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The Commissioners
Federal Redistribution of Queensland

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to make a submission for the entire state of Queensland.

In passing I make the following comments:

- In the intervening 7 years, it is notable the relative smallness of the variation in Divisional elector enrollments across the 30 Divisions;
- That quite a number of Divisions of themselves require no changes to remain within current or projected quota. Those that require adjustments generally require simple small one direction transfers.
- The Commissions caution that Herbert, Kennedy and Petrie are close to tolerance.
- The overall state of enrollments around Brisbane and Gold and Sunshine Coasts suggest that there is more growth pressure in the north, but insufficient to warrant a crossing of the Brisbane River at this time.

I note that in the recent Queensland State Redistribution a number of Districts were the subject of name changes. I am not sure that many names might instantly be significant to many electors, but some are significant explorers, first office holders, first party Premiers, and so on. Several such as Bowman, are early parliamentarians in Queensland and in time could be replaced by more recent figures and hopefully redress the significant gender imbalance in names (which is not unique to Queensland).

Specifically I have made a narrative description and a tabular excel presentation to describe my proposals. I have worked through those which appear not to require change through Those which require some adjustment.

Overall my changes are relatively modest requiring no changes to 9 Divisions, and minor changes to most of the remaining 21. The changes with respect to Oxley and Moreton involve exchanges of electors to create a Oxley more aligned with the Logan Motorway and a Moreton more based within the more established southern suburbs of Brisbane. In total my proposals involve the movement of 112,828 projected electors in 2021, or 3.4% of the states projected enrollment.

Unchanged Divisions

Blair, Bowman, Dawson, Groom, Maranoa, McPherson, Moncrieff, Petrie and Wright - are currently and projected to be within quota and possess various sound existing local government, and natural boundaries and modest requirements of neighbouring Divisions for adjustments require no changes be made to their boundaries.

I considered various boundary changes to all the above Divisions. Blair could have being modified to incorporate more of Wright, and become more rural or semi-rural in nature, but presently numbers in Oxley, Moreton and Wright do not permit his option. Bowman was a obvious candidate for no changes. Dawson was best left unchanged otherwise very extensive changes to other boundaries were necessary. Groom seemed a natural candidate for no change Maranoa similarly was an obvious candidate for no change. McPherson and Moncrieff due to their location and closeness to quota lent themselves to be left unchanged. Petrie could have being changed, but changes between Lilley and Dickson were sufficient to avoid this. Wright was best left unchanged due to the lack of need for change to neighbouring Divisions and the fact it was close to quota.

Divisions and relevant changes

- Bonner and Griffith are respectively under and over quota in 2021. Bonner is with tolerance, but the placement of electors from Holland Park south of and Holland Road and Cavendish Road and Mount Gravatt south of Pine Mountain Road are sufficient to place Griffith near quota and Bonner within tolerance. This proposed road boundary appears to be better defined than at present.
- Brisbane and Ryan - are both respectively over quota, but transferring a small number of electors along the western side of Wardell Street from Brisbane to Ryan left both Divisions within quota (albeit in excess of quota but within tolerance). This solution reflects in part the

earlier observation about the slight excess of enrollments on the northern side of Brisbane relative to the southern side.

- Dickson, Lilley and Petrie - these two Divisions share a common boundary and Lilley needs to shed a small number of electors. Whilst there are considerable permutations of changes involving a number of Divisions in the north of Brisbane, the simple transfer of just under 3000 electors in McDowall from Lilley to Dickson, is a simpler change, that does not involve significant changes to the use of the Bruce Highway as a boundary elsewhere. Whilst the boundary of the City of Brisbane is crossed, it is a minimalist change. In conjunction with Dickson and Lilley, Petrie an adjoining Division might normally be a candidate for some exchanges of electors. Given the strong boundaries that Petrie currently has and the ability to redress the imbalances between Lilley and Dickson I propose that no changes be made to Petrie at this time.
- Fadden and Forde - Fadden is in excess of tolerance in 2021 and Forde the adjacent Division is slightly below quota. The transfer of a small number (about 3000) electors near Oxenford on the western side of the Pacific Highway has the effect of remedying these imbalances with one simple change.
- Flynn, Hinkler, Wide Bay and Fairfax - the first three Divisions are under quota and the last projected to be over tolerance in 2021. I propose a number of changes involving transfers from Wide Bay to both Flynn (nearly 3000 projected electors in the Kingaroy region) and nearly 4000 projected electors (from Kilkivan, Booral - River Heads, and Burrum - Fraser to Hinkler. The larger shortfall in Wide Bay is addressed by transferring 8513 projected electors from Eumundi - Yandina from Fairfax. Whilst Fairfax is near the lower end of tolerance it is relatively fast growing and this arrangement is minimally disruptive to the four Divisions involved. It should be noted that this solution restores some previously existing boundaries.
- Fisher and Longman - these Divisions are currently projected to be below tolerance and above quota respectively in 2021. I propose a simple transfer from Longman of nearly 3000 projected electors around Elimbah. This increases Fisher's numbers to be within tolerance and reduces Longman's to be slightly under quota. Whilst it might be preferable to increase Fisher's numbers further it might well necessitate changes to Longman's south, which are not necessary. Accordingly I propose this one simple but effective change.

