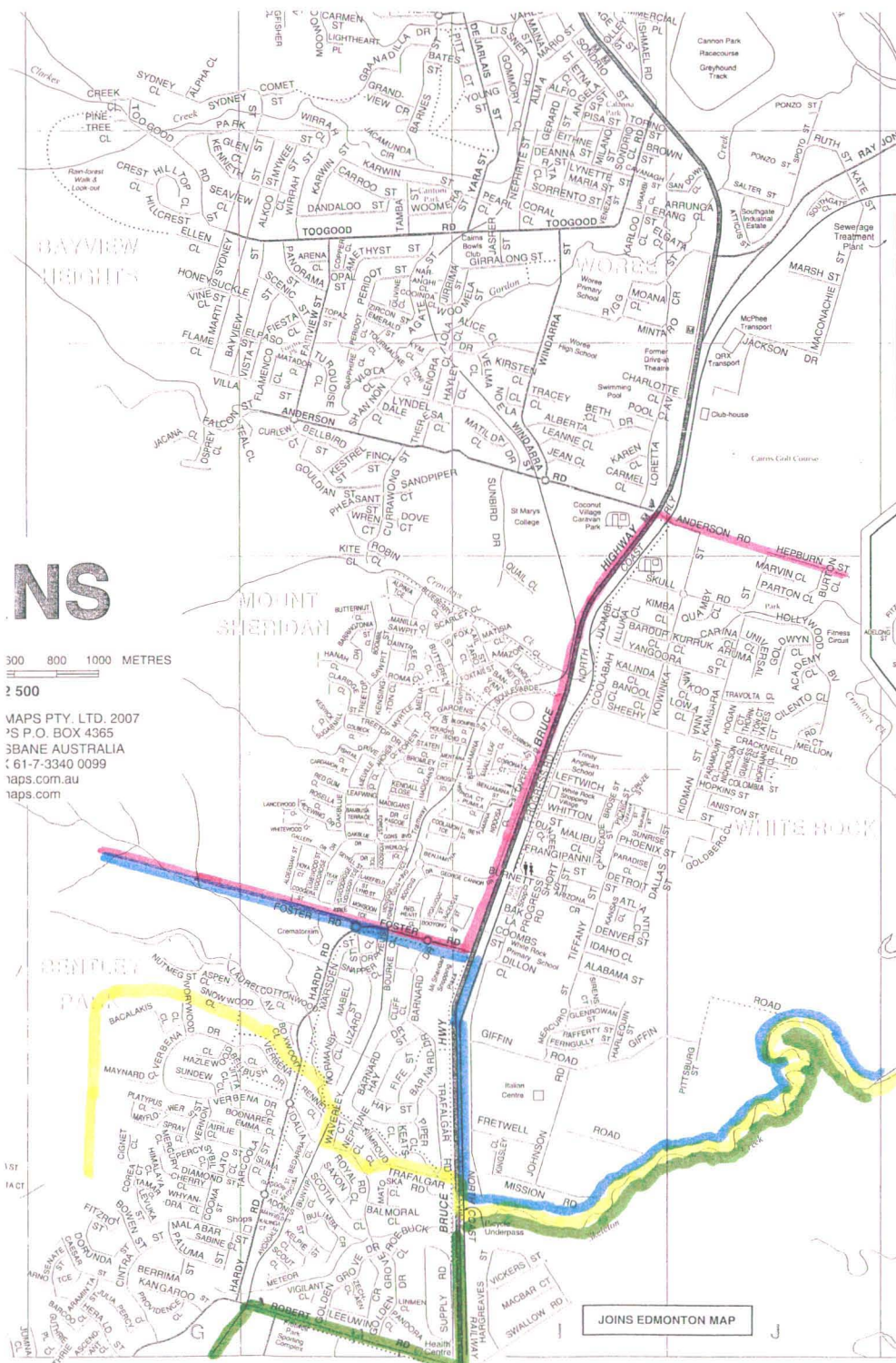
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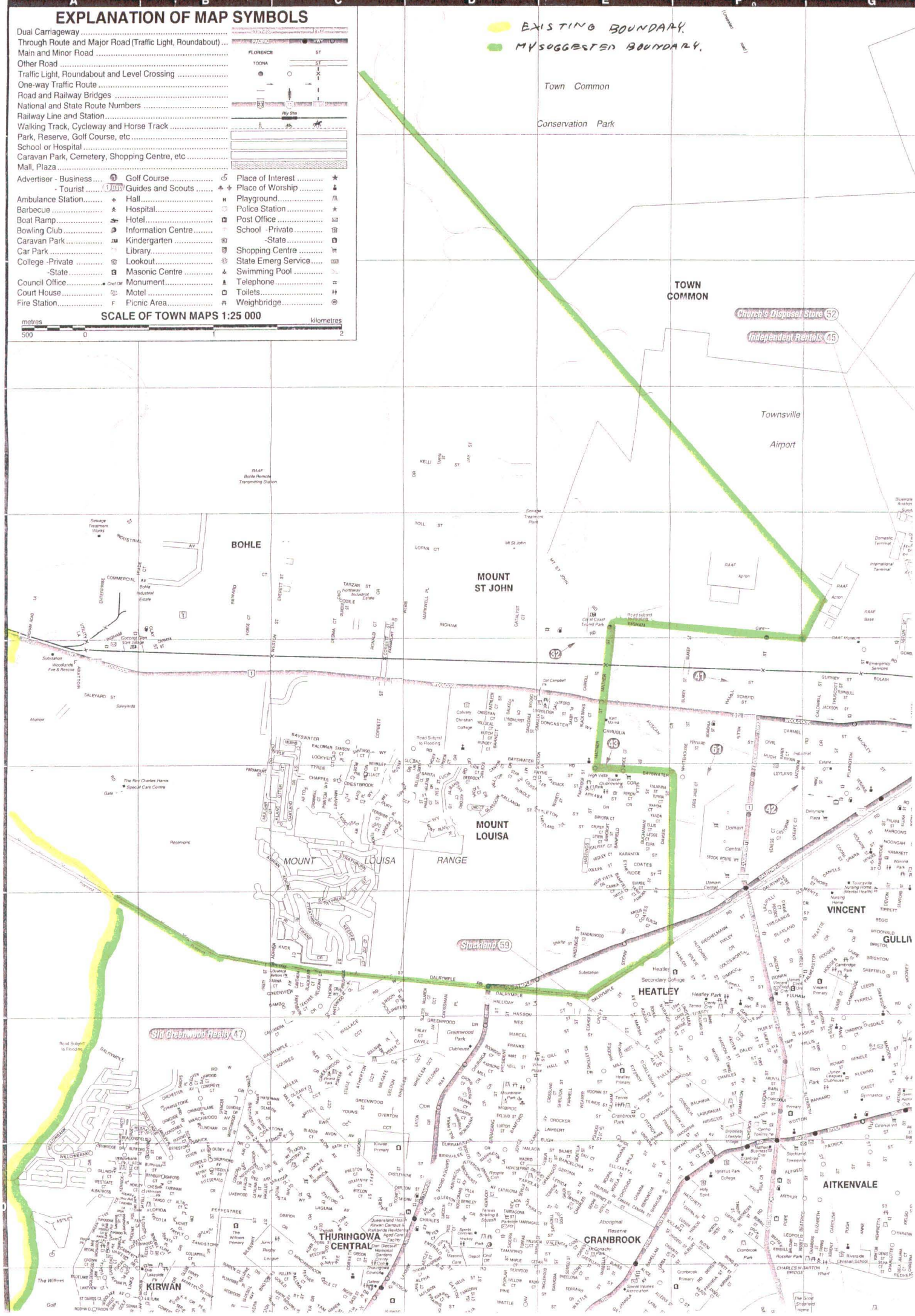
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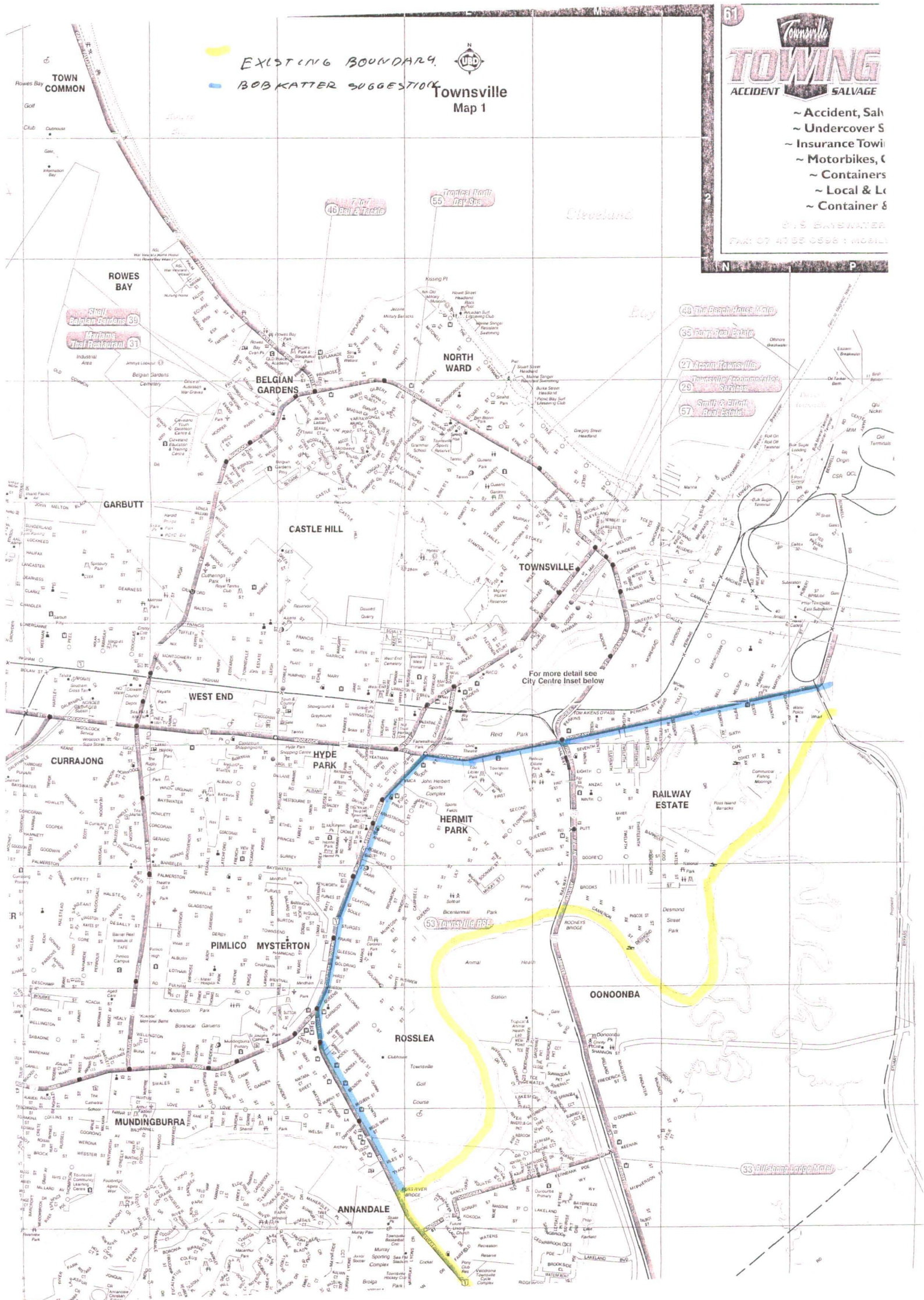
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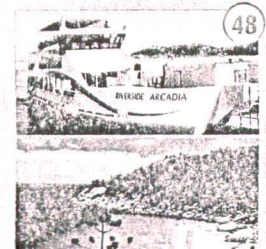
