



The Federal Redistribution 2009
QUEENSLAND



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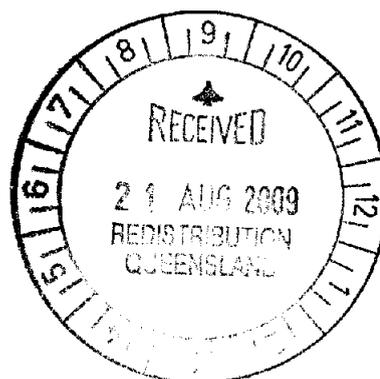
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Attention Gordon Webster

Dear Mr Killesteyn,

I refer to your advertisement in 'The Cairns Post' on Saturday, 25th July, 2009, publishing the proposed electoral boundaries for the State of Queensland, and advising that 'Objections' to the proposed boundaries must be lodged in writing with the Office of the Australian Electoral Commission for Queensland before 6pm on Friday 21st August, 2009.

Please find enclosed:-

- Part of the text of my objection.

Due to having to post the submission a day before submissions close, i.e. 3pm Thursday, 20th August, 2009, for it to arrive at your Office by 6pm Friday, 21st August, 2009, I have not completed it.

I will fax/email the remainder of the text on Friday, 21st August, 2009 so as it reaches your Office before closing time.

- Associated maps, four (4) in total.

- Tables for the four northern proposed Divisions which I have made specific 'objections'.

Should the augmented Electoral Commission decide to have public hearings in Far North Queensland, I advise my availability to attend to expand on my 'objection' and answer any queries they may have to my 'objection'.

Should there be any matter you may wish to contact me on, please phone me on the either of the above numbers.

Yours sincerely



R. J. Richardson.

OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED
REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL
ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES
IN QUEENSLAND

The submission is in two parts:-

- General review, including my view on the contents of some of the 'Comments on Suggestion' phase of the Redistribution process.
- Specific 'Objections' to the four northern proposed Divisions of Leichhardt, Herbert, Kennedy and Dawson.

General Review:-

I take the liberty of the broad nature of this 'objection' to review some of the contents of the 'Comments on Suggestions' received by the Committee during that period of the Redistribution process.

Cape York Peninsula and Torres Strait Islands Communities:-

There were a number of 'Comments' on the Liberal National Party (LNP) 'suggestion' that 'the cape' and 'the Islands' be transferred to the Division of Kennedy.

The 'Comments' from those who lived on Cape York Peninsula 'the Cape' or on the Torres Strait Islands 'the Islands' opposed the 'suggestion', while the Cairns Chamber of Commerce, LNP supporters such as Dr. Darren Delaney, and the Coalition Members of Parliament, who made 'Comments' on this issue supported the 'suggestion'.

I congratulate the Redistribution Committee for rejecting this 'suggestion' and maintaining 'the cape' and 'the Islands' in the proposed Division of Leichhardt.

My concern is that during this phase of the Redistribution process the Augmented Electoral Commission may overturn the Electoral Committee's proposal.

Should this occur I ask the Augmented Commission to rule that the change is 'significant' under Section 72 (12© & (d) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 and allow a further period of 'objection' so the people of Cape York and the Torres Strait Islands can make further submissions as to why they should stay in the Division of Leichhardt.

Name of New Division:-

A number of submissions centred on the name for the new Division.

There was a 'push' for the name *Waters* after Leonard Victor WATERS, an aboriginal pilot during World War 11.

I note that all the submissions for *Waters* were during the 'Comments' phase of the process and not during the 'Suggestions' phase.

The Committee has proposed the name *Wright* in honour and recognition of Judith WRIGHT service and contribution to Australia as a social and environmental activist and poet.

I believe Mr. Waters name should be kept in the 'memory bank' as a possible name of a Federal Division, especially if a future redistribution alters one of the Divisions with a geographical name such as Maranoa or Capricornia to such an extent that geographical name is no longer appropriate.

Coalition Members of Parliament:-

There were a number of 'Comments' as well as 'Suggestions' from Coalition Members of Parliament, mostly concerning there own Division, however some such as the Member for Hinkler, Mr Paul Neville MP, ventured further a field.

I, as in the 2006 Redistribution process, was impressed by the manner and reasoning of Mr Neville's contribution.

While I did not totally agree with all his views, I considered them fair and reasonable, especially in regard to the general desire of politicians to publicly want to keep 'every constituent they have' and the general desire of many of them in the City of Hervey Bay to be in the same division as their sister City in the Fraser Coast Regional Council, Maryborough.

Mr. Bob Katter, MP

Mr. Katter's 'Comments' were confined to his Division of Kennedy, and adjacent Divisions.

While I agree, in general terms, with Mr. Katter's view that the additional electors that must be transferred to Kennedy from Leichhardt should come from the Edmonton area, and his desire to split the City of Townsville into two (2) Divisions and not three (3) as it is at present and with the proposed boundaries, I do not agree with his 'Cascade Proposal' as it further splits the Regional Cities of Mackay and Townsville.

Hinchinbrook Chamber of Commerce and the Australian Cane Farmers Association:-

These two organisations 'broke away' from their conservative brothers and sisters at the Hinchinbrook Shire Council and want to remain in the Division of Kennedy where as the Hinchinbrook Shire Council wanted to be transferred to the Division of Herbert.

I made a 'comment' on that 'suggestion' in my 'Comments'.

Mount Isa City Council, Mount Isa Race Club & the Mid West Rugby League:-

These three bodies were opposed to the LNP 'suggestion' that Mount Isa be transferred to the division of Maranoa.

Mr. Martin Gordon:-

Mr Martin Gordon used "Comments" to make his 'Suggestions'.

While I have added to my initial submission in the 'Comments' phase due to time restraints, to make the whole submission in this phase removes it from public scrutiny prior to the Committee publishing its proposal.

The only comment I make at this point of time about Mr. Gordon's 'suggestions' is that while contracting the Division of Leichhardt to Cairns and its surrounds may look 'good on a map' and be 'heart warming' in chilly Canberra, it denies the residents of Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait reasonable access to the Local Member and his Office when visiting Cairns.

Ms Kate Townsend:-

Ms Kate Townsend from Kallangur also made her 'suggestions' in the 'Comments' phase of the process.

I believe Ms Townsend's submission was too preoccupied with:-

- Reducing so called 'dog legs'
- Reducing the statutory variance of 3.5% on projected enrolments.
- Reducing the number of 'descriptors' a boundary has.

There was also a reluctance to transfer electors from their existing divisions.

