



The Federal Redistribution 2006
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Liberal Party of Australia

Qld Division

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Note: The table and maps accompanying this suggestion have been prepared using Electoral Boundary Mapping System (EBMS) data provided by the Liberal Party of Australia – Qld Division as part of the suggestion.

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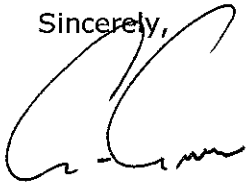
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Mrs Anne Bright
Australian Electoral Commission
488 Queen Street
Brisbane Q 4001

Dear Mrs Bright

In my capacity as the Returning Officer for the Liberal Party of Australia, please find attached the official submission in regard to the 2006 Federal Electorate redistribution together with a CD containing the detailed maps and data for our submission.

Sincerely,



Geoffrey Greene
State Director

QUEENSLAND ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION

Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division)

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Overview

The Liberal Party of Australia (Queensland Division) has prepared a submission for the State of Queensland redistribution of boundaries for Federal Electorates based on the following premises:

1. It is our view that the new seat should be located on the Sunshine Coast. The group of seats including Longman, Fisher and Fairfax present the greatest growth in electorates within Queensland. This area provides the best opportunity to establish the additional Queensland electorate, thereby minimising the amount of elector dislocation in other divisions throughout the state.
2. Apart from the necessary dislocation which occurs from the introduction of a new electorate, the Liberal Party submission satisfies the criteria outlined in Sections 66(3) and 66(3a) of the *Electoral Act*, including the final criteria of creating minimal disruption to the boundaries of existing Divisions in Queensland. The proposal focuses strongly on communities of interest, major towns, Local Government boundaries, means of communication and transport and physical features in determining electorates and this includes consideration of electoral boundaries prior to previous redistributions. In submitting this proposal for the entire state, the Liberal Party has only proposed changes that are required to meet the criteria set down within the terms of reference for this redistribution. It is proposed that 8 electorates have no change at all to their existing boundaries.

The table below summarises the proposed movement of elector populations, which has been kept to a minimum.

From	To	Actual	Projected
Blair	New Division	23318	24069
Capricornia	Wide Bay	12843	12919
Dawson	Capricornia	10740	11042
Fairfax	Fisher	27074	28261
Fisher	New	33144	37246
Forde	Blair	14067	14930
Forde	Rankin	1441	1625
Griffith	Bonner	1841	1901
Groom	New Division	5902	6539
Herbert	Dawson	6442	6617
Herbert	Kennedy	1048	1090
Hinkler	Wide Bay	10330	10440
Kennedy	Herbert	6051	6447
Leichhardt	Kennedy	1881	1944
Longman	New Division	11652	12342
Oxley	Rankin	5415	6034
Oxley	Ryan	5211	5702
Petrie	Longman	4538	5098
Rankin	Forde	12142	12457
Ryan	Blair	3625	3928
Wide Bay	Fairfax	24088	25197
Wide Bay	New Division	7576	7720
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3. Our proposal complies with the Commission's requirements for a maximum 10% variation of quota based on elector numbers as at 2 December 2005 and a maximum 3.5% variation from quota based on estimated total electors as at 30 November 2007. This means that all electorates within this submission fall within the 76,698 electors to 93,742 electors range as at 2 December 2005 and within the 86,452 electors and 92,722 electors range on projected elector numbers as at 30 November 2007. In preparing the submission we have taken into account the extent of growth occurring within individual electorates, communities of interest, and the requirements of the Act relating to quotas.

Set out in the following pages is a seat by seat description of the changes proposed to divisional boundaries across Queensland. The summary commences at the north of Queensland at the seat of Leichhardt, working through the state to McPherson at the southern boundary.

Accompanying this written submission, the Liberal Party has provided the Commission with compatible data files for use in the Electoral Boundary Mapping System.

Electorate Descriptions

Leichhardt

The seat of Leichhardt has been retained as is with the exception of the loss of 4 CCDs to the east of Cairns. This section of Leichhardt has been moved into the seat of Kennedy. This change was most logically made at the Southeast of the electorate and was necessary to meet quota requirements. This action has resulted in minimal change to Leichhardt.