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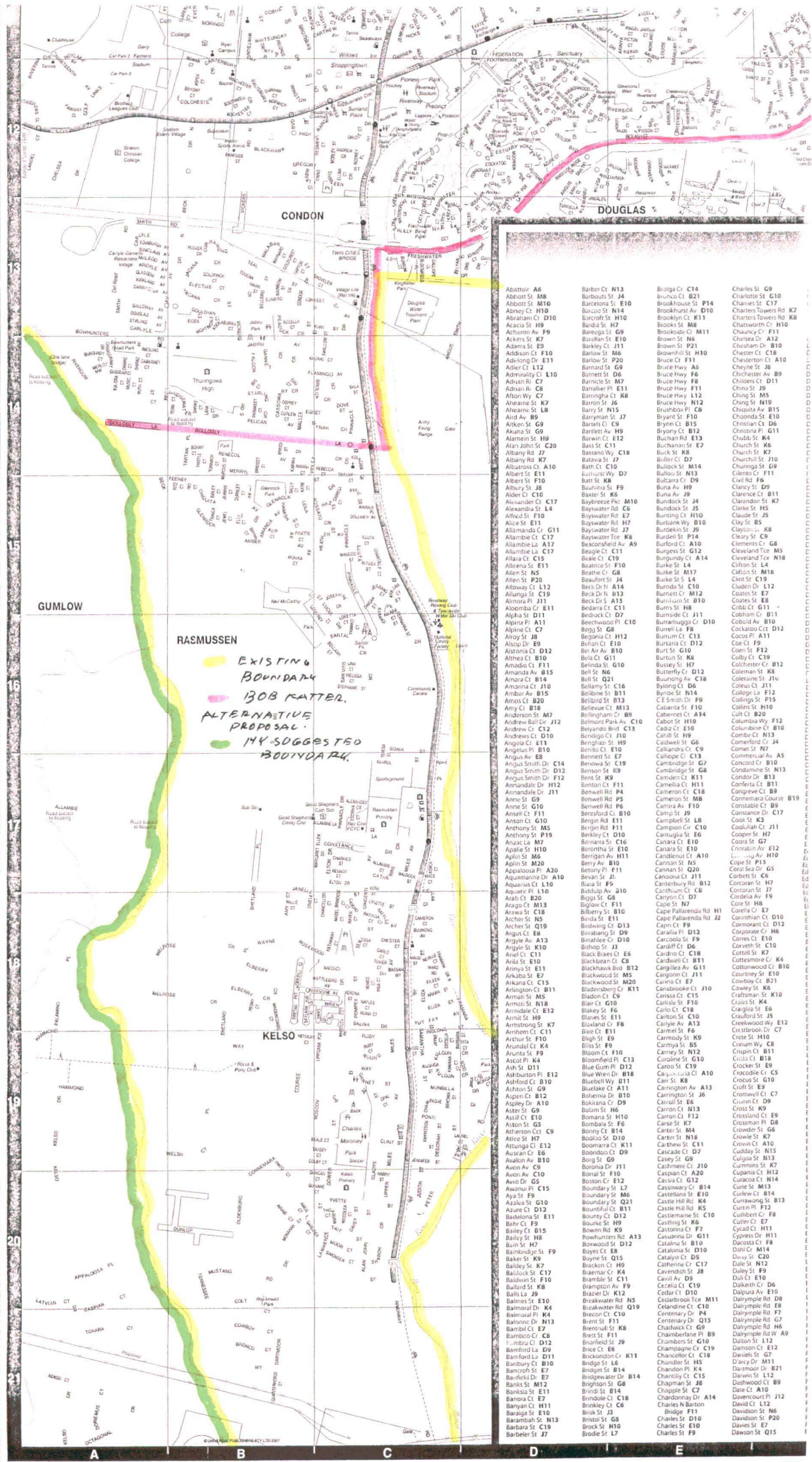
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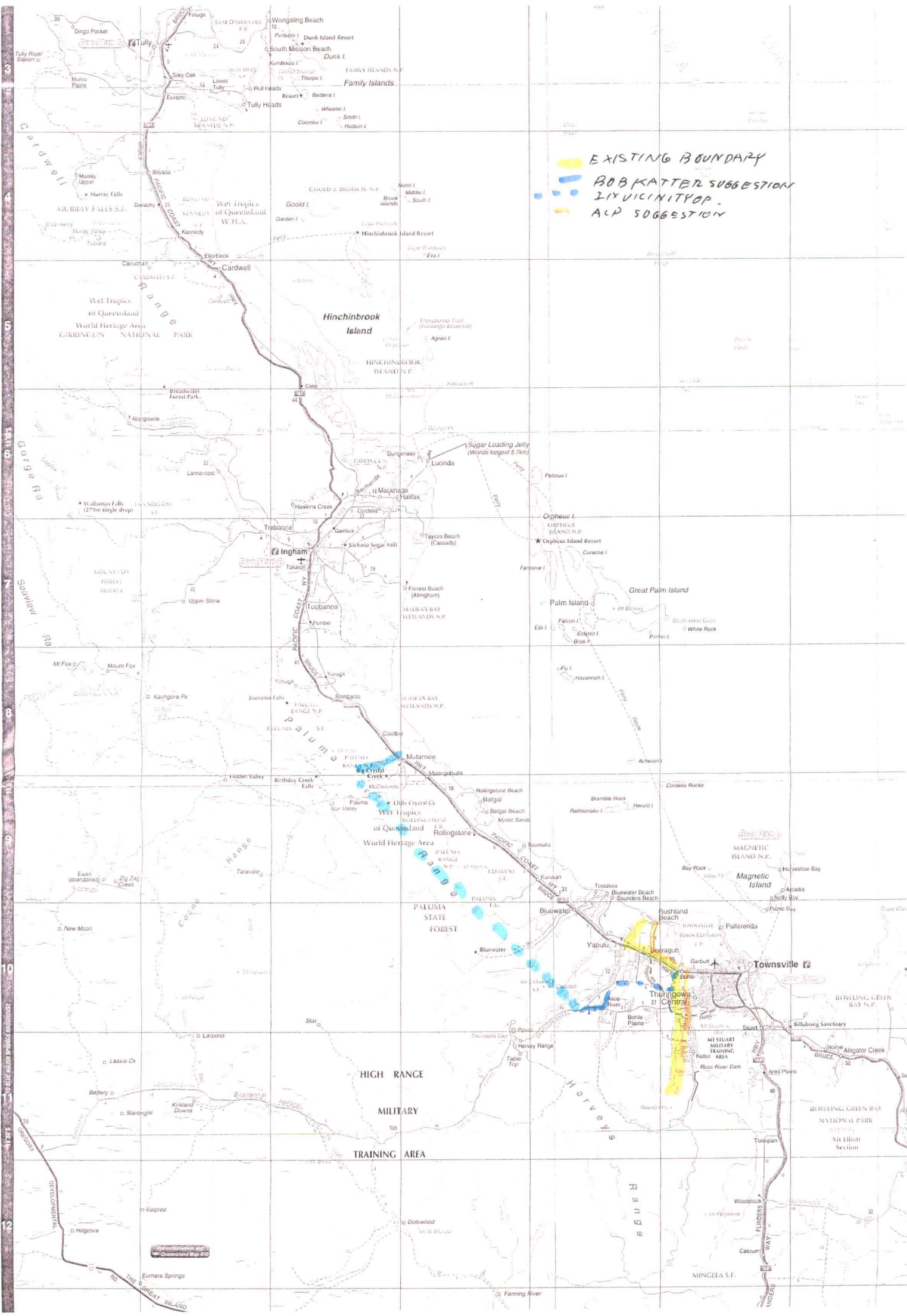
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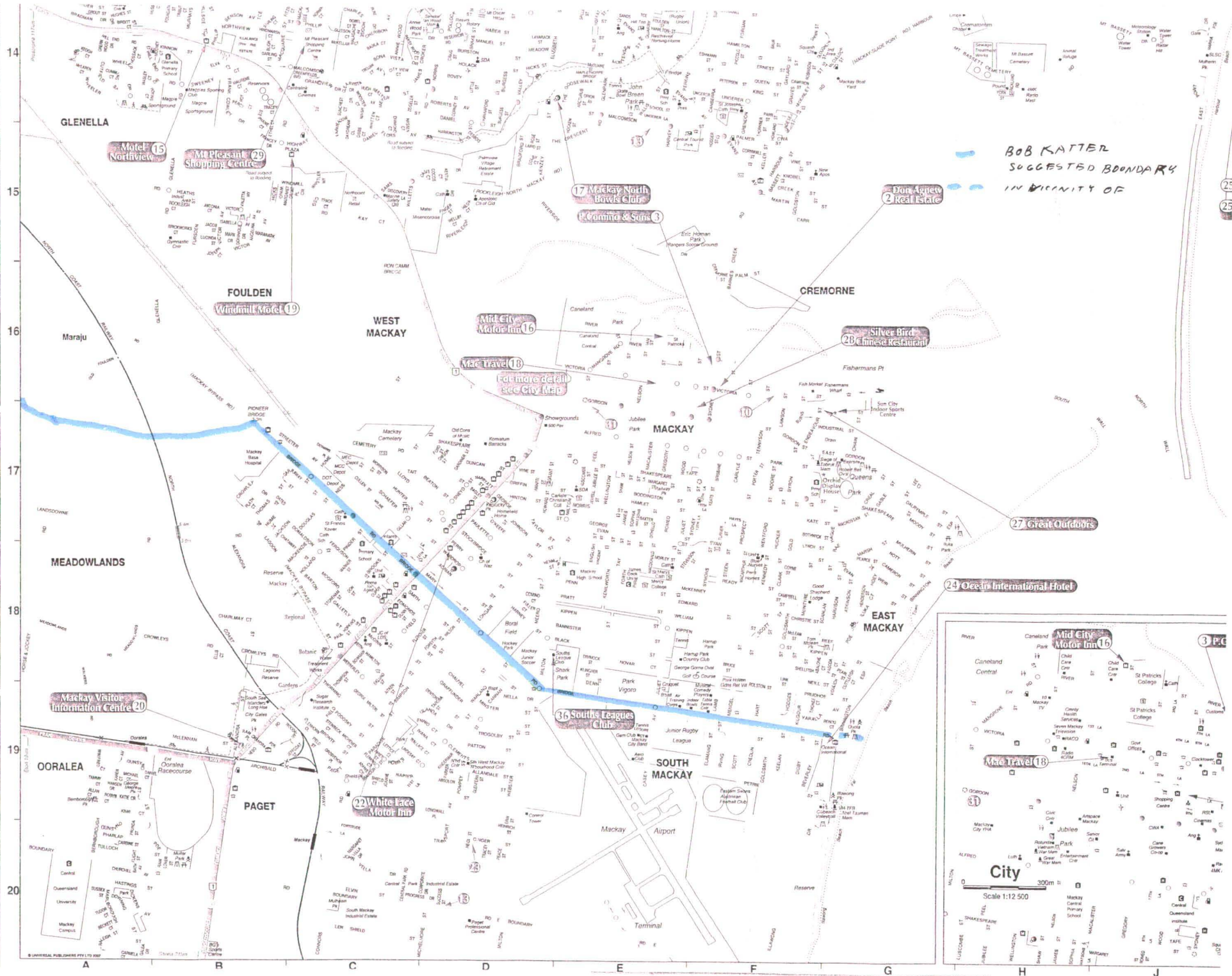