The existing boundaries is the last criteria in the Electoral Act which the Redistribution Committee must consider when making a proposed division, behind the quota, projection enrolments, community interest, communication and travel, and physical features.

Her 'suggestion' to transfer the suburb of Kelso in Townsville from Herbert to Dawson, because of the 'dog leg' shows how easily you can 'fall into a trap' by being over concerned with such matters.

The only road access to Kelso is through Condon and Rasmussen, and the 'means of travel' criteria, alone, dictates that Kelso should be in the same Division as those suburbs

During the 2007/8 State Redistribution the National Party also 'got caught' by what looked 'good on a map' and made the same suggestion, i.e. suggested transferring Kelso from the State electorate of Thuringowa to the electorate of Burdekin.

After 'out cries' in the media, and criticism from the National Party Member for Burdekin, Ms Rosemary Menkens, they retracted their 'suggestion' in the 'comments' stage.

Mr. Mark Mulcair:-

Mr Mark Mulcair from Mitcham, Victoria, says my suggestion 'for a new seat of Fulton' was unnecessary.

I refer Mr. Mulcair to comments made by the President, Cairns Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Jeremy Blockley, in the Cairns Post, on Tuesday, 28th July, 2009:-

'Mr. Brockley said either needed to be a third electorate created or the members for Kennedy and Leichhardt should both be based in the Cairns area, which represents the majority of the population of both electorates'.

My 'suggestion' for a seat I called 'Fulton' was based on the areas of the old Division of Leichhardt (1948-1984) that are not in the present Division, and the areas of the old Herbert (1948-1984) which are not in the current Division.

When the size of Federal Parliament was increase in 1984 Leichhardt/Herbert lost its common boundary, just south of Innisfail.

Herbert contracted south towards Townsville.

Leichhardt also moved south to the Johnstone/Cardwell Shire boundary and lost the Atherton Tableland and the 'Gulf country'.

Kennedy moved north and 'filled the gaps'.

With the growth of Cairns and Townsville together with a steady increase in the numbers of Divisions from Queensland in Federal Parliament, Kennedy has moved towards both the Cities of Townsville and Cairns at subsequent redistributions.

Basically I was taking Kennedy back to where the Division was between 1948 and 1984 redistributions.

During this period it did not venture north of the northern boundaries of the Shires along the Great Northern Railway, except at one time it did include the Shires of Burke, Doomadgee, and Mornington.

During this period Kennedy contained such diverse areas as Bowen, and Kingaroy, as well as Shires along the Western Line (Railway) between Rockhampton and Winton, together with the Shires between Charters Towers and Mount Isa.

The aim of my 'suggestion' was to:-

- Split the Townsville City Council area into two (2) Divisions instead of the current and proposed three (3).
- Have one Division, as far as legislative requirements would allow, for the Mackay, Rockhampton and Fraser Coast Regional Council areas.

There was also a need for increased representation (on enrolments) in the Lockyer and Scenic Rim Regional Councils, thus my suggestion to move Maranoa eastward and Hinkler westward.

I was not totally satisfied with this 'suggestion' so in the period between the closing of 'suggestions' and the publishing of the proposed boundaries by the Redistribution Committee, I looked as how else my aims could be achieved.

I found they could be by:-

- Reuniting the Cities of Gladstone and Bundaberg, together with most of their Regional Council areas, into one Division
- Creating a very large Division stretching from the Ross River in Townsville down the coast to Bowen, and inland to include Emerald, Roma, and St. George.

This Division would be approximately 800,000 sq km.

This is larger than the proposed Division of Maranoa (725,513 sq km) but considerably smaller than the Maranoa suggested by the LNP, which was in excess of 1,000,000 sq km.

I have included two (2) maps to show what these Divisions would look like, however I have not pursued it any further as in 69 and 70 of its Report the Redistribution states:-

'69 For rural divisions, the Committee explored the practicability of positioning each major regional centre entirely within the boundaries of an electoral division in order to counter the recent trend that has seen boundaries gradually move into regional centres over the course of successive redistributions. A number of suggestions and comments reflected such an approach.

70. The enrolment projections do not, however, within the context of this redistribution, allow for all regional centres, particularly those along the east coast, to be contained entirely within electoral divisions without significant changes to existing boundaries. Such boundary changes would have a major and, in the estimation of the Committee, undesirable impact on electors.'

In other words the Committee has considered this matter, and at this particular redistribution was not prepared to 'go along with it'.

I can only hope that a future Redistribution Committee can, or else Dawson will be a Division based mainly on the area south of Townsville, and Capricornia on Mackay, without any relevance to the Tropic of Capricorn.

Mr. Mulcair, Queensland is a very large State (1,734,407 sq km) compared with your State of Victoria (227,766.99 km sq).

Your State would fit into the proposed Division of Kennedy (575,798 sq km) 2.5 times and the proposed Division of Maranoa (725,513 sq km) 3.5 times.

Your largest Division, Mallee (70,693.34 sq km) would fit into the proposed Division of Kennedy 8 times and the proposed Division of Maranoa 10 times.

With such a large state and long distances between population centres there is always going to be what you refer to as 'bizarre' 'suggestions' and Divisions.

One Queensland State Electorate includes the farming (formerly tobacco farming) community of Dimbulah together with the miners of Moranbah.

Another joins the cane farms of the Pioneer Valley, (west of Mackay) with of old gold mining town of Mount Morgan (west of Rockhampton).

These are the current boundaries, made under a similar process to the current Federal Redistribution, not a 'gerrymander' under Premier Bjelke Petersen in the 1970's and 1980's or Premiers Hanlon and Gair in the 1940's and 1950's.

With the maps I have included I have kept the same outer boundaries as I did with my 'suggestion' and I know there is a projected shortfall in 'Chalk' of some 10, 000 electors, which could be easily be obtained from the populated surrounding areas if I was seek changes to the proposed boundaries of such magnitude which I am not.

Liberal National Party:-

I note that the LNP did not make any public 'comments' on the 'suggested' boundaries.

I wounder if it their position is that if they cannot make a secret one they won't make one at all.

Australian Labor Party

In the area of interest to me, the regional and rural Divisions the ALP has focus on the LNP 'so called' 'suggestion' and that from the Member for Kennedy, Mr. Bob Katter, M.P.

In my 'Comments' I also focus on their submissions, so I have nothing further to add re the ALP 'Comments'.

