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Dear Committee Members,

Please find my Suggestions for the 2026 Queensland federal redistribution

I hope these Suggestions will help you in your deliberations.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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INTRODUCTION

I am grateful for the opportunity to offer my Suggestions to the 2026 Queensland redistribution.

I am a completely independent person, with no affiliation to any political party or organization, but I have always had a strong interest in redistributions and electoral boundaries.

Over the years, a small group of us (Darren McSweeney, Mark Yore, Martin Gordon, Jeff Waddell, Luke Dixon, Charles Richardson) have emerged to offer our opinions and suggestions, to complement and provide alternatives to the usual political party submissions. I strongly recommend the Committee take notice of our proposals, which are unclouded by trying to engineer a partisan outcome.

I am not a resident of Queensland, but I have contributed to many state and federal redistributions over the years, and have a reasonable familiarity with the geography, community of interest, and political history of the state.

I hope that my Suggestions will be of benefit to the Committee in their deliberations.

GENERAL THOUGHTS

POPULATION TRENDS

The current and projected figures show a large disparity in growth and enrolment throughout Queensland, with some Divisions close to – 15% under quota and others almost + 20% over quota. Clearly, there will need to be significant changes throughout most of the state.

In general, Divisions in the outer suburban Brisbane – Ipswich, Logan, Moreton Bay – plus parts of the Gold and Sunshine Coasts have the strongest growth and highest enrolment. In contrast, many regional or inner-city seats are under quota and have much weaker growth. This fits the common pattern seen in Queensland over many previous redistributions.

MY OVERALL STRATEGY

Dividing the state up into three distinct parts leads to the following:

REGION	CURRENT DIVERGENCE FROM QUOTA	PROJECTED DIVERGENCE FROM QUOTA
Regional Queensland (12 seats) Leichhardt, Kennedy, Herbert, Dawson, Capricornia, Flynn, Hinkler, Wide Bay, Fairfax, Fisher, Maranoa, Groom	- 17.40 %	- 20.29 %
Northern Brisbane (6 seats) Longman, Petrie, Dickson, Lilley, Brisbane, Ryan	+ 4.97 %	+ 3.08 %
Southern Brisbane and Gold Coast (12 seats) McPherson, Moncrieff, Fadden, Forde, Rankin, Bowman, Bonner, Griffith, Moreton, Oxley, Blair, Wright	+ 12.41 %	+ 17.19 %

Clearly, there will need to be a significant movement from south of Brisbane into the regional seats to the north and west. There are basically two broad ways to do this

- 1) Move every regional Division southwards, have Fisher push into northern Brisbane, and have the inner northern seats cross the river to take in the excess further south.
- 2) Transfer territory directly from south/west of Brisbane – such as the Lockyer or Brisbane Valleys – directly to regional Queensland, bypassing northern Brisbane.

In the end, I have decided to adopt option (2), transferring the Lockyer Valley from the Division of Wright to Maranoa.

Transfer the Lockyer Valley to Maranoa??

My proposal to place the Lockyer Valley in Maranoa is one of the biggest changes to the current boundaries, and the one that governs my overall strategy.

I accept there are several drawbacks or criticisms that could be made of this suggestion:

- The Lockyer Valley's community of interest lies mostly eastwards along the valley floor towards Ipswich, and it does not have as strong connections south or west into Maranoa. In a perfect world, this area would be in the Division of Blair.

- The vast southern Division of Maranoa would now stretch from the NT border to the outer fringes of Brisbane.

However, I feel there are many bigger picture advantages to this arrangement:

- It allows northern Brisbane to remain self-contained and self-adjusting, with no need to breach the strong boundaries of the Beerburrum National Park and Brisbane River.
- It provides a neat way to give the enormous but under-quota Division of Maranoa a strong injection of electors, without greatly increasing its physical size.
- If Maranoa gains Lockyer Valley, it can very neatly shed the South Burnett LGA to the Burnett-based Divisions, providing a solid top-up for the northern Queensland seats.
- There is some connection to the south-eastern parts of Maranoa such as Clifton, with links provided by the Clifton-Gatton Road.
- The Lockyer Valley is already in a Division with which it has limited connection (Wright), and is joined to it only by a very narrow gap.
- The existing enrolment projects make it extremely difficult to retain this area in Wright or transfer it to Blair, without massive changes elsewhere.
- The Division of Wright is significantly over quota, and removing the Lockyer Valley is a logical deletion to help bring it back within tolerance.

In all, although it is not a perfect arrangement, I think my proposal results in a very good outcome state-wide.