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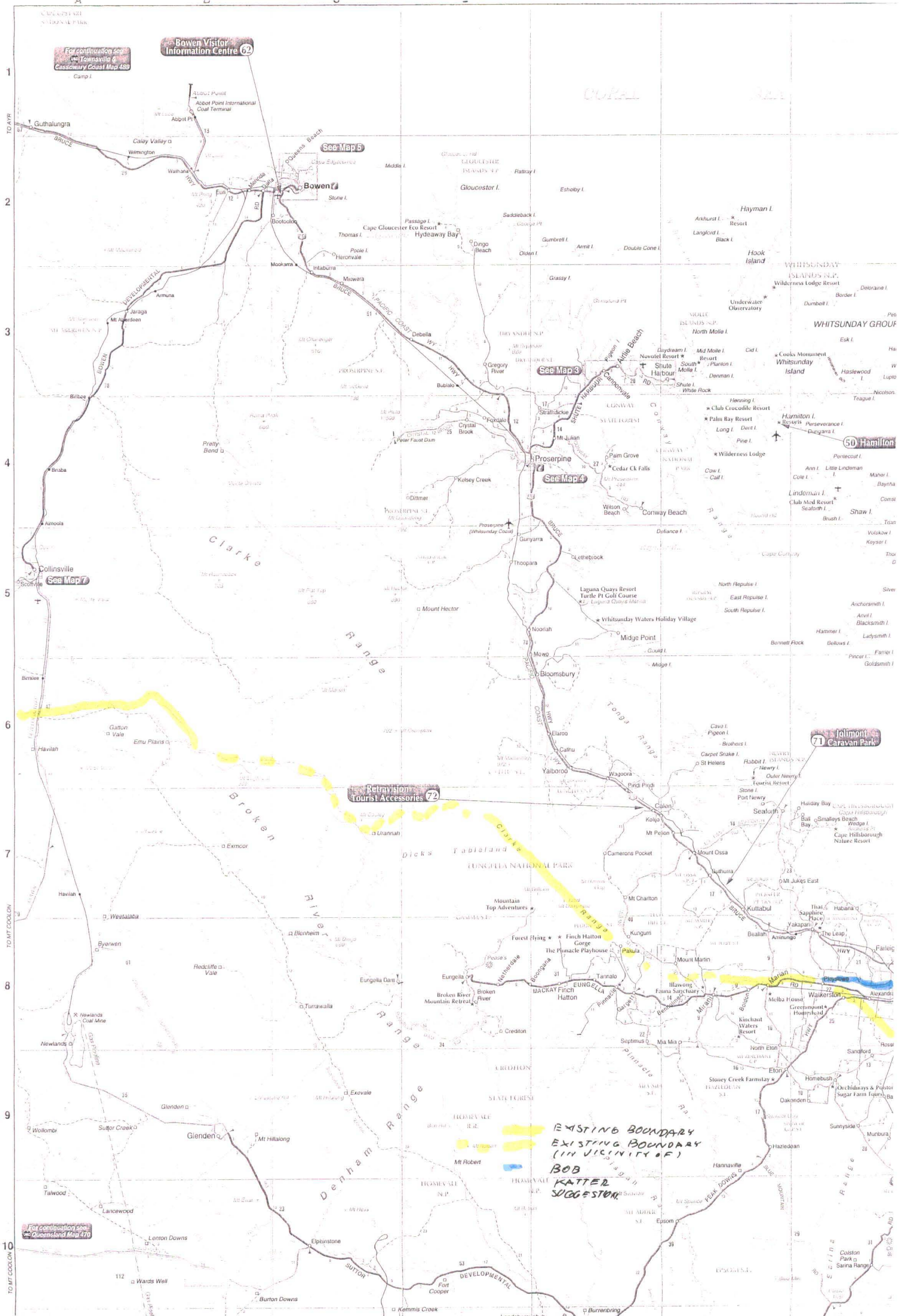
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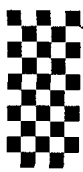
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Dear Mr Killesteyn