TABLE 1
OBJECTIONS
PROPOSED DIVISION OF
LEICHHARDT

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009		Projected Enrolment 9/07/2012	
Proposed Division	87,660		98,089	
To proposed Division of Kennedy (from existing Division of Leichhardt)				
Statistical Local Area (SLA)				
Cairns Regional, Trinity				
Census Collection Districts (CCD's)				
3-01-21-06 *1	0		0	
3-01-21-19 *1	589		1,389	
3-01-21-29 *1	354		621	
Total	943	943	2,010	2,010
Total from proposed Division of Leichhardt	86,717		96,079	
From proposed Division of Kennedy (in existing Division of Leichhardt)				
Statistical Local Area (SLA)				
Tablelands Regional- Mareeba SLA (part)	3,230		3,413	
From existing Division of Kennedy				
Statistical Local Area (SLA) Tablelands Regional - Mareeba				
Census Collection District (CCD)				
3-03-03-22	330		396	
Total Suggested Division of Leichhardt	90,277		99,888	

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Quota	88,343	97,232
% of Quota	102.19%	102.73%

*1 That part of the CCD in the suburb of Bentley Park

TABLE 2
OBJECTIONS
PROPOSED DIVISION OF
HERBERT

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009	Projected Enrolment 9/07/2012
Proposed Division	89,531	100,252
To proposed Division of Kennedy (from existing Division of Kennedy)		
Statistical Local Area (SLA)		
Northern Beaches-Pinnacles	3,001	3,172
To proposed Division of Dawson (from existing Division of Herbert)		
Statistical Local Area (SLA)		
Railway Estate	2,097	2,246
South Townsville	1,235	1,225
	6,333	6,643
	6,333	6,643
Total from proposed Division Herbert	83,198	93,609
From proposed Division of Dawson (from existing Division of Herbert)		
Statistical Local Area (SLA)		
Murray (part)	5,978	6,275
Total Suggested Division of Herbert	89,176	99,884
Quota	88,343	97,232
% of Quota	100.94%	102.73%

TABLE 3

OBJECTIONS

PROPOSED DIVISION OF

KENNEDY

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009	Projected Enrolment 9/07/2012
Proposed Division	95,221	100,246
To proposed Division of Leichhardt		
in existing Division of Leichhardt		
Statistical Local Area (SLA)		
Tablelands Regional- Mareeba SLA (part)	3,230	3,413
in existing Division of Kennedy		
Statistical Local Area (SLA) Tablelands Regional - Mareeba		
Census Collection District (CCD)		
3-03-03-22	330	396
Total to proposed Division of Leichhardt	3,560	3,809

**To proposed Division
of Dawson**
(in existing Division
of Dawson)

Statistical Local Area (SLA)

Burdekin Shire (part)	36		31	
Stuart-Roseneath (part)	206		224	
Woodstock-Cleveland-Ross (part)	961		1,002	
Total to proposed Division of Dawson	1,203		1,257	
Total to proposed other Divisions	4,763	4,763	5,066	5,066
Total from proposed Division of Dawson		90,458		95,180

**From proposed Division
of Leichhardt)**
(in existing Division
of Leichhardt)

Statistical Local Area (SLA)

Cairns Regional, Trinity

Census Collection Districts (CCD's)

3-01-21-06 *1	0		0	
3-01-21-19 *1	589		1,389	
3-01-21-29 *1	354		621	
Total	943		2,010	

**To proposed Division
of Kennedy)**
(from existing Division
of Kennedy)

Statistical Local Area (SLA)

Northern Beaches-Pinnacles	3,001		3,172	
Total from proposed other Divisions	3,944	3,944	5,182	5,182
Total Suggested Division of Kennedy		94,402		100,362

Quota	88,343	97,232
% of Quota	106.86%	103.22%

*1 That part of the CCD in the suburb of Bentley Park

TABLE 4

OBJECTIONS

PROPOSED DIVISION OF

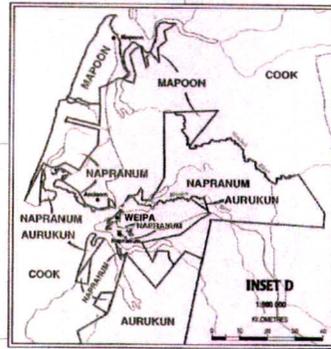
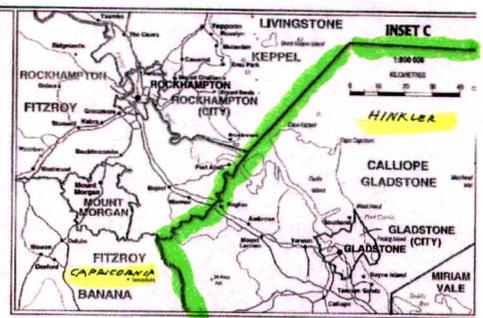
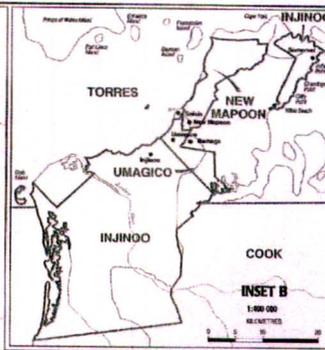
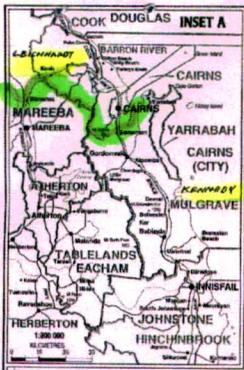
DAWSON

How Constituted	Actual Enrolment 19/02/2009	Projected Enrolment 9/07/2012
Proposed Division	93,042	100,610
To proposed Division of Herbert) (from existing Division of Herbert)		
Statistical Local Area (SLA)		
Murray (part)	5,978	6,275
Total from proposed Division of Dawson	87,064	94,335
From proposed Division of Kennedy (in existing Division of Dawson)		
Statistical Local Area (SLA)		
Burdekin Shire (part)	36	31
Stuart-Roseneath (part)	206	224
Woodstock-Cleveland-Ross (part)	961	1,002
Total from proposed Division of Kennedy	1,203	1,257

**To proposed Division
of Dawson**
(from existing Division
of Herbert)

Statistical Local Area (SLA)

Railway Estate	2,097		2,246	
South Townsville	1,235		1,225	
Total from proposed Division of Herbert	3,332		3,471	
Total from proposed other Divisions	4,535	4,535	4,728	4,728
Total Suggested Division of Dawson		91,599		99,063
Quota		88,343		97,232
% of Quota		103.69%		101.88%