Southern Brisbane

Rankin, Moreton and Oxley - Of these three Divisions only Rankin is above quota. All three are experiencing strong elector growth. The proposed changes between the three Divisions are self-contained changes. I propose the transfer of Algester from Rankin to Oxley. This reduces Rankin's enrolment to just above tolerance. This slightly reduces the size of Rankin.

The changes I propose with respect to Oxley and Moreton arise from an examination of the boundaries when trying to reshape Divisions along more substantial and continuous boundaries. The changes I arrived at involve exchanges of electors to create a Oxley more aligned with the Logan Motorway and a Moreton more based within the more established southern suburbs of Brisbane. The exchange of electors in my view would enhance the socio-economic interests of the two Divisions. In either case both Divisions would in Oxley's case continue to span the Ipswich and Brisbane local government boundaries and Moreton would be entirely within Brisbane City. Broadly the boundary I propose would commence at the intersection of the Brisbane River and City of Brisbane Council boundary, and run generally north and easterly along the Ipswich Motorway to Granard Road and then run generally south and easterly along either the Railway Line to Beenleigh or largely along Beenleigh Road. Moreton would be north of this general boundary and Oxley to the south.

Northern Queensland

Leichardt, Kennedy, Herbert, Dawson and Capricornia - these 5 Divisions exhibited an unusual pattern of enrolments, with the most northerly Leichardt more in excess of quota, with Kennedy and Capricornia being under quota. Dawson was virtually on quota and Herbert slightly in excess. The surplus in Leichardt was sufficient to redress shortfalls in both Kennedy and Capricornia. I proposed no changes to Dawson, as to do otherwise opens up a whole range of problems, including attaching a large area of inland Queensland and/or splitting Dawson more awkwardly than is presently the case.

The transfer from Leichardt of Kuranda, Edmonton, Gordonvale, White Rock and Woree from Leichardt is only possible with Kennedy. This means that Leichardt becomes a more urban Division focused on Cairns. The loss of the areas south and west of Cairns conforms to local government boundaries in the case of Kuranda and the numerical requirement of the redistribution for the other areas south of Cairns.

With Herbert, it has been the focal point of a number of awkward redistribution solutions in recent times. The populations north and south seem to intersect on the outskirts of the city of Townsville and lead to less than ideal boundaries. I propose to include areas of the City of Townsville north and west of the city currently in Kennedy in Herbert and transfer those areas south of the Ross River to Kennedy. This is a clear cut boundary and whilst it cuts through the urban area of Townsville it does so in an obvious and clear way, unlike the present boundary. Relying on the City of Townsville boundary to the north of the city extends the existing northern boundary of Herbert, but it is a natural catchment of electors and community of interests for the largest city in regional Queensland.

Capricornia currently abuts Flynn which is also under quota and any changes I considered were unsatisfactory, either extending Capricornia substantially inland, or having considerable impacts on Flynn. The proposal involving the transfer of electors directly from Kennedy of the closest adjoining area with Capricornia up to the Flinders Highway, does involve the splitting of a moderately large regional town (Charters Towers), but this not unlike other cities and towns that are currently split, eg around Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville, Bundaberg, Maryborough, Cairns, and even closer to Brisbane, with Ipswich, Moreton Bay Council, the various towns around the town of Caboolture. The alternatives involve considerable changes to neighbouring Divisions, and I have chosen not to adopt them. I would urge the Commissioners in the direction of my proposed solution.

Conclusion

I wish the Commissioners well with their deliberations.

Martin Gordon

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Electoral division	Enrolment as at Friday 6 January 2017	Projected enrolment at Monday 27 September 2021	Is the requirement met?	Changes	Adjust	Total 2021
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Blair	99,942	107,316	Yes	No change.		107316
Bonner	100,770	107,808	Yes	Transfer 2855 (3163) electors from Holland Park south and west of Holland Road and Cavendish Road, 1403 (1492) electors in Mount Gravatt south of Pine Mountain Road from Griffith to Bonner.	4655	112463
Bowman	104,241	109,932	Yes	No change		109932
Brisbane	108,157	115,380	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Brisbane is more than 3.5 per cent over the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer 2017 (2175) electors from Enoggera west of Wardell Street to Ryan from Brisbane.	-2175	113205
Capricornia	98,847	105,394	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Capricornia is more than 3.5 per cent under the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer 128 (128) electors from Burdekin and approx 4997 (5115) electors south of Flinders Highway from Kennedy to Capricornia.	5243	110637
Dawson	103,910	110,655	Yes	No change		110655
Dickson	100,974	109,330	Yes	Transfer 2658 (2846) electors from McDowall west of Beckett Road to Dickson from Lilley	2846	112176
Fadden	107,071	114,465	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Fadden is more than 3.5 per cent over the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer of CCD's from Oxenford - Maudsland generally north of Tamborine Oxenford Road, west of Pacific Highway, and south of Coomera River 2939 (3197) from Fadden to Forde.	-3197	111268
Fairfax	109,152	115,329	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Fairfax is more than 3.5 per cent over the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer 7637 (8513) electors from Eumundi - Yandina from Fairfax to Wide Bay.	-8513	106816