I refer to the 'Comments on Suggestions' which I forwarded to you by Australia Post's express post, yesterday, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2009, so as to reach your office by the closing time, 6pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2009.

Please find enclosed additional 'Comments'.

I request that this material be included with that which I forwarded to you yesterday, and this completes my submission.

Should you have any queries please contact me on the above phone number.

Yours sincerely

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## **COMMENTS ON OTHER SUGGESTIONS**

### **AUSTRALIAN LABOR PARTY**

#### **Overview**

The Australian Labor Party (ALP) suggestion as submitted by the State Secretary, Mr. Anthony Chisholm would make, Kim Beazley proud and Gough Whitlam cringe, with its 'small target' approach.

This approach avoids upsetting too many people with necessary, but unpopular suggestions, but it does not address the fundamental problem in North and Central Queensland Divisions, i.e. with the growth of the Cities along the Coast, in particular Cairns and Townsville, something radical has to be done with the Division, where up, until now, most of the 'overflow' from Leichhardt and Herbert has gone, the Division of Kennedy.

At the 2006 Federal Redistribution, the Electoral Committee addressed this problem by:-

- Keeping the Division of Leichhardt at the upper most level permitted under the Act, 3.5% of the average projected enrolment as at November, 2007.

This resulted in the Division of Leichhardt having the most electors of any Queensland Division when Australia went to the polls on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2007.

