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Gold Coast Suggestion

Submission to the Redistribution Committee for Queensland

This submission provides suggestions regarding the proposed Queensland federal redistribution, with a particular focus on the Gold Coast region.

The proposal seeks to improve the representation and redistribution of the Gold Coast by considering the communities of interest across the existing federal electoral divisions of **Fadden, Forde, McPherson, Moncrieff and Wright**.

The proposed changes aim to recognise the strong economic, social, regional and community connections across the Gold Coast, as well as the connections between the Gold Coast, Logan, Scenic Rim, Ipswich, the Queensland–New South Wales border and the Tweed region.

Proposed Gold Coast Federal Electoral Divisions

Fadden

Fadden would cover much of the northern Gold Coast, including communities such as **Coomera, Labrador, Ormeau, Pimpama and Runaway Bay**, while extending towards **Oxenford and Helensvale**.

The division would recognise the growing population and strong community connections throughout the northern Gold Coast.

Forde

Forde would cover areas of the Gold Coast and Logan regions, while maintaining connections with communities around **Coomera, Oxenford** and parts of **Logan City**.

The proposed boundaries would aim to reflect the social and economic connections between the Gold Coast and Logan communities.

McPherson

McPherson would cover the southern portion of the Gold Coast, including **Coolangatta, Burleigh Heads, Tugun and Palm Beach**.

The proposal also recognises the strong connections between southern Gold Coast communities and nearby areas, including **Tweed Heads, Tweed Heads West and Tweed Heads South**, as well as communities such as **Miami, Mermaid Waters and Mermaid Beach**.

Moncrieff

Moncrieff would cover the central Gold Coast, including **Main Beach, Broadbeach, Surfers Paradise, Southport, Mermaid Beach, Mermaid Waters and Miami**, together with other surrounding suburbs.

The proposed division would also consider connections with parts of **Robina, Burleigh Waters, Labrador, Parkwood, Gaven, Sanctuary Cove, Hope Island and Nerang**.

The purpose would be to maintain strong community connections across the central Gold Coast and surrounding urban areas.

Wright

Wright would continue to recognise the connections between the **Gold Coast hinterland, Scenic Rim, Logan and Lockyer Valley**, extending towards the southwest of Brisbane and the Queensland–New South Wales border.

The proposal would recognise the rural and regional communities stretching from the Gold Coast hinterland towards the Toowoomba region.

Communities proposed for consideration include **Beaudesert, Jimboomba, Boonah, Laidley, Gatton, Hatton Vale and Helidon**, together with other surrounding communities and rural areas.

Gold Coast Community of Interest

The proposed redistribution should consider the Gold Coast as an interconnected community of interest. The region includes strong relationships between residential communities, business centres, tourism areas, transport networks, rural communities and surrounding local government areas.

The Gold Coast federal electoral divisions should take into account communities throughout the Gold Coast as well as their connections with neighbouring areas, including **Logan, Scenic Rim, Ipswich, the Queensland–New South Wales border and the Tweed region**.

These connections are important for local residents, businesses, workers, students, families and community organisations that regularly travel between the Gold Coast and surrounding regions.

Community and Regional Considerations

The redistribution should explore the community of interests within the proposed Electoral Divisions, including:

- Economic, social and regional interests;
- Means of communication and travel within the proposed Electoral Divisions;
- Physical features and geographic characteristics of the proposed Electoral Divisions;
- Existing communities and local government boundaries;
- Population growth and future development;
- Transport and infrastructure connections; and
- The boundaries of existing federal Electoral Divisions in Queensland.

The redistribution of the five federal Electoral Divisions of **Fadden, Forde, McPherson, Moncrieff and Wright** should consider the changing population and community needs of the Gold Coast and surrounding areas.

Conclusion

We welcome consideration of suggestions that improve federal representation for residents of the Gold Coast and surrounding communities.

The proposed approach seeks to strengthen community representation by recognising the connections between the Gold Coast, Logan, Scenic Rim, Ipswich, the Queensland–New South Wales border and the Tweed region.

We believe that careful consideration of these communities of interest can contribute to an effective redistribution that provides appropriate representation for local residents and reflects the Gold Coast's continued population growth, economic importance and regional connections.

We encourage the Redistribution Committee for Queensland to consider this Gold Coast-based suggestion as part of the federal redistribution process.

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