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Dear Commissioner Killestyn,

Please find attached my submission as comment to suggestions to the Electoral Redistribution Commission.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Commissioner Killestyn,

I write in response to public submissions in regards to electoral changes within Queensland in the current redistribution of 2009.

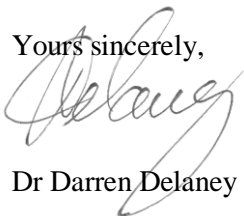
It is clearly evident that Kennedy electorate has the capacity to absorb some several thousand electors from Leichhardt. Suggestions have been made that Leichhardt should be contracted at the southern border adjacent to Kennedy. Overwhelming the response and the most sensible response is to contract Leichhardt on the northern borders retaining the natural population zones which cover this area expansive area.

The southern suburbs of Cairns naturally belong to this greater regional centre. Bus routes extend to and include this region. Many Cairns City CBD workers and business owners reside in the urbanised southern corridor approaching Cairns. Excising these southern suburbs would violate the very guidelines by which the Commission seeks to confine electorate redistributions.

The northern aspect of the current Leichhardt electorate is expansive with long distances between small population densities. This characteristic is similar and also a way of life for most of the electors who live in the Kennedy electorate. By confining the contraction of Leichhardt to the north encompassing Cairns, Port Douglas, and Mossman is compliant with electoral redistribution guidelines and retains the natural concentric focus of high density population growth in Far North Queensland. Furthermore, I suspect the Commission will need to consider contracting Leichhardt in years to come to Cairns and Port Douglas.

In summary I propose that the Commission consider contracting Leichhardt to encompass Cairns, Port Douglas, and Mossman. This provides future movement to contract Leichhardt further while remaining within the statutory confines pursuant to section 66 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (Cth).

Yours sincerely,



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