- Transferring some of the Division of Kennedy surrounding Townsville back into the Division of Herbert.
- Transferring the surplus from the Division of Herbert into the Division of Dawson, thus creating the effect where the Rockhampton based Division of Capricornia encroached on a part of the Mackay district, and similarly the Gladstone based Division of Flynn encroached on the Rockhampton district.
- This allowed the Division of Kennedy more or less to remain intact.

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The approach, this time, by most of those persons and organisations which have submitted 'Suggestions' has been the same:-

- Keep the reduction of enrolments in the Division Leichhardt to a bare minimum.
- Place as much of the 'surplus' as is possible from the Division of Herbert into the Division of Dawson, and therefore bring the Division of Capricornia further into the Mackay Regional Council area, and the Division of Flynn further into the Rockhampton Regional Council area.

If this process keeps going, Dawson will be the second Townsville Division, Capricornia the Division based on Mackay, and Flynn would be based on Rockhampton.

- Take some of the areas along the Great Northern Railway (Charters Towers to Mount Isa) out of the Division of Kennedy and place them into another Division.

The ALP suggests the area of the Charters Towers Regional Council be transferred to Capricornia.

The Liberal National Party (LNP) and Mr Paul Neville M.H.R. suggests that Mount Isa be transferred to the District of Maranoa.

I believe that this approach only delays the day when the Division of Kennedy has to be split, with the east coast and the Tablelands going into one Division, and Mount Isa and the towns along the Great Northern Railway forming the nucleus of another Division.

At the present time there is not enough population to sustain a Federal Division between Charters Towers and Mount Isa, so such a Division would have to include some areas of Central Queensland.

I have suggested such areas be drawn from the existing Division of Flynn, including the City of Gladstone.

As I stated in my 'Suggested' Division of Kennedy, over a period of time this 'suggested' Division will contract to be a purely a North Queensland Division, stretching along the East coast from Bowen to Townsville and west to the Northern Territory border.

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In other 'Suggested' Divisions the ALP has done the 'same thing', 'take a few electors from here and put them there', to keep the status quo as far as possible.

This may appear attractive, as it will upset as few electors as possible by suggesting that they 'stay where they are', but it really leaves the problem 'to next time'.

### **Individual Divisions**

#### **Division of Leichhardt**

I fully concur with Mr Chisholm's position of leaving the Torres Strait Islands and Cape York Peninsula in the Division of Leichhardt, and I congratulate him on the 'stand' he has taken.

I will address this aspect of the Division of Leichhardt when commenting of the LNP 'Suggestions'.

The ALP 'Suggestion' leaves the Division of Leichhardt with an enrolment 89,417 which is 101.22% of a quota.

On projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012, there are 99,761 electors, or 102.6% of a quota, slightly below the maximum allowed of 103.5% of a quota.

The southern boundary suggested by the ALP is complicated and leaves three levels of Government with three different boundaries within a few blocks of one and other.

My 'Suggestion' has the Division of Leichhardt at the lower end of the allowable variance, with 85,496 electors as at 19/2/2009 which is 96.685 of a quota.

On projected enrolments, as at 12/7/2012, my 'Suggested' Division would have 94,921 electors which are 97.62% of a quota.

My 'Suggested' southern boundary within the Cairns Regional Council is very simple, Trinity Inlet, Skelton Creek, Bruce Highway, and Foster Road to the mountains.

Foster Road is also the State District boundary between Cairns and Mulgrave.

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By keeping the enrolments at the lower end of the allowable variance it may be possible to have two redistributions before there is need to change the boundary again.

### **Division of Herbert**

What concerns me about a number of 'Suggestions' for the Division of Herbert is the 'three way split' of the Townsville City Council when I believe only a two way split is necessary.

The ALP has also split the area between the Bohle and Rivers, on the eastern side of the North Coast Railway, between the Divisions of Kennedy and Herbert, I believe it is all one area and should be in either one or the other Divisions, however with their 'Suggested' Division of Kennedy being at the upper end of the allowable variance, all this area may put it outside the permissible variance of 3.5%.

This again brings to the fore the fundamental flaw I see in this submission, i.e. make the minimum adjustments and leave the real problems to next time.

### **Division of Kennedy**

The ALP 'Suggestion' for the Division of Kennedy leave it with a projected enrolment of 100,393 as at 12/7/2012, which is only 240 electors below the maximum allowed, so the next redistribution will again have to 'tackle the problem' of reducing the enrolments of the Division.

The ALP says 'assuming that removing Mount Isa from Kennedy is not viable'.

What has happened over the short period of three years?

The ALP at the 2006 Redistribution suggested that Mount Isa be transferred to the Division of Maranoa, just as the LNP has now.



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**Division of Dawson**

While the ALP says 'Dawson should be kept based on Mackay and not allow the city to be divided with very poor community of interest outcomes' it has done just that by supporting the status quo in the Mackay area.

Parts of the Mackay Regional Council are in the existing Division of Capricornia.

If more of the Townsville City Council area has to go into the Division of Dawson it is logical that this be the SLA of Wulguru as it has a 'community of interest' with those areas currently in the Division of Dawson.

**Division of Capricornia**

The ALP advocates a further splitting of the Rockhampton Regional Council with the suggested transfer of the Mount Morgan and Fitzroy SLA's to the Division of Flynn.

I believe all of the Rockhampton Regional Council should be in the Division of Capricornia.

To do this it would mean placing the area of the Charters Towers Regional Council in the Division based on Gladstone, which I have suggested in my submission.

**Division of Flynn**

The ALP suggests removing Blackall/Tambo Regional Council from the existing Division of Flynn, but not the other Central Queensland shires and Regional Councils of Barcaldine, Longreach, and Winton.

I believe if one is transferred, they all should be.

My 'Suggestion' has the Division based on Gladstone extending past Winton, north-east to Charters Towers and north-west to Mount Isa.

I agree that Murilla/Wandoan SLA be transferred out of the Division based on Gladstone.

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Wandoan was a part of the old Taroom Shire which was included in the existing Division of Flynn, however with the Local Authority amalgamations; Wandoan was included in the Dalby Regional Council while the rest of the Shire joined the Banana Shire.

### **Division of Hinkler**

The ALP suggests leaving the Cities of Hervey Bay and Bundaberg in the one Division, and transferring Biggenden and Woocoo SLA's and a part of the Isis SLA out of the Division.

Hervey Bay is a part of the Fraser Coast Regional Council and I believe it should be with Maryborough forming the nucleus of the Division of Wide Bay.

This means that Hinkler has to gain a considerable number of electors.

My 'Suggestion' is that this be achieved by taking the Division into the south-western areas of the State, including Cameron Corner.

### **Division of Wide Bay**

The ALP suggests the Division of Wide Bay gain the Biggenden, Woocoo and part of the Isis SLA's from Hinkler.

My 'Suggestion' involves the Division gaining Hervey Bay from Hinkler, the South Burnett area from Maranoa, and losing the Gympie and Noosa areas to my 'Suggested' Division of Adernmann.

The South Burnett area has been in the Division of Wide Bay before and has a 'community of interest' with that area.

### **Division of Fisher**

I support the transfer of the Kilcoy SLA from Fisher, however I believe it should be in my new 'Suggested' Division of Adernmann, based on Gympie and not the Ipswich based Division of Blair.