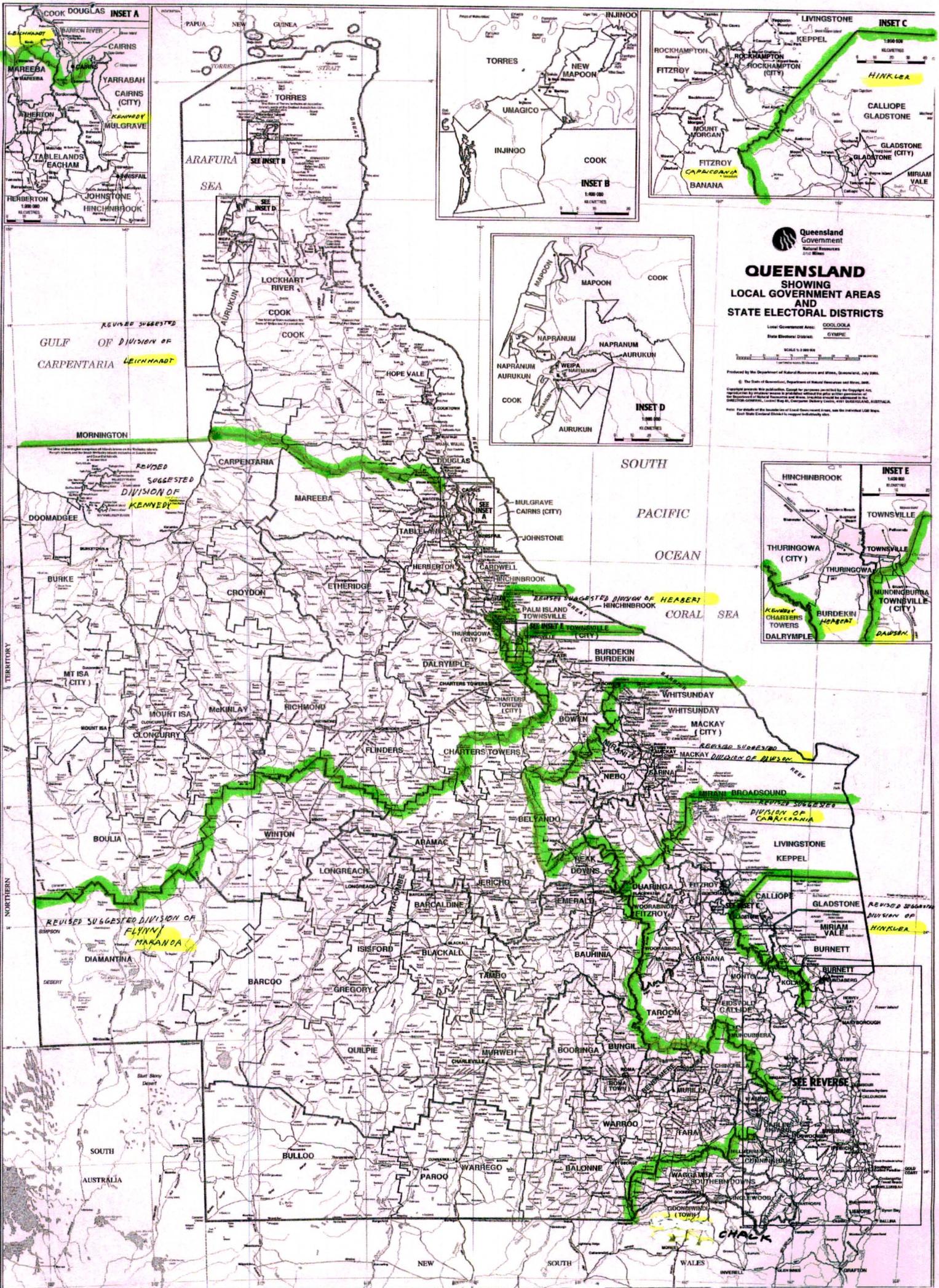
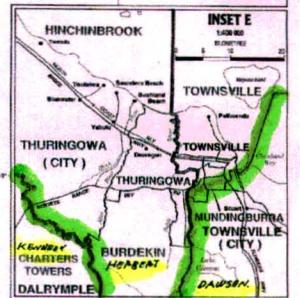
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AND STATE ELECTORAL DISTRICTS

Local Government Areas: **COLOURS**
State Electoral Districts: **SYMBOLS**

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Note: For details of the location of Local Government Areas, see the individual LGA maps.
Each State Electoral District is to represent approximately equal numbers of electors.



LEICHHARDT / KENNEDY

- PROPOSED BOUNDARY
- SUGGESTED BOUNDARY
- ACCESS VIA EDMONTON
- ACCESS VIA BENTLEY PARK
- ISABELLA STATE SCHOOL

Freshwater

(Wet Tropics

Creek

World Heritage Area)

