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The Jar Submission for QLD Redistribution.

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This submission regarding the 2026 electoral redistribution in the State of Queensland will primarily focus on the boundaries of the Federal Electorate of Moreton with subsequent changes to the boundaries of Oxley, Blair and Bonner. The proposal is intended as a regional balancing concept rather than a complete statewide redistribution. It seeks to respond to the substantial enrolment imbalance across southern and south-western Brisbane while also using recognisable transport corridors, local government boundaries and communities of interest where practicable.

The mathematical problem the current boundaries is clear: Blair is substantially over quota, Moreton is substantially under quota, Bonner is projected to be under quota, and Oxley sits comparatively close to quota. This creates a logical sequence in which Blair can shed electors to Oxley, Oxley can transfer electors into Moreton, and Moreton can in turn transfer electors into Bonner.

An Overview of the proposed changes

Moreton

- Transfer Eight-Mile Plains and part of MacGregor from Moreton to Bonner.

- Transfer Pallara, Willawong, Darra, Seventeen Mile Rocks, Middle Park and parts of Durack and Heathwood from Oxley to Moreton.
- Use the Centenary Highway as a strong western reference point where practicable, extend the southern edge towards the Logan local government boundary near Heathwood, and use the Kuraby / Mains Road / Kessels Road corridor as an eastern reference point, subject to exact SA1 boundaries.

Oxley

- Transfer the suburbs and parts of suburbs listed above from Oxley to Moreton.
- Transfer the Greater Springfield area, Redbank Plains and part of Collingwood Park from Blair into Oxley.
- The effect would be to orient Oxley more strongly towards the outer south-west / Ipswich growth corridor while allowing it to act as the balancing division between an over-quota Blair and an under-quota Moreton.

Blair

- Transfer the Greater Springfield area, Redbank Plains and part of Collingwood Park to Oxley.
- This would reduce Blair's significant enrolment surplus and better reflect the numerical requirement for Blair to contract.

Bonner

- Receive Eight-Mile Plains and part of MacGregor from Moreton.
- This provides additional enrolment to a division that is currently close to the lower current-enrolment tolerance and is projected to fall well below the permitted projected range on existing boundaries.

The proposed sequence can therefore be understood as a balancing chain. Blair sheds high-growth south-western enrolment into Oxley; Oxley compensates by transferring its more Brisbane-oriented eastern and north-eastern territory into Moreton; and Moreton, after receiving substantial enrolment from Oxley, can transfer Eight-Mile Plains and part of MacGregor to Bonner. This approach uses Oxley as a mathematical “hinge” between the large surplus in Blair and the large deficits in Moreton and Bonner. These figures explain why a linked redistribution is preferable to treating each division in isolation. On existing boundaries, Blair has a projected surplus of 24,816 electors above the projected quota, while Moreton is 19,443 below quota and Bonner is 15,076 below quota. Oxley is only 2,527 below quota. Blair therefore needs to contract materially, Moreton and Bonner need to grow materially, and Oxley is numerically well placed to operate as the intermediate balancing division.