### **Division of Groom**

As with my 'Suggestion' the ALP sees no need to suggest changes to the

### **Division of Maranoa**

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The ALP has taken the 'small target' approach with its suggestion for this Division, by adding a few electors here (Flynn) and there (Wide Bay) and all is OK

I believe larger changes are necessary as outlined in my submission, including a name change.

### **Division of Blair**

I support the transfer from the Division of the area of the Scenic Rim and Lockyer Valley Regional Councils and the Ipswich South West and Ipswich West SLA's, however the additional electors required making up a quota should come from the urban areas and not the rural area of the Somerset Regional Council.

### **Division of Dickson**

I support the transfer from the Division of Dickson, the Esk SLA, however I believe it should be transferred to my new 'Suggested' Division of Adermann based on Gympie and not the Division of Blair, based on the City of Ipswich.

### **New Division**

While I have suggested my new Division be north of Brisbane based on Gympie and Noosa, I have the existing Division of Maranoa moving east to include the Lockyer Valley and the Scenic Rim Regional Council areas.

I have not included not included the Gold Coast in my submission and therefore cannot make a judgement if I consider it necessary to include the Upper Coomera area in this Division.

### **Name of New Division**

The ALP suggests the name of the new Division should be Theodore, the LNP suggests Killen and I suggest Adermann.

All were distinguished Australians and either one of those names would serve the new Division proud.

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**Other Divisions**

The remaining Divisions are outside the area I made 'Suggestions' fore and therefore do not have any 'Comments' to make on these Divisions.

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## **COMMENTS ON OTHER SUGGESTIONS**

### **LIBERAL NATIONAL PARTY**

#### **Overview**

In my opening letter of these 'Comments' I have already expressed my disgust at the 'flimsy' public submission made by the Liberal National Party (LNP) with all the details of their submission supplied to the Redistribution Committee separately as a 'courtesy'.

When this separate 'courtesy' material was eventually made public five days after the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 says it has to be, it was in a format that the general public could not access without outlaying a considerable amount of money to purchase the special programme.

It reminds me of former Premier Jo Bjelke-Petersen 'feeding his chooks' the Queensland Parliamentary Gallery.

He used to say 'Give then a little bit of information and they will go away happy'.

It appears things haven't changed much in National (and Liberal) Party over the twenty years that Mr Bjelke-Petersen has been 'out of Office'.

I just hope that the Electoral Commission and/or Parliament take steps ensure that this disgraceful act does not occur again.

Failure to prevent this occurring again will turn public submissions into a 'farce' with public submissions being 'scant' on details, and real submission being supplied to the Committee secretly under the 'guise' of a 'courtesy'.

#### **Individual Divisions**

##### **Division of Leichhardt**

From what the LNP has provided publicly, and the map that was published in The Cairns Post on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2009 it appears that Leichhardt is reduced in size to an area from the existing southern boundary near Edmonton to Port Douglas and the rest is transferred to their suggested Division of Kennedy.

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**What happens to Kuranda?**

**I totally oppose this suggestion as it will severely disadvantage the residents living on Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands.**

**Most of the services, both governmental and private, to 'the Cape' are provided from Cairns.**

**Even the LNP admits to that.**

**In their suggestions on the Division of Kennedy they state:-**

**'Further air transport links for the entire proposed Kennedy such as Cape York and the Gulf communities are based in Cairns. Road corridors also connect to Cairns.'**

**This is the problem with the LNP suggestion, Cairns is removed from the suggested Division.**

**I estimate the area of the suggested Division to be approximately 609,812 sq km.**

**This calculated by adding the area of the two existing Divisions together and subtracting 50% of the previous Cairns City Council area, (845 sq km), together with the Mount Isa City area (43,343 sq km) and the Boulia Shire (61,093 sq km).**

**The map in the 'Cairns Post does not clarify areas of the existing Division of Kennedy the LNP want to transfer to the Division of Maranoa.**

**The LNP, in their submission, under the heading Kennedy state:-**

**'While maintaining the western and most of the southern border of the current Kennedy, the transferring of so many electors from Leichhardt necessitates moving voters from the current Kennedy elsewhere. The most sensible solution is to transfer electors from towns and cities along the Flinders Highway to the new Maranoa.'**

**Which Towns?**

**Which Cities?**

**The only one I am sure of, from the map in The Cairns Post is Mount Isa.**

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The map in The Cairns Post shows the current western boundary of Kennedy moved eastwards from the northern Territory boarder, but the LNP submission says it remains intact.

What is correct?

The area of the LNP 'Suggested' Division of Kenney is larger than what the Division of Leichhardt was before the 1984 Redistribution.

It was 406,650 sq km prior to that redistribution.

It is smaller than what the Division of Kennedy was after the 1984 Redistribution.

It was 772,000 sq km after that redistribution.

The total area of a Division is one thing, how that area is made up (such as communications, travel etc) is another.

Local Federal Members have a certain amount of entitlements to 'get around' his/her Division such as air charter, however the individual constituent does not have any such 'privileges' when he wants to visit the Local Member's Office.

This is the real problem, as I see it, in the LNP suggestion, splitting Cairns from the Cape means the Office of the Local Member will no longer be in Cairns.

All Members for Leichhardt have had their Office in the Cairns CBD with the exception of Mr. Warren Entsch, who moved it to Westcourt.

The current member Mr. Jim Turnour has kept that Office.

While on the fringe of the CBD it is a bit more than walking distance, however it is well serviced by public transport.

The reason the location of the Members Office is so important is most of the constituents from 'the Cape' travel to Cairns by air, and when they get there they have to rely on public transport.

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An example would be a constituent comes down from Weipa (by plane)

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An example would be a constituent comes down from Weipa (by plane) for hospital treatment, and has a problem with Social Security. He need the Federal Member's Office to 'sort it out' without costing 'an arm or a leg' to get there.

It is the Member's Office and Staff that is so important to the constituent in the above example.

The Member may not be present but the constituent goes away satisfied that his problem 'has been sorted out' by the Member's staff.

If Cairns is removed from the Division containing 'the Cape' and 'the Islands' so does the Member's Office.

The current Member for Kennedy, Mr Bob Katter, has an Office in Innisfail.

The previous Member for Kennedy, Mr Hulls, had an Office in Mareeba.

The only public transport from Cairns to Innisfail is the long distance busses approximately six a day (twenty four period) so it would take nearly 'all the working day' to go to the Local Member's Office in Innisfail and return relying on public transport.

The services to the Tableland from Cairns are less frequent than those to Innisfail.

From experience if you contact the Member outside your Division you live in, you are soon 'chuffed along'.

So, in the example above, the person from Weipa would not be welcome at the Member for Leichhardt's Office if Weipa is transferred to the Division of Kennedy.

At present there are two Senators Offices, in Cairns, but this has not always been the case.

Over the past forty years Cairns would have had a Senator's Office for about one third of that time.

Members of large Divisions are allowed to have two Offices.



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The Member for Leichhardt second Office has usually been in Thursday Island, so as to service the Torres Strait Islands, but this does not help the constituents on the Cape or the Islands who have to come to Cairns for various reasons, such as sickness.

I believe the real reason for the LNP suggestion is political and not with the terms of reference of the Committee.