Fisher	99,528	104,427	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Fisher is more than 3.5 per cent under the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer 2744 (2963) electors from Elimbah from Longman to Fisher	2963	107390
Flynn	100,236	107,483	Yes	Transfer 2752 (2973) electors from Kingaroy Region - North from Wide Bay to Flynn	2973	110456
Forde	100,120	108,502	Yes	Transfer of CCD's from Oxenford - Maudsland generally north of Tamborine Oxenford Road, west of Pacific Highway, and south of Coomera River 2939 (3197) from Fadden to Forde.	3197	111699
Griffith	106,999	115,269	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Griffith is more than 3.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer 2855 (3163) electors from Holland Park south and west of Holland Road and Cavendish Road, 1403 (1492) electors in Mount Gravatt south of Pine Mountain Road from Griffith to Bonner.	-4655	110614
Groom	102,009	108,463	Yes	No change		108463
Herbert	105,077	113,235	Yes – but projected enrolment for the Division of Herbert is close to being 3.5 per cent over the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer 2877 (3117) electors from north and west of Townsville Council from Kennedy to Herbert. Transfer 4563 (4964) electors from Douglas to Kennedy.	plus 3117 from Kennedy and transfer 4964 electors to Kennedy	111388
Hinkler	101,482	105,850	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Hinkler is more than 3.5 per cent under the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer 2560 (2674) electors from Kilkivan, 135 (138) Booral - River Heads, 1002 (1037) Burrum - Fraser from Wide Bay to Hinkler.	Plus 2674, 138, 1037	109699

Kennedy	100,404	106,359	Yes – but projected enrolment for the Division of Kennedy is close to being 3.5 per cent under the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer of CCD's Edmonton 24 (26), Gordonvale Trinity 4 (4), White Rock 2912 (3133), Woree 3064 (3296) and Kuranda 2720 (2845) from Leichardt to Kennedy. Transfer 128 (128) electors from Burdekin and approx 4997 (5115) electors south of Flinders Highway from Kennedy to Capricornia.	gain 9304 from Leichardt and transfer 5243 to Capricornia.	110420
Leichardt	109,913	118,266	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Leichardt is more than 3.5 per cent over the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer of CCD's Edmonton 24 (26), Gordonvale Trinity 4 (4), White Rock 2912 (3133), Woree 3064 (3296) and Kuranda 2720 (2845) from Leichardt to Kennedy.	-9304	108962
Lilley	107,162	114,595	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Lilley is more than 3.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer 2658 (2846) electors from McDowall west of Beckett Road to Dickson from Lilley	-2846	111749
Longman	106,098	112,971	Yes	Transfer 2744 (2963) electors from Elimbah from Longman to Fisher	-2963	110008
Maranoa	103,151	109,197	Yes	No change		109197
McPherson	104,405	110,478	Yes	No change		110478
Moncrieff	103,327	108,715	Yes	No change		108715
Moreton	97,318	105,279	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Moreton is more than 3.5 per cent under the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer 5886 (6309) electors from Acacia Ridge, 10273 (11066) Sunnybank Hills, 4832 (5186) Kuraby, 209 (219) Durack, 2981 (3397) Coopers Plains from Moreton to Oxley. Transfer that part of Oxley north of the Ipswich Motorway within the City of Brisbane from Oxley to		108238

				Moreton 25839 (27692)	
Oxley	96,148	104,943	No – Projected enrolment for the Division of Oxley is more than 3.5 per cent under the projected enrolment quota.	Transfer Algester 5160 (5563) electors from Rankin to Oxley. Transfer 5886 (6309) electors from Acacia Ridge, 10273 (11066) Sunnybank Hills, 4832 (5186) Kuraby, 209 (219) Durack, 2981 (3397) Coopers Plains from Moreton to Oxley. Transfer that part of Oxley north of the Ipswich Motorway within the City of Brisbane from Oxley to Moreton 25839 (27692)	108991
Petrie	106,757	113,340	Yes – but projected enrolment for the Division of Petrie is close to being 3.5 per cent over the projected enrolment quota.	No change.	113340
Rankin	102,349	111,658	Yes	Transfer Algester 5160 (5563) electors from Rankin to Oxley	106498
Ryan	104,543	111,324	Yes	Transfer 2017 (2175) electors from Enoggera west of Wardell Street to Ryan from Brisbane.	113499

Wide Bay	103,780	108,219	Yes	Transfer 2752 (2973) electors from Kingaroy Region - North from Wide Bay to Flynn. Transfer 2560 (2674) electors from Kilkivan, 135 (138) Booral - River Heads, 1002 (1037) Burrum - Fraser from Wide Bay to Hinkler. Transfer 7637 (8513) electors from Eumundi - Yandina from Fairfax to Wide Bay.	109910
Wright	102,234	109,551	Yes	no change	109551

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