Kennedy

Kennedy adjoins the Northern Territory at the west and the only changes are proposed for the seat of Kennedy are to receive the 4 CCD areas from Leichhardt and to distribute 15 CCDs at the south-eastern end of the electorate into the seat of Herbert. These CCDs adjoin the City of Townsville and as the only other change needed to Kennedy to comply with quota requirements the boundary between Kennedy and Capricornia will remain the same.

Herbert

Herbert picks up 15 CCDs from Thuringowa Shire which equates to a total of 6,051 votes on December 2005 elector statistics and represents a projected figure of 6,447 votes in 2007. At the southern end of Herbert the boundary becomes more located on the edge of Townsville City and the electorate loses 9 CCDs to Dawson, representing a total number of votes of 2,797 on December 2005 figures and 2,839 votes projected to 2007. The townships of Woodstock, Nome, and Cungulla all go into Dawson.

Dawson

On its current boundaries, Dawson is 7% above the projected 2007 quota. This means that it must lose population. It has gained 9 CCD areas from the seat of Herbert under our proposal and therefore must lose a significant number of electors in order for it to conform to quota requirements. 11 CCDs from Dawson are allocated to Capricornia at the southern end of the electorate. This includes the Shire of Mirani and the Shire of Sarina. In addition the townships of Carmila, Karloo, Flaggy Rock, Orkatie and Clairview at the southern extremity are allocated to Capricornia.

Capricornia

Under this proposal the seat of Capricornia aligns with Kennedy at the north and Maranoa at the west with no change to these boundaries. This electorate would pick up sections of Dawson as previously outlined and loses the Duaringa Shire and Banana Shire as well as the Woorabinda Aboriginal Community to the Wide Bay electorate. Again these losses are necessary because of the populations being above quota and the effect of the loss of some population from each seat moving down towards the area of the Sunshine Coast where the new seat would need to be created under this proposal.

Hinkler

At December 2005 the seat of Hinkler is 9% over quota and based on 2007 projections the existing seat would be 7,438 electors above quota. As a result there is a need for Hinkler to lose elector population. Under this proposal the Northern most boundary of Hinkler where it adjoins Capricornia remains the same. The shires of Monto, Eidsvold, Mundubbera, Gayndah, Perry, Isis and the Southern end of Colan Shire will go into Wide Bay. There is only 1 CCD of Colan that will go into the Wide Bay electorate under this proposal consisting of a population of 435 electors, a minor shift which is required to comply with the quota requirements.

Wide Bay

Wide Bay has gained elector population from both Hinkler and Capricornia as previously described. This change provides an opportunity for Wide Bay to lose elector population to assist in the establishment of the new electorate. This proposal provides for the Shires of Wondai, Murgon, the Cherbourg Aboriginal Community and the majority of Kilkivan Shire to go to the new seat with 1 CCD from the Kilkivan Shire to remain within the electorate of Wide Bay for quota purposes. The electorate of Wide Bay remains based around the township of Maryborough and Hervey Bay and the electorate to the west remains connected through the Maryborough-Biggenden Road and the rail connections through to Monto. These changes would provide for a section of Wide Bay to go into the Fairfax electorate that being the Cooloola Shire including the township of Gympie.

Fairfax

Fairfax remains a coastal electorate based on Noosa and now taking in the township of Gympie. Fairfax loses Nambour to Fisher under this proposal to reduce its population to allow it to meet quota requirements. These changes recognise

previous communities of interests whereby Gympie was formerly in the electorate of Fairfax prior to the last redistribution.

Fisher

Fisher maintains its East West orientation but is now based on Maroochydore. It maintains its Hinterland area with similar boundaries to the existing electorate. Because of the population growth, Fisher loses Caloundra including the area from Kawana Waters to Pelican Waters, which then forms the coastal base for the newly created electorate.

New Electorate – Proposed Name: Chalk

Based on Caloundra, the proposed new electorate takes electors from Fisher, Longman, Blair, Wide Bay and Groom. It extends from the coast taking in the coastal hinterland including the Glass House Mountains and takes in territory along the D'aguiar Highway moving northwest and taking in the entire Shires of Kilcoy, Nanango and Kingaroy. The new seat also takes in the major part of the Esk and Crows Nest Shires to make up the quota necessary. The Brisbane Valley Highway will act as major connector for communities within the seat.