The Liberal Party and the Nationals have always been 'jealous' of the vote the ALP obtains in the Cape and on the Islands, and this is a way to 'nullify' this vote, put it in Kennedy.

At the Declaration of the Poll at one election when John Gayler was the Member for Leichhardt (1983-93) the defeated Liberal Party candidate said he would have won 'without that bag full of black votes Mr Gayler got from the Cape'.

It appears nothing has changed in the intervening fifteen or so years.

I firmly ask the Redistribution Committee to disregard the 'Suggestion' by the LNP and maintain the present arrangement where the residents of Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands remain in the same Federal Division as the Cairns CBD that is the Division of Leichhardt.

### **Division of Kennedy**

I have the discussed the LNP 'Suggestion' for the Kennedy Division in my 'Comments' on their 'Suggested' Division of Leichhardt.

### **Division of Herbert**

The LNP states:-

'Herbert continues to be a seat based on Townsville but loses some electors in the southern outskirts to Dawson. This allow for a more easily defined boundary. On the north side of Townsville, beachside and Townsville suburbs currently in Kennedy are shifted to Herbert'.

Without maps, CCD's, etc there is no way of knowing what areas remain in the Division of Herbert and what areas they suggest be placed in the Division of Dawson.

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I oppose the idea of Dawson as 'second Townsville Division'.

It has traditionally been based on the City of Mackay and should remain that way.

However if the Redistribution Committee keeps adding 'bits of Townsville' to it will have to loose its base, i.e. the City of Mackay, due to legislative requirements.

### **Division of Dawson**

The LNP submission states:-

"The proposed Dawson maintains the current Mackay to Townsville community of Dawson but extends the Division into the farming and mining hinterland served by both regional centres'.

What do they mean by this?

In Herbert they are saying they are adding parts of Townsville to Dawson, now they are adding farming and mining hinterland to the 'Suggested Division'

How big, in electoral numbers, do they suggest that the Division of Dawson be?

Without maps and CCD's it is impossible to know, and I think this is what their aim is, for the public **not to know**.

### **Division of Capricornia**

The LNP states:-

The proposed Capricornia combines the strong communities of Central Queensland within one electorate.

'The shared media and community facilities between the centres of Yeppoon, Rockhampton, Mount Morgan and Gladstone are well understood by the local community and the Queensland Government. Major road works are underway to provide safer and faster connection between Rockhampton and Gladstone'.

What are they suggesting?

Is it, that Rockhampton and Gladstone be combined into one Division?

This was the case prior to the 1984 Redistribution, however if this is what they are suggesting, where are the rural areas, and that area around Mackay, to go?

### **Division of Flynn**

The LNP states:-

'The proposed Flynn brings the various communities and industries such as pastoral, beef and mining into a very viable and strong hinterland seat for the Capricorn region.

Flynn is a larger electorate than neighbouring Capricornia but it allows for a sensible combination of communities along the Capricorn Coast and the near Outback all within definable geographic boundaries'.

Again! What are the 'definable geographical boundaries' they are referring to?

Without maps CCD's etc, it is impossible to know.

Is it that are suggesting that their 'Suggested' Division run north to south where as the existing Division runs east to west?

### **Division of Maranoa**

From what is said in there submission Warwick and Stanthorpe are transferred out of the Division and Mount Isa is included.

What else is in or out of the existing Division of Maranoa, is 'anybody guess' because they do not say.

It is apparent however that their 'Suggested' Division of Maranoa is 'huge' in area, possibly over 1,000,000 sq km.

Says a lot about the Nationals previous position that 'electorates are too large' and that the 'one vote one value' principal should not apply.

Are they being overrun by the Liberals since the amalgamation?

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**Division of Groom**

The Division of Groom is within quota both now and on projected enrolments in 2012.

I see no reason to alter this existing Division of Groom.

Therefore I cannot agree with their suggestion.

**Division of Hinkler**

The LNP submission states:-

'In order to meet quota requirements, Hinkler must lose parts of the current southern and western hinterland areas to Wide Bay and Flynn while maintaining its current community of being a Bundaberg to Hervey Bay growth corridor coastal seat.

The few census collection districts of Bundaberg on the north side of the Burnett River are also added to Flynn to provide a clearer geographic feature for the boundary between these seats'.

What areas in the 'current southern and western hinterland areas' that are suggested to be transferred to Wide Bay and Flynn?

I believe that the Bundaberg Regional Council should be the basis of the Division of Hinkler, and that Hervey Bay should be in the Division of Wide Bay with Maryborough.

**Division of Wide Bay**

The LNP submission states:-

'To meet the numerical requirements of the Act following the gain of electors from Hinkler to the north, it is proposed that Wide Bay loses some hinterland to Maranoa and Flynn. Further some hinterland areas will transfer from Hinkler into Wide Bay.'

Which areas are they referring to?

Without maps, CCD's etc it is impossible to know, and this, I believe, is LNP want, i.e. **the public not to know.**

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I agree that Noosa should not be apart of the Division of Wide Bay, however I believe Nossa and Gympie should form the nucleus of the new Division which I have called Adermann.

### **Division of Fisher**

I ask, in there submission, where does the Kilcoy SLA go?

Does it remain in the 'Suggested' Division of Fisher?

I believe it should be transferred to my new 'Suggested' Division of Adermann.

### **Division of Dickson**

They suggest that Esk remain in The Division of Dickson.

I disagree.

I believe it should be transferred to my new 'Suggested' Division of Adermann.

### **Division of Forde**

The LNP submissions states what is suggests be added to Forde, but it does not state what should be transferred out of Forde.

I therefore have no idea if Beaudesert remains in their 'Suggested' Division of Forde or is transferred to their new 'Suggested' Division of Killen, or to some other Division.

### **New Division of Killen**

There 'Suggested' Division of Killen appears to include Crows Nest, north of Toowoomba, and Warwick and Stanthorpe to the south of Toowoomba, and Springfield Lakes (Ioswich City) but where else?

Does it include the Lockyer Valley and Scenic Rim Regional Council areas?

I believe it should.

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**Division of Blair**

The LNP submission states:-

'In order to meet the numerical requirements of the Act as well as to create the new Division of Killen, it is proposed to shrink the Division of Blair out of the hinterland and centre it on the suburban areas of Ipswich'

Subject to knowing what areas they intend to 'shrink' out of the existing Division I support the general position that Blair becomes a Division based on the City of Ipswich and its surrounding suburbs.

**Other Divisions**

The remaining Divisions are outside the area I made 'Suggestions' for and therefore do not have any 'Comments' to make on these Divisions.

**Conclusion of Comments on LNP Suggestions**

It has been a very difficult exercise to try and make out what the LNP intentions on various Divisions are, from the information they have provided in this submission.

**I believe that this was a deliberate ploy by them i.e. keep the public in the dark as to what their real intentions are.**

Therefore I believe the LNP has treated the general public with contempt with this 'flimsy' submission, while at the same time supplying the Redistribution Committee with a detailed submission under the guise of a 'courtesy'.

I can only hope that this is the first and last time this 'sleazy' practice is allowed to occur.