State

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Forest

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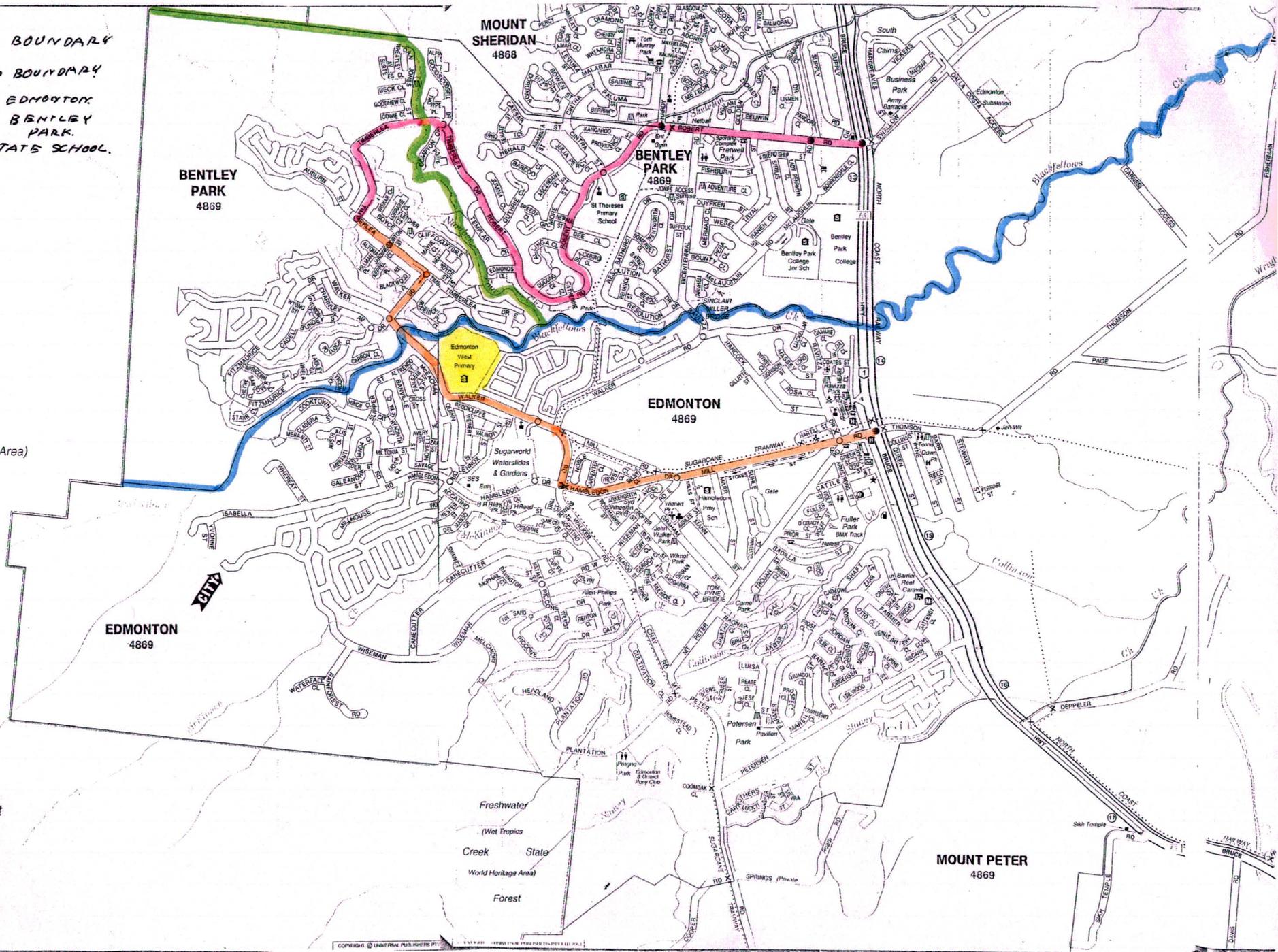
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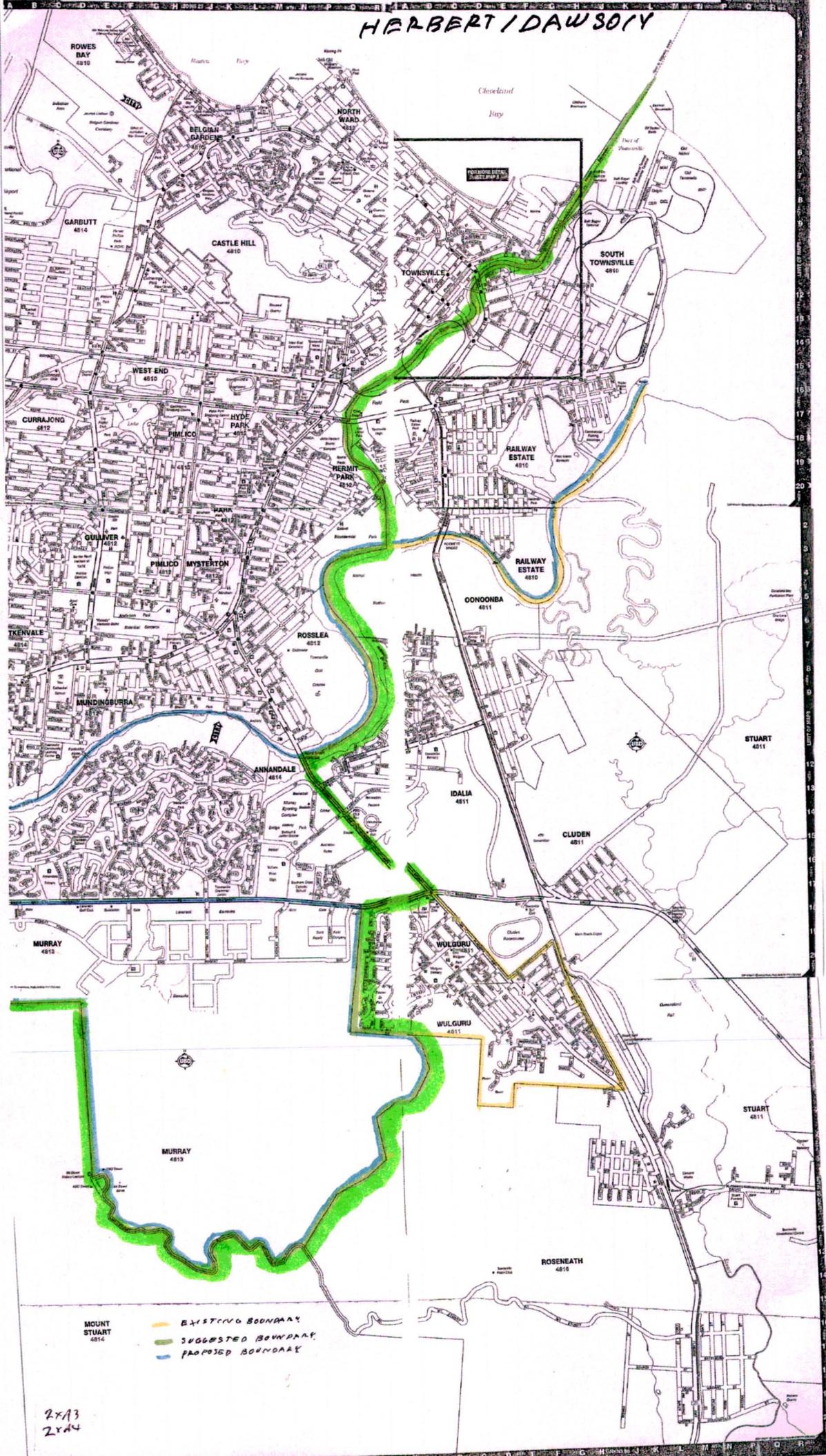
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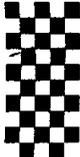
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Attention Gordon Webster

Dear Mr Killesteyn,

Please find attached the remaining section of my 'Objection'.

This follows on from the text which I sent by Australia Post express on Thursday, 20th August 2009.

I would be grateful if you could add it all together to make one submission.