Local Knowledge

I am not a resident of Queensland, and I accept that there may be some local cases where my proposals do not perfectly match local community of interest. For example, this could be where LGA, SA2 or suburb boundaries do not always reflect the local connections on the ground.

I am happy to bow to local knowledge for some of the specifics, but this does not affect my overall proposals for each seat.

NAMING

Although several Divisions undergo significant change, they all retain their general arrangement and focus, and I suggest all seats retain their existing names.

BOUNDARIES

In rural areas, I have tried to use LGA boundaries wherever possible. Failing that, I have tried to use natural features such as rivers, or at least township/community or SA2 boundaries.

My proposed boundaries unite the following LGAs in a single Division – Mareeba, Burdekin, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, Fraser Coast, and South Burnett. Only one currently intact LGA – Gympie – is proposed to be split.

In metropolitan areas, I have tried to use major roads and freeways, as well as natural features such as rivers, mountains, or open space. Suburb or LGA boundaries can sometimes also make good boundaries where they coincide with major roads or rivers, but I have tried to avoid using suburb boundaries that run along back streets or cut through self-contained urban areas.

QUOTA AND ENROLMENT

Over the years, I have noticed that different individuals and submissions place different weighting on the quota requirements. Some submissions seem to place an extremely high emphasis on having each Division as close to quota as possible, whereas others make full use of the tolerance.

I personally tend to be in the latter camp. I believe that the tolerance exists for a reason, and that Divisions should be allowed maximum flexibility within that tolerance if it means creating a stronger and clearer boundary. I am always happy to go further than strictly necessary for quota if it results in a better boundary.

In particular at this redistribution, there is the opportunity to unite major regional centres and their surrounds in a single seat. I strongly recommend the Committee make maximum use of the tolerance in order to achieve this.

RURAL AND REGIONAL QUEENSLAND

Currently, Divisions in regional Queensland are predicted to be slower growing and well under quota, but the addition of 30,000 Lockyer Valley electors brings this area back to parity. This gain plus the existing excess in the Sunshine Coast will see these seats all move decisively southwards to make up their numbers.

The “Northward Drift”

One issue at previous redistributions is what has been called “The Northward Drift”. Most Divisions in northern Queensland are clearly anchored by a major city - Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Gladstone, Bundaberg, Maryborough – but growth patterns have seen these seats drift away from their ‘anchor’ city and splitting significant communities of interest.

For example, Herbert is the main Townsville Division, but the southern suburbs of Townsville are now in the Mackay-based Division of Dawson. In turn, the southern parts of Mackay are in the Rockhampton-based seat of Capricornia, and southern Rockhampton is in Gladstone-based Flynn. This arrangement has resulted in a series of Divisions with very suboptimal boundaries, splitting all these major centres while giving each seat an awkward dual focus.

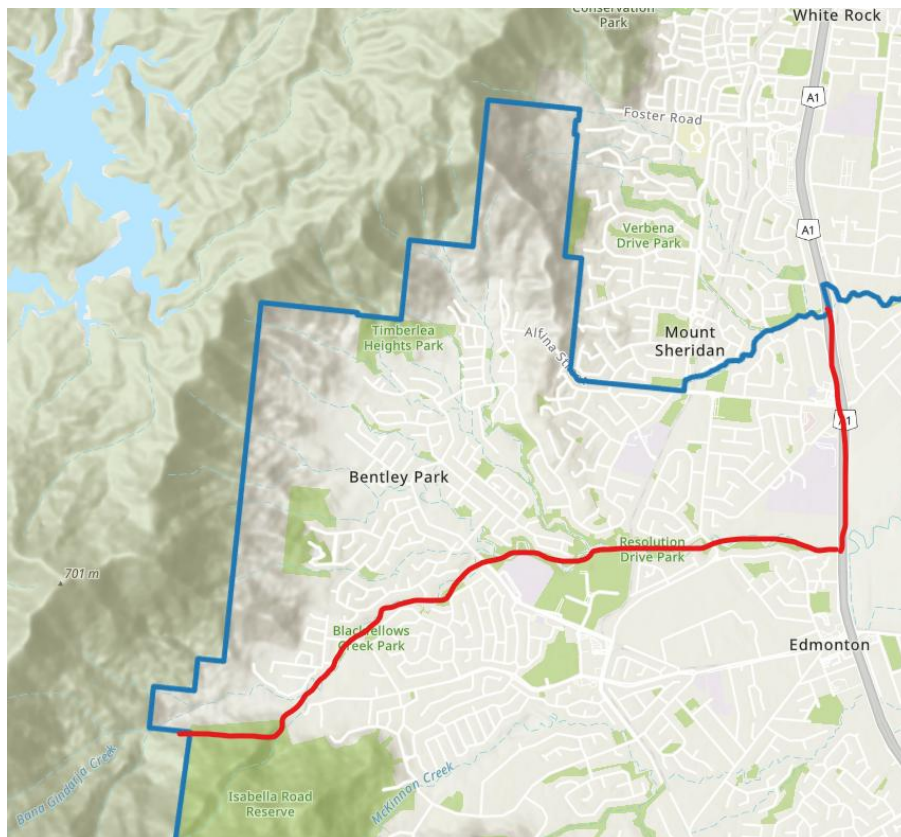
Now that each Division in northern Queensland is under quota, I strongly recommend the Committee do as much as possible to unite more of these centres in a single seat. Some of my proposals in this area see significant changes, but I think this is worth it for greatly improved boundaries around these communities.