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**COMMENTS ON OTHER SUGGESTIONS****SUGGESTION FROM THE MEMBER FOR KENNEDY****MR. BOB KATTER MP**

I:-

- Support Mr Katter's view that the electors that must be transferred from the Leichhardt to bring it with legislative requirements should come from the southern part of the existing Division, i.e. Edmonton, however I do not believe that Mill Road (in the middle of Edmonton Business Centre) is a suitable boundary.

I believe it should be further north at Foster Road for the reasons explained earlier in this submission and my 'Suggestions'.

- I cannot support his 'Cascade Proposal' as it involves splitting to many cities.

Taken to its conclusion this proposal would have Dawson as the second Townsville Division and Capricornia based on the City of Mackay.

If this did occur, Dawson and Capricornia would lose its relevance to its origin, Mackay and Rockhampton respectively, just as Oxley has lost its relevance to its city of origin, Ipswich by gradually moving east into Brisbane suburbs.

With regard to some of Mr Katter's specifics in his cascade proposal I

- Agree that Townsville should be split two ways and not the existing three, however I believe it should be Herbert and Fulton and not as he suggested Herbert and Dawson.
- I do not believe that Kelso and Rasmussen should be transferred out of the Herbert Division, because as Bob says 'it looks good on paper but badly cuts across reality'.

The only way into these Suburbs is to pass through the neighbouring Suburb of Condon.

- If Mackay has to be split (and I believe it should not be) then Bridge Road is probably as good and definite boundary as you would get as it runs right through from the sea to the River.



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## **COMMENTS ON OTHER SUGGESTIONS**

### **SUGGESTION FROM THE MEMBER FOR HINKLER**

#### **MR. PAUL NEVILLE MP**

##### **Division of Leichhardt**

I agree that the Division Leichhardt should be kept at the lower end of the allowable July 2012 limit of 95,701, however I do not agree that Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands should be transferred to the Division of Kennedy for the reasons I have explained in my 'Comments' of the LNP 'Suggestion'.

##### **Division of Kennedy**

Mr Neville splits the Burke, Mornington and Doomadgee Shires from the City of Mount Isa.

I cannot agree with this as most of their services come from Mount Isa and not the East Coast.

##### **Division of Maranoa**

Mr Neville's 'Suggested' Division of Maranoa is a traditional 'Maranoa' with Mount Isa, Cloncurry and Boulia added in.

I believe that the Division of Maranoa (under a new name) should move east and take in the Lockyer Valley and the Scenic Rim Regional Councils.

##### **Division of Hinkler**

I support Mr. Neville's 'Theoretical Division of Hinkler' in that it keeps the Bundaberg Regional Council in one Division, however instead of being contained to the North and South Burnett I believe it should extend west to Cameron Corner, thus allowing Maranoa to move east, (under a new name).

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**Division of Wide Bay**

I support Mr. Neville's 'Theoretical Division of Wide Bay' in that it keeps the Fraser Coast Regional Council in one Division however I have extended the 'Suggested Division' to the South Burnett and have transferred Gympie into my new 'Suggested Division' of Adermann.

**Division of Herbert**

I do not agree with his 'minimum of change' in the Townsville area. I believe that Townsville should be split into two Divisions, just as he advocates for the Wide Bay area, one being the Division Herbert, the other being my 'Suggested' Division of Fulton.

**Conclusion**

I enjoy reading Mr. Neville's suggestions, both at this redistribution and previous ones as he gives a frank and honest view of 'how he sees it', with details of what his intentions are, not like his party organisation which appears to want to hide their intentions.

His reconfiguration of the Divisions within the Wide Bay Region has merit and should be seriously be considered by the Committee, however I do believe that the Gympie/Noosa area should be the basis of the new Division which I have called Adermann.

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**COMMENTS ON OTHER SUGGESTIONS****SUGGESTION FROM THE MEMBER FOR WIDE BAY****MR. WARREN TRUSS MP**

I:-

- Support Mr Truss' view re the importance of keeping together especially in regional areas, however I believe that the exception is the Division of Leichhardt.

I believe it is far more important to keep the communities of Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands in a Division based on Cairns, than it is to keep the outer southern suburbs of Cairns.

- Support his view that Townsville should be divided into two Divisions, not three and that the Division of Dawson should be based on Mackay and not encroach on Townsville.
- As the sitting Member for the area affected by the 2006 Redistribution Committee's decision split Hervey Bay and Maryborough into two Divisions, I believe that the Redistribution Committee should consider carefully if those cities can be reunited in this Redistribution.
- Mr Truss also raises the issue of part of the Sunshine Coast, namely Noosa, being included in the Division of Wide Bay at the 2006 Redistribution.

I believe that Noosa and Gympie should be transferred to my new 'Suggested' Division of Adermann. This would allow most of the former Shires that make up the South Burnett Regional Council, to return to what Mr. Truss refers to as their logical home, the Division of Wide Bay.

- I agree with his views on 'clear boundaries'.

I have, where possible suggested Local Authority boundaries. (or the previous ones) together with suburban boundaries and in the case of the Division of Leichhardt, the State District boundary.

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## **COMMENTS ON OTHER SUGGESTIONS**

### **The Member for Fisher, Mr Peter Slipper, M.P.**

I support Mr Slipper's view that Noosa should not be a part of the Division of Wide Bay.

Mr Slipper also says that Gympie/Cooloola area is a natural extension of the Sunshine Coast.

These are the reasons I have included both these areas in my new 'Suggested' Division of Adernann.

### **Barcaldine Regional Council**

This 'suggestion' echoes many from the western area of the Division of Flynn wanting to be returned to the Division of Maranoa.

If they new, when they made their suggestions, what the LNP has suggested for the Division of Maranoa a Division stretching from just outside Toowoomba to Mount Isa, an area over 1,000,000 sq km they might have second thoughts.

Whether the Committee is able to accommodate their desire to 'return to Maranoa' will depend on the 'mix' off other Divisions, however I wonder if the reason for the return is political, rather than within the terms of reference.

Is it because Flynn is represented by a Labor Member based in Gladstone, and they want to be represented by a (Liberal) National Party Member.

### **Shire of Hinchinbrook**

The Shire of Hinchinbrook wants to return to the Division of Herbert, from the existing Division of Kennedy.

After twenty five years of being in Kennedy they want to 'break the marriage'.

After all this time, I wonder what has caused them to want to change Divisions.

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Is it because they have a different view on matters to the incumbent Member?

If so, this is a political matter to be decided at the ballot box and outside the terms of reference of the Redistribution Committee.

**Dr Darren Delaney**

Dr Delaney 'Suggestion' is similar to the LNP in regard to the Division of Leichhardt.

I explained my opposition to this 'Suggestion', when I made my 'Comments' of the LNP submission.

**Cr Jenny Hill, Townsville City Council**

Cr Hill suggests returning all the area north of Stuart Creek back to the Division of Herbert, but also retaining the Bohle River as the northern boundary.

I believe that if this was done it would place outside the legislative requirements, with regard to quotas.

**Conclusion**

While I have not covered all the 'Suggestion', individually, I consider that I have probably covered their 'Suggestions' when commenting on a similar 'Suggestion', or that their 'Suggestion' covered the South East corner of the State which I have not addressed in either My 'Suggestions' or 'Comments'.

Thank the Redistribution Committee for the opportunity to make these submissions and wish them well in their deliberations.