Thanking you in anticipation

Yours sincerely

R. J. Richardson.

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OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED
REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL
ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES
IN QUEENSLAND
BY
BOB RICHARDSON

Part 2**Specific Objections:****Proposed Division of LEICHHARDT****TABLE 1**

I congratulate the Redistribution Committee for rejecting the 'Suggestion' from the Liberal National Party (LNP) that Cape York Peninsula and Torres Strait Islands Communities be transferred of the Division of Leichhardt and placed in the Division of Kennedy.

My concern, now, is that during this phase of the Redistribution process the Augmented Electoral Commission may overturn the Electoral (Redistribution) Committee's proposal.

Should this occur I ask the Augmented Commission to rule that the change is 'significant' under Section 72 (12C & (d)) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918, and allow a further period of 'objection' so the residents of Cape York and the Torres Strait Islands can make further submissions as to why they should stay in the Division of Leichhardt.

I believe that should the Augmented Commission accept my 'objection' and my 'alternate suggestion' the problem in recent Redistributions of Leichhardt being continuously over the permissible variation on projected enrolments will be over as most of the growth in the southern suburbs of Cairns will be in the Division of Kennedy.

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Land developments to the north of Cairns, unit developments in the suburbs, and high rise in the Central Business District (CBD) will be enough to keep the Division of Leichhardt within the permissible variations, but will not exceed it.

On projected enrolments at 9/7/2012 for my alternate 'suggested' Division of Kennedy the Division will decrease from the present 106.86% of a quota to 103.22% of a quota.

This is allowing for the substantial growth on the outskirts of Cairns and Townsville.

Additional Divisions to Queensland will have some effect at future Redistributions, however I believe the Divisions of Leichhardt and Kennedy will basically remain the same if my alternate 'suggestions' are accepted by the Augmented Commission.

Alternate Suggestions:-

1. The Division of Leichhardt retain all the area in the Mareeba Statistical Local Area (SLA) of the Tablelands Regional Council that it has in the existing Division.
2. The Division of Leichhardt gain one Census Collection District (CCD) from the Division of Kennedy in the Koah area.
3. As compensation for these gains it loses 3 CCD's in the Timberlea locality of the Suburb of Bentley Park (Cairns Regional Council – Trinity SLA).

Part of the Mareeba SLA of the Tablelands Regional Council:-

This part of the Mareeba SLA in the existing Division of Leichhardt consists of two (2) distinct areas:-

(a) Kuranda

(b) Mount Molloy, Julatten, Mount Carbine, and the rural properties north of the Mitchell River.

Of the 3,413 projected electors at 9/7/2012, Kuranda will have 2,325 and the remaining 1,088 spread over the remaining area.

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This means that Kuranda has approximately 66% of the electors in the Division of Leichhardt's part of the Mareeba SLA, Tablelands Regional Council.

Kuranda is basically a dormitory suburb of Cairns, with a strong tourism links to Cairns, with Skyrail, the Kuranda Scenic Railway, and a number of other tourism ventures.

The dormitory suburb of the link could be applied to Edmonton and Bentley Park, but not the distinct tourism link.

In the 1998 Federal Redistribution, the then Redistribution Committee proposal was to leave the town of Gordonvale in the Division of Leichhardt and transfer Kuranda and its surrounds to the Division of Kennedy.

The then sitting members for Leichhardt, Mr Warren Entsch, MP (Liberal), and Kennedy, Mr. Bob Katter MP (then National Party) opposed the proposal and the Augmented Commission overruled the original proposal on the same grounds I have mentioned above.

I understand that this time Mr. Katter, now an Independent, is comfortable representing all the Tablelands Regional Council in Canberra.

As for Mr. Entsch, he has retired from Parliament, however still has plenty to say in the media on current political issues.

Mr. Entsch, in The Cairns Post on Saturday, 25th July, 2009, had this to say on the proposed Redistribution:-

'Mr. Entsch branded the changes as 'ridiculous' as they split Edmonton and Cairns and the growth area of Mt Peter away from the region's centre into Mr. Katter's electorate that was centred on Mount Isa and to a lesser degree Innisfail.

"It does not make sense, Edmonton and Kuranda are part of Cairns City' he said.

"It is ridiculous, how are the issues of Mount Isa and Charters Towers relevant to the people on the south side of Cairns."

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And I suggest to you the people of Kuranda will also not be happy about it" The LNP had proposed to the AEC that Cairns become a single seat'.

We know from this extract from The Cairns Post that Mr Entsch:-

- Is prepared to desert his former constituents on the "Cape" and on the 'Islands', presumably because they did not give the Liberal Party a strong enough vote.
- Appears to want to keep Kuranda in the Division of Leichhardt.
- Must have 'his tongue in his cheek' when he complained about Mount Peter not being in the Division of Leichhardt.

Mount Peter has been in the Division of Kennedy for the last two redistribution (approximately 6 years) and Mr. Entsch was the Member for Leichhardt for four (4) of them.

I am unaware of him lodging an 'objection' for Mount Peter being excluded from his electorate at either of those redistributions.

The other 1,088 electors on projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012 from the Mareeba SLA, Tablelands Regional Council, that is in the existing Division of Leichhardt is mainly rural areas together with the towns of Mount Molloy, Julatten, and Mount Carbine.

This includes the area north of the Mitchell River within the Tablelands Regional Council area.

The reason I believe they should remain in the Division is two fold:-

- (a) The Mitchell River from the Lake Mitchell (Quaids Dam) to the Cobham Parish Boundary near the Gulf of Carpentaria is the Leichhardt/Kennedy boundary (practically right across the Cape).

In the 1984 Redistribution the original proposal from the Redistribution Committee was for the Mitchell River to be the boundary to its mouth; however the Augmented Commission brought the boundary south to the Nassau River to allow the Kowanyama Community to remain in the division of Leichhardt.

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A representative of the Kowanyama Community came to Cairns and appeared before the Augmented Commission at the public hearings.

The Mitchell River is one of the largest rivers (catchment wise) in Queensland and is easily recognisable where as the Cook Shire/Tablelands Regional Council boundary is property boundaries some 20 km to the north of the River.

I consider the Mitchell River fits the physical features criteria of the Act more than the Local Government boundary.

- (b) The other reason for wanting to keep this area in the Division of Leichhardt is that under the proposed boundaries the Division of Leichhardt has a projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012 of 98,089, some 2,800 projected electors less than the maximum allowed.

By placing this area in the Division of Leichhardt, it takes 'some of the pressure' off the other three (3) northern Divisions of Kennedy, Herbert, and Dawson, which on the proposed boundaries, all have a projected enrolment of over 1000,000 as at 9/7/2012, as can be seen when I discuss those Divisions.