Longman

Longman remains centred on Caboolture and Bribie Island. It loses the northern section of Caboolture Shire into the new electorate, retaining major population centres along the Bruce Highway. It gains some population from Petrie in the area of the new North Lakes Estate, which is a rapidly growing community. Longman's new boundaries provide a projected growth of 9.12%, which is why we have set its new electoral numbers at the lower end of the quota range.

Blair

In order to accommodate elector population for the new electorate, Blair loses a significant section of territory at the northern end including the townships of Esk, Toogoolawah, Nanango and Kilcoy. The seat as a result shifts in a southward direction, taking in Boonah and parts of Beaudesert Shire including Kalbar, Aratula, Mt Alfred and Rathdowney. The electorate retains the current boundary with Oxley in the east and with Groom in the west, but there is a minor change with its boundary with Ryan in order to meet quota requirements.

Groom

Groom remains predominantly unchanged in this proposal, with the only change being in order to lose some of voting population to meet quota requirements. Electors placed in the new electorate are part of the Crows Nest Shire. Groom retains its existing boundary with Maranoa at the northern, western and southern borders.

Maranoa

No change to exiting boundaries.

Dickson

No change to existing boundaries.

Petrie

Petrie loses a northern section of Longman to allow it to fall within the quota required. It has remained essentially unchanged on other boundaries except at the southern-most extent of the electorate where it takes in a portion of Everton Park and Stafford from the electorate of Brisbane. It retains its eastern boundary with Lilley and its western boundary with Dickson, achieving the smallest possible disruption to the electorate.

Lilley

No change to existing boundaries.

Brisbane

Brisbane remains essentially unchanged, however to meet Petrie's quota requirements the only necessary change was allocating a part of Everton Park and Stafford to the Petrie electorate.

Ryan

Ryan remains largely intact with the only changes being undertaken to accommodate neighbouring seats. It therefore takes Kawana Downs from Blair and a section of the Centenary suburbs from Oxley. This includes Seventeen Mile Rocks, which has a greater community interest with Ryan than with the seat of Oxley.

Griffith

Griffith has an excess elector population and this has been addressed by a small part of Green Meadows Estate being placed in the electorate of Bonner. All other boundaries remain unchanged.

Oxley

Oxley needed to lose a significant number of electors to meet the quota requirements of the 2007 projection date. This is achieved in part by reallocating a significant number of electors from Logan City and a small part of Brisbane City to Rankin. Oxley also loses a section of electors to Ryan in the area of Seventeen Mile Rocks. This area clearly has a greater community of interest with the Western

Suburbs based on Ryan. It retains its existing boundary with Moreton at the eastern border and Blair at the western border. The electorate remains firmly based along the Ipswich Motorway Corridor.

Rankin

Rankin is overpopulated and needs to lose elector population. A significant number of electors have necessarily been allocated to Forde at the eastern end of the electorate. To compensate for the significant loss, however, Rankin receives some population from the also overpopulated seat of Oxley at the western end of Rankin. As a result, the electorate shifts in a westward direction, linked by the Southern Brisbane Bypass Logan Motorway. Rankin retains its northern boundaries with Bonner and Moreton. The new boundaries of Rankin achieve a greater sense of community of interest, being based more firmly on Logan City, which is the central heart of the Rankin electorate. A vast majority of Rankin is now contained within the Logan City Council area.

Moreton

No change to existing boundaries.

Bonner

The seat of Bonner remains intact with a small addition from the seat of Griffith. A few CCDs are proposed to be transferred to the seat of Bonner to ensure the quota requirements are met. The projected growth in Bonner is more than 1.5% under the State average and is less than the projected growth within the seat of Griffith. This change is minimal and only undertaken to meet quota requirements.

Bowman

No change to existing boundaries.

Fadden

No change to existing boundaries.

Forde

On its current boundaries, Forde needed to lose elector population. This has been achieved by relocating Boonah Shire in part and the western part of the Beaudesert Shire to Blair. The major connection through the new Forde electorate includes the Mt Lindsay Highway, Beaudesert/Beenleigh Road, Waterford/Tamborine Road and the M1 Motorway. Forde retains its eastern boundary in its entirety with McPherson, Moncrieff and Fadden. The Forde electorate takes a small section of Rankin, which needs to lose electors to meet quota requirements.

Moncrieff

No change to existing boundaries.

McPherson

No change to existing boundaries.