LEICHHARDT

Queensland's northern-most seat is at the low end of tolerance and with average growth, and in my opinion should gain a few thousand electors.

Previous redistributions have clearly established the general arrangement of Leichhardt and neighbouring Kennedy, and there has been strong resistance and pushback to any suggestions of major change here (e.g. transferring Cape York). I agree with this, and am proposing two fairly small adjustments.

- All of Bentley Park be returned to Leichhardt, essentially returning to the previous boundary. Bentley Park is clearly part of suburban Cairns, and since the numbers allow it, I suggest it is a better fit with the bulk of Cairns in Leichhardt.



- Kuranda should be transferred to the Division of Kennedy, uniting it with the balance of Mareeba Shire. While Kuranda has good links with Cairns, it is a separate community and separated from Cairns itself by the escarpment and national parks. I feel that it fits just as well with the other Tablelands communities in Kennedy, and would not be out of place in that Division.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		125,528	130,809
- Kuranda SA2 (all)	To Kennedy	3583	3678
+ Mount Sheridan SA2 (balance)	From Kennedy	6299	6647
+ Bentley Park SA2 (all)	From Kennedy	69	71
TOTAL		128,313	133,849

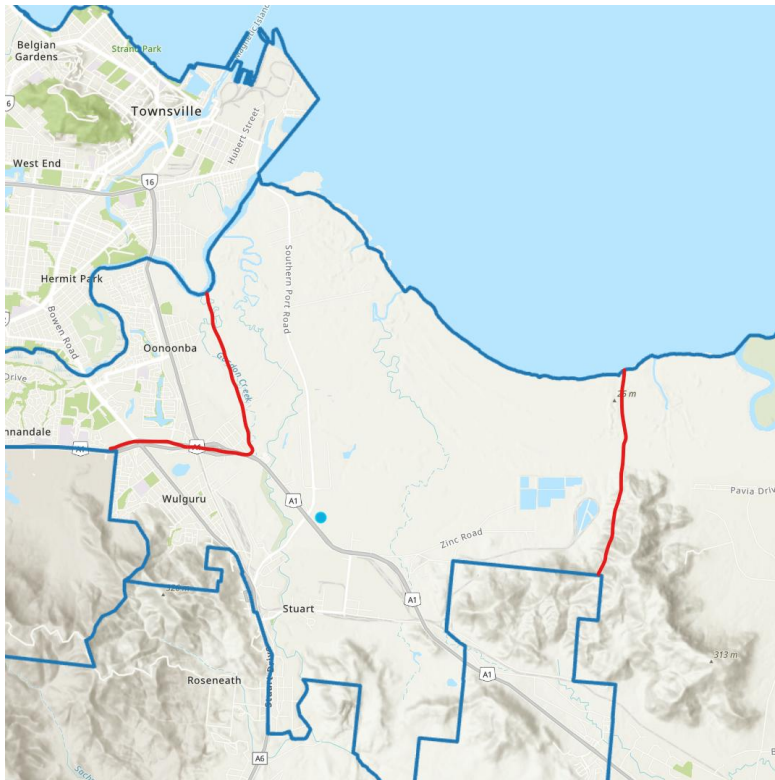
KENNEDY

The exchange of Kuranda for Bentley Park leaves this seat at the bottom of tolerance and needing to make gains. In keeping with the practice of previous redistributions, I suggest the adjustments should be made around the outskirts of Townsville.

Firstly, I suggest that the boundary north of Townsville be moved back to the Alice River, transferring the remainder of the 'Northern Beaches' area into Kennedy. These communities have previously been in Kennedy, and fit well with the existing northern semi-rural parts of Townsville LGA.