My projected Division of Leichhardt has an enrolment of 99,888 As at 9/7/2012, approximately 1,800 more electors than that proposed by the Redistribution Committee, but still only 102.735 of a quota.

The Division of Leichhardt gain one (1) Census Collection District (CCD) from the Division of Kennedy area.

I reiterate what I said in my 'suggestion' re this matter.

In the Koah area (near Kuranda) I suggest transferring CCD 3-03-03-22 and part of CCD 3-03-06 (east of the Barron River) from the existing Kennedy Division to the suggested Leichhardt Division so as to include all of the Koah area in the one Division, i.e. Leichhardt.

This matter (Koah being split between two State Districts) came to light during the recent State Redistribution.

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The State Redistribution Commissioners accepted that suggestion that all of the Koah area be included in the same District as Kuranda.

CCD 3-03-03-06 also includes areas outside the area I suggest be transferred so I have not been able to determine how many electors and projected electors of this CCD would be effected, however the number would be small and have no effect on keeping the suggested Division of Leichhardt to keep within legislative requirements, but would a beneficial effect on the Division of Kennedy.

The other reason I suggest that this area be transferred out of the Division of Kennedy is the same as transferring the area north of the Mitchell River; to take the 'pressure off' the upper projected enrolment for the Division of Kennedy as at 9/7/2012.

Under my 'alternate suggestion' it is crucial that these 396 projected electors as at 9/7/2012 be transferred out of Kennedy.

My 'alternate suggested' Division of Kennedy has a projected enrolment as at 9/7/2012 of 100,362 and another 396 would place it above the maximum of 100,635.

Transfer three (3) Census Collection Districts (CCD's) in the Timberlea locality of the Suburb of Bentley Park (Cairns Regional Council – Trinity SLA)

As compensation for the 'alternate suggested' gains above I suggest that three (3) CCD's in the Timberlea locality of the Suburb of Bentley Park be transferred to the Division of Kennedy.

The 3 CCD's are:-

3-01-21-06 which has no electors

3-01-21-19 which has 589 electors as at 19/2/09 and a projected enrolment of 1,389 as at 9/7/2012.

3-01-21-29 which has 354 electors as at 19/2/09 and a projected enrolment of 621 as at 9/7/2012.

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Please note that these CCD's extend into the suburb of Mount Sheridan however:-

- They have no electors in that suburb.
- My 'alternate suggestion' is that only the part in the suburb of Bentley Park be transferred.

These 943 electors as at 19/2/09, and projected to be 2010 as at 9/7/2012 live in an area of Bentley Park that is more accessible from Edmonton than from Bentley Park.

The map I have included shows the direct path from Edmonton and the 'round about' way from Robert Road.

Isabella State School is on the Edmonton side of Blackfellow Creek (in the proposed Division of Kennedy) however it draws a large percentage of its students from over the creek in the Timberlea locality.

I drive taxis and most of the pickups in this area either want to go to Edmonton to shop or socially, or if they are going to Cairns ask to go through Edmonton as it is quicker.

There is a natural boundary in this area, Number 4 Creek and its northern tributary (

Area

The existing Division of Leichhardt is approximately 150,366.35 sq km.

As the suggested changes are small in area, there would be very little change from that of the existing Division.

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Suggested Boundary:-

Commencing at Trinity Inlet opposite the Cairns wharfs follow the proposed boundary to the mouth of Number Four Creek with Blackfellow Creek, by that creek upstream, to the first northern tributary, by that creek upstream, adjacent to Dan Jones St, to the northern boundary of the suburb of Bentley Park, by that northern and western boundary, in a westerly and southerly until it meets the proposed boundary, by that boundary until it meets the western boundary of the Regional Council of Cairns, by that boundary generally north to Shoteel Creek, by that creek and the Clohesy River downwards to a point east of the north-east of the northern boundary of Lot 607 on FTY1569, by a line there to, and by that boundary generally south-westerly and north westerly to Davies Creek, by that creek downwards to a point east of the north-east corner of Lot 283 on NR7173, by a line thereto, and by the northern boundary of that lot generally westerly to the eastern boundary of Lot 1645 on FTy1670, by that boundary generally north-westerly to the Cairns Railway and by a line in continuation north-westerly to the boundary of Lot 351 on NR4640, by the eastern and southern boundaries of that lot generally south-westerly to the Barron River, by that river to the existing boundary, by the existing boundary to point of commencement.

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Proposed Division of HERBERT**TABLE 2**

While I would have preferred the Redistribution Committee to propose boundaries with the area of the Townsville City Council to be split into two(2) Divisions instead of the proposed three (3) I am not 'objecting' on those grounds.

Alternat Suggestions:-

1. All of the Northern Beaches-Pinnacles Statistical Local Area (SLA) remain in the Division of Kennedy.
2. All the Murray SLA remains in the Division of Herbert.
3. The SLA's of Railway Estate and South Townsville be transferred to the Division of Dawson.

All of the Northern Beaches-Pinnacles SLA remain in the Division of Kennedy,

The Northern Beaches-Pinnacles SLA is split between the Divisions of Herbert and Kennedy und the Redistribution Committees proposed boundaries.

The Area north of Sleeper Log Creek, which I believe is near Bluewater, is proposed to remain in the Division of Kennedy, so is the area around Rupertswood, in the west of the City of Townsville.

The area along the coast between Bluewater and the Black River would therefore be transferred to the Division of Herbert.

I believe that a much simpler boundary would be to follow the eastern boundary of that SLA, thus all of that SLA is in the Division of Kennedy.

With the approximately 1,800 less electors, on projected figures as at 9/7/2012, from the northern end of the Division of Kennedy, and adjustments I will suggest for the Division of Kennedy/Dawson boundary, the Division of Kennedy can accommodate this additional 3,172 electors on projected enrolments as at 9/7/2012.

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2. All the Murray SLA remains in the Division of Herbert.

Under the boundary proposed by the Redistribution Committee, the SLA of Murray is split.

Lavarack Barracks remains in the proposed Division of Herbert due to what the Redistribution Committee describes as 'the strong community of interest that exists between the barracks and Townsville.

The residential suburb of Annandale, also a part of the Murray SLA, is in the proposed Division of Dawson.

Annandale is north of Lavarack Barracks and for the Redistribution Committee to transfer Annandale to the Division of Dawson, without Lavarack Barracks, the boundary has to 'curl' around the Barracks and back onto Ross River.