Geographic and community consideration

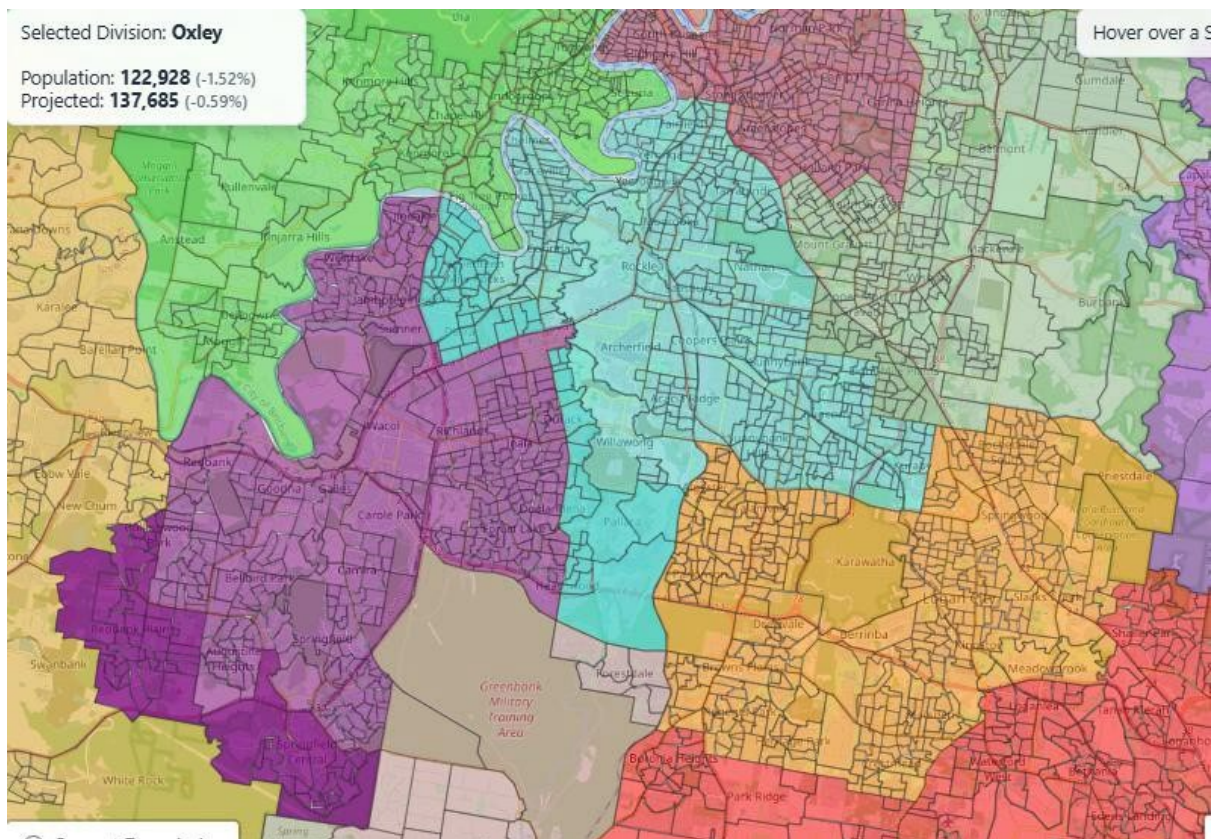
The map supports a corridor-based approach rather than arbitrary numerical equalisation. The proposed Moreton boundary would use major physical and transport features - including the Centenary Highway, the southern Brisbane / Logan interface near Heathwood, and the Mains Road-Kessels Road corridor - to make the division easier to describe and understand. These are preferable boundary anchors to irregular lines that cut through local streets wherever the enrolment numbers allow.

The proposed changes also produce a clearer functional distinction between the divisions. Oxley would become more strongly associated with the Greater Springfield, Redbank Plains and outer south-west growth corridor. Moreton would become more concentrated on Brisbane's southern and south-western suburban belt, including Darra, the Centenary-side suburbs and the Pallara-Willawong-Heathwood area. Bonner would gain additional south-side Brisbane enrolment through Eight-Mile Plains and part of MacGregor. Blair, which must lose substantial enrolment, would contract away from the Greater Springfield / Redbank Plains growth area.

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- **Blair** 121,983 current (-2.27%) / 151,445 projected (9.34%)
- **Bonner** 120,858 current (-3.17%) / 128,390 projected (-7.30%)
- **Bowman** 122,669 current (-1.72%) / 129,638 projected (-6.40%)
- **Forde** 134,541 current (7.79%) / 154,082 projected (11.25%)
- **Griffith** 123,994 current (-0.66%) / 139,824 projected (0.95%)
- **Moreton** 123,095 current (-1.38%) / 128,302 projected (-7.37%)
- **Oxley** 122,928 current (-1.52%) / 137,685 projected (-0.59%)
- **Rankin** 115,284 current (-7.64%) / 121,055 projected (-12.60%)



This quota chart and the electoral boundary was developed using the Australian Redistribution Tool.

Conclusion

The proposed redistribution is based on a straightforward regional imbalance in the Greater Brisbane Region: Blair has too many electors, Moreton and Bonner have too few, and Oxley is close enough to quota to facilitate a linked adjustment. A chain of transfers from Blair to Oxley, from Oxley to Moreton, and from Moreton to Bonner provides a mathematically coherent way to redistribute enrolment while retaining recognisable geographic corridors and limiting the need for wholesale changes to the broader Brisbane south region. The submission is partly attributed to a Substack article written about the electorate of Moreton produced by The Jar.