This brings Kennedy close to quota, but I also suggest it gain the Wulguru and Stuart area from the Division of Dawson. This is part of urban Townsville, and ideally would be placed in Herbert, but unfortunately the numbers do not allow this. I feel my proposal is the next best thing – Wulguru would fit quite well with the other parts of Townsville currently in Kennedy, and my arrangement allows the Townsville area to be split into two Divisions instead of three.



The existing boundaries incorporate ~130 electors in Burdekin Shire around Ravenswood. Thus may be an example of where there is some specific local reason why these areas fit better in Kennedy; otherwise, I think they should be united with the balance of Burdekin in Dawson.

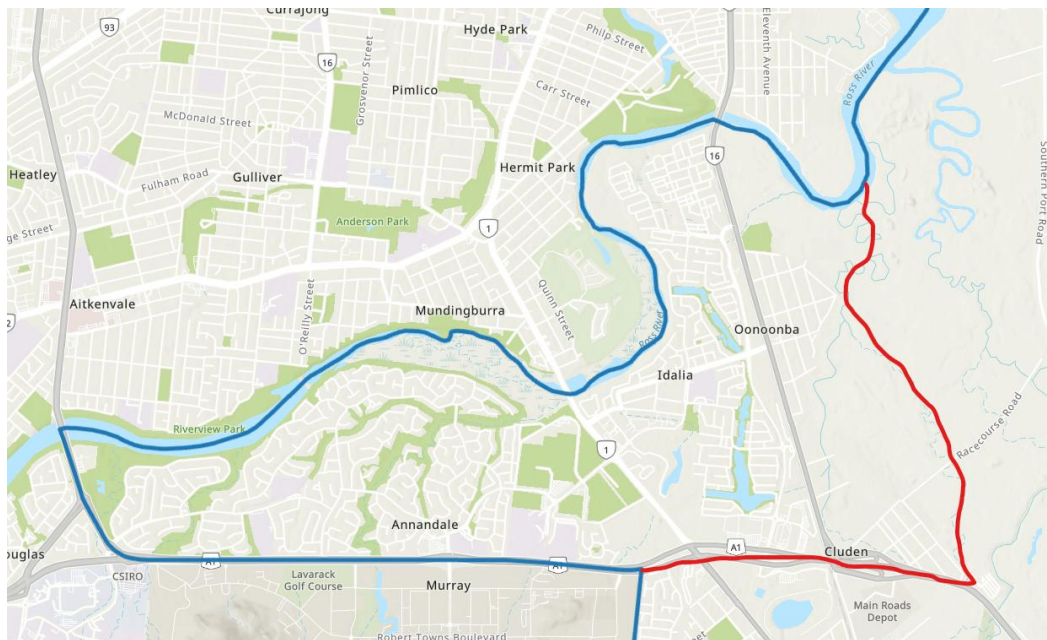
CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		126,729	130,523
- Burdekin SA2 (balance)	To Dawson	132	133
- Mount Sheridan SA2 (balance)	To Leichhardt	6299	6647
- Bentley Park SA2 (all)	To Leichhardt	69	71
+ Kuranda SA2 (all)	From Leichhardt	3583	3678
+ Northern Beaches SA2 (balance)	From Herbert	4208	4356
+ Wulguru – Roseneath SA2 (bal)	From Dawson	3701	3720
TOTAL		131,721	135,426

HERBERT

Herbert was already at the bottom of tolerance, and the loss of Northern Beaches leaves it needing around 10,000 electors to come back to quota.

At previous redistributions, there was significant objections to the removal of Annandale, Oonoonba, and Idalia from this seat. These are all clearly suburbs of Townsville and are currently very oddly placed in the Mackay-based seat of Dawson.

Now that the numbers allow, it is extremely logical and sensible to return these areas to Herbert, uniting them with the bulk of urban Townsville.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		123,471	128,270
- Northern Beaches SA2 (balance)	To Kennedy	4208	4356
+ Annandale SA2 (all)	From Dawson	5811	5946
+ Oonoonba SA2 (all)	From Dawson	4929	5276
TOTAL		130,003	135,136

DAWSON

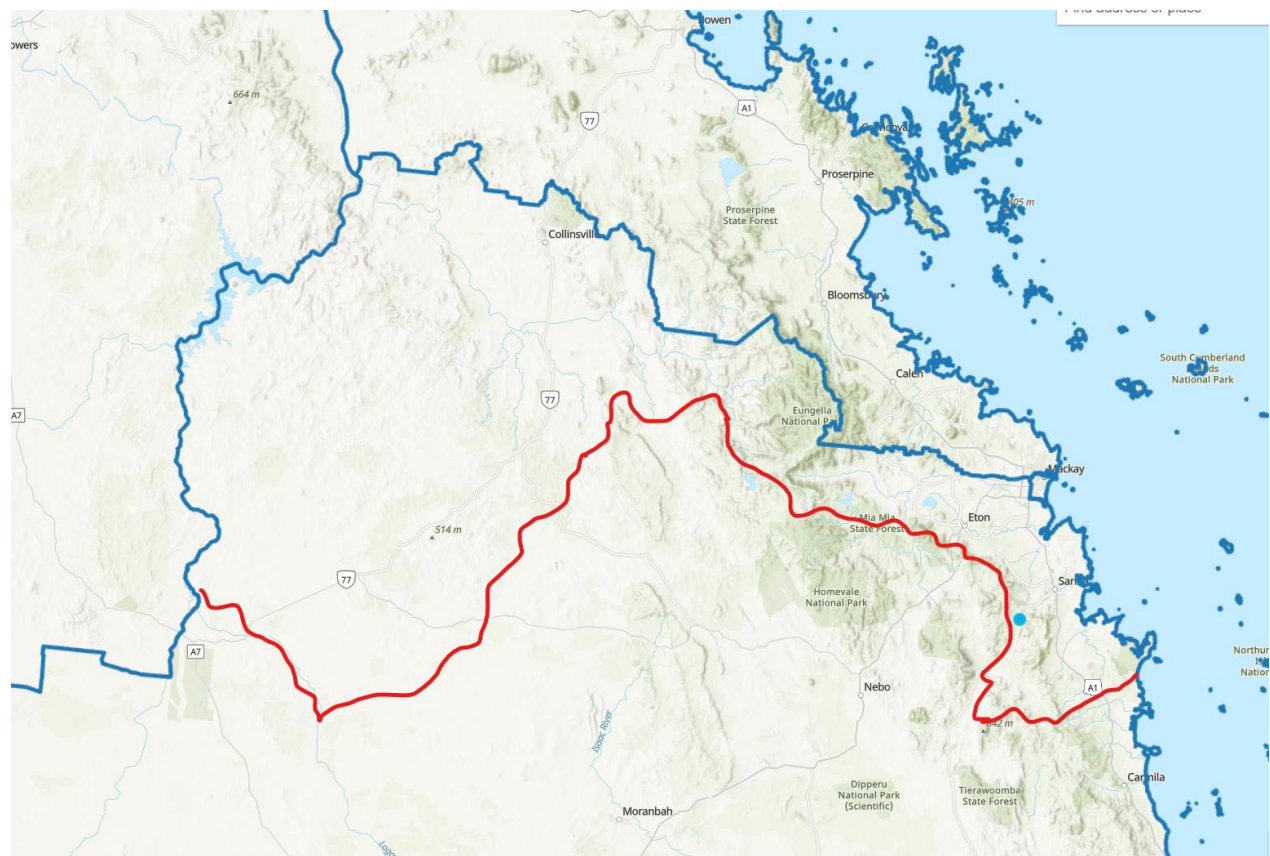
With the losses to Herbert and Kennedy, the Division of Dawson can retreat almost entirely from the Townsville area to focus much more clearly on Mackay and Whitsunday LGAs

A very neat way to bring Dawson back within tolerance is to unite all of both LGAs – including all the Collinsville area, Sarina, the remaining southern parts of Mackay itself, and all of the Pioneer Valley.

I feel this is a very logical change - Collinsville has stronger links to Bowen than southwards into the Central Highlands or Rockhampton, and is a better fit with the balance of Whitsunday LGA in Dawson.

It also makes enormous sense to unite the communities on the south bank of the Pioneer River with the rest of Mackay. These areas are geographically very close and strongly connected to Mackay, and really have only been separated due to numerical constraints. Now that the numbers allow it, I think this is an obvious change.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		117,964	122,150
- Annandale SA2 (all)	To Herbert	5811	5946
- Oonoonba SA2 (all)	To Herbert	4929	5276
- Wulugru – Roseneath SA2 (bal)	To Kennedy	3701	3720
+ Burdekin SA2 (balance)	From Kennedy	132	133
+ Whitsunday SA2 (balance)	From Capricornia	1588	1635
+ Eungella Hinterland SA2 (all)	From Capricornia	7	7
+ Pioneer Valley SA2 (all)	From Capricornia	6389	6687
+ Walkerston-Eaton SA2 (all)	From Capricornia	6452	6572
+ Ooralea – Bakers Creek SA2 (all)	From Capricornia	4013	4277
+ Sarina SA2 (all)	From Capricornia	9493	9779
TOTAL		131,597	136,298



CAPRICORNIA