I believe that it should be a case of 'all in' or 'all out' in regard to the Murray SLA.

My 'alternate suggestion' has all of the Murray SLA in the Division of Herbert.

3. The SLA's of Railway Estate and South Townsville be transferred to the Division of Dawson.

I refer the Augmented Committee to Page 9 of the Member for Kennedy, Mr. Bob Katter MP, 'suggestion' in which he states:-

'All of these areas are referred to in Townsville as South Townsville. It has always had a very definite separate and clearly different identity from Townsville proper.'

Mr Katter was referring the suburbs of Hermit Park, South Townsville and Railway Estate.

He goes on to say, 'South Townsville now, and for the foreseeable future will always be south Townsville with its own identity and community of interest'.

I believe that this 'alternate suggestion' has a 'greater degree of community interest' than the one proposed by the Redistribution Committee.

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All of the SLA's in my 'alternate suggestion' to be transferred to the Division of Dawson could be classed as 'industrial suburbs' joining those that are already in the Division of Dawson, such as Stuart, Cluden, and Oonoonba.

The 'residential' suburb of Annandale would remain in the Division of Herbert.

Wulguru, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee would be transferred to the Division of Dawson.

As can be seen from the enclosed map my 'alternate suggestion' boundary is very 'straight forward', following notable physical features, Ross River and Ross Creek, and main roads, University Road and Stuart Road.

With my 'alternate Suggestion' the Division of Herbert is d368 projected electors as at 9/7/2012 less that that proposed by the Redistribution Committee.

Area:-

The area of the Division as proposed by the Redistribution Committee is 946 sq km, and I do not believe there would be much difference with my 'alternate suggestion'.

Suggested Boundary:-

Commencing at the mouth of Ross Creek, by that creek upstream, then the western boundary of the suburb of Railway Estate to the Ross River, by that river upstream to the Ross River Bridge, by Stuart Road in a south easterly direction to University Road, by that road in a westerly direction until it meets the western boundary of the suburb of Wulguru, by that boundary in a southerly direction until it meets the existing boundary, by that boundary, by that boundary generally westerly, southerly, and westerly until it meets the eastern boundary of the Northern Beaches-Pinnacles SLA, by that boundary in a generally northerly, westerly and northerly direction until it meets the existing boundary at a point where the North Coast Railway crosses the Black River, by the existing boundary to the point of commencement.

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Proposed Division of KENNEDY**TABLE 3.**

I have already discussed:-

- The boundary between the proposed Divisions of Leichhardt and Kennedy and detailed my 'alternate suggestions'.
- The boundary between the proposed Divisions of Herbert and Kennedy and detailed my 'alternate suggestions'.

This leave to be discussed:-

- The boundary between the proposed Divisions of Kennedy and Capricornia. I have no 'objections' to this boundary or 'alternate suggestions'.
- The boundary between the proposed Divisions of Kennedy and Maranoa. I have no 'objections' to this boundary or 'alternate suggestions'.
- The boundary between the proposed Divisions of Kennedy and Dawson.

I have an 'objection' to this proposed boundary.

I see no reason why this boundary should be altered.

With my 'alternate suggestions' both the 'suggested Divisions would be under the projected maximum as at 9/7/2012, the Division of Kennedy by a mere 362.

My 'alternate suggested' Division of Kennedy has 116 more projected electors than the Division proposed by the Redistribution Committee as at 9/7/2012.

Area:-

I estimate the area of my 'alternate suggested' Division of Kennedy to be in the vicinity of 754,000 sq km.

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Suggested Boundary:-

Commencing at Trinity Inlet opposite the Cairns wharfs follow the proposed boundary to the mouth of Number Four Creek with Blackfellow Creek, by that creek upstream, to the first northern tributary, by that creek upstream, adjacent to Dan Jones St, to the northern boundary of the suburb of Bentley Park, by that northern and western boundary, in a westerly and southerly until it meets the proposed boundary, by that boundary until it meets the western boundary of the Regional Council of Cairns, by that boundary generally north to Shoteel Creek, by that creek and the Clohesy River downwards to a point east of the north-east of the northern boundary of Lot 607 on FTY1569, by a line there to, and by that boundary generally south-westerly and north westerly to Davies Creek, by that creek downwards to a point east of the north-east corner of Lot 283 on NR7173, by a line thereto, and by the northern boundary of that lot generally westerly to the eastern boundary of Lot 1645 on FTY1670, by that boundary generally north-westerly to the Cairns Railway and by a line in continuation north-westerly to the boundary of Lot 351 on NR4640, by the eastern and southern boundaries of that lot generally south-westerly to the Barron River, by that river to the existing boundary, by the existing boundary until it meets the eastern boundary of the Northern Beaches-Pinnacles SLA, by that boundary in a generally northerly, westerly and northerly direction until it meets the existing boundary at a point where the North Coast Railway crosses the Black River, by the existing boundary to the point of commencement.

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Proposed Division of DAWSON**TABLE 4.**

I have already discussed:-

- The boundary between the Proposed Divisions of Dawson and Herbert and detailed by 'alternate suggestions'.
- The boundary between the proposed Divisions of Dawson and Kennedy and detailed my 'alternate suggestions'.

This leaves to be discussed the proposed boundary between the Divisions of Dawson and Capricornia.

While I have no 'objections' to this boundary I am intrigued to know why 336 electors in the Dunnrock and McEwens beach area south of Mackay was transferred to the proposed Division of Dawson when 4,312 electors in nearby Alexander, Walkerston, and Pleystowe were transferred out of the Division of Dawson to the proposed Division of Capricornia.

There were no public 'suggestions' or 'comments' re these areas.

Was it in the LNP submission which was not readily available to the general public without spending an 'arm and a leg' to purchase expensive programme to download it.

Area:-

The area of the proposed Division of Dawson is approximately 16,032sq km.

As the suggested changes are small in area, there would be very little change from that of the proposed Division.

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Suggested Boundary:-

Commencing at the mouth of Ross Creek, by that creek upstream, then the western boundary of the suburb of Railway Estate to the Ross River, by that river upstream to the Ross River Bridge, by Stuart Road in a south easterly direction to University Road, by that road in a westerly direction until it meets the western boundary of the suburb of Wulguru, by that boundary in a southerly direction until it meets the existing boundary, by that boundary until the boundaries of the Divisions of Kennedy, Capricornia and Dawson meet, the proposed boundary to the point of commencement.

Conclusion:-

I have not 'objections' to any of the other proposed Divisions; however I may have some 'comments' after reading the 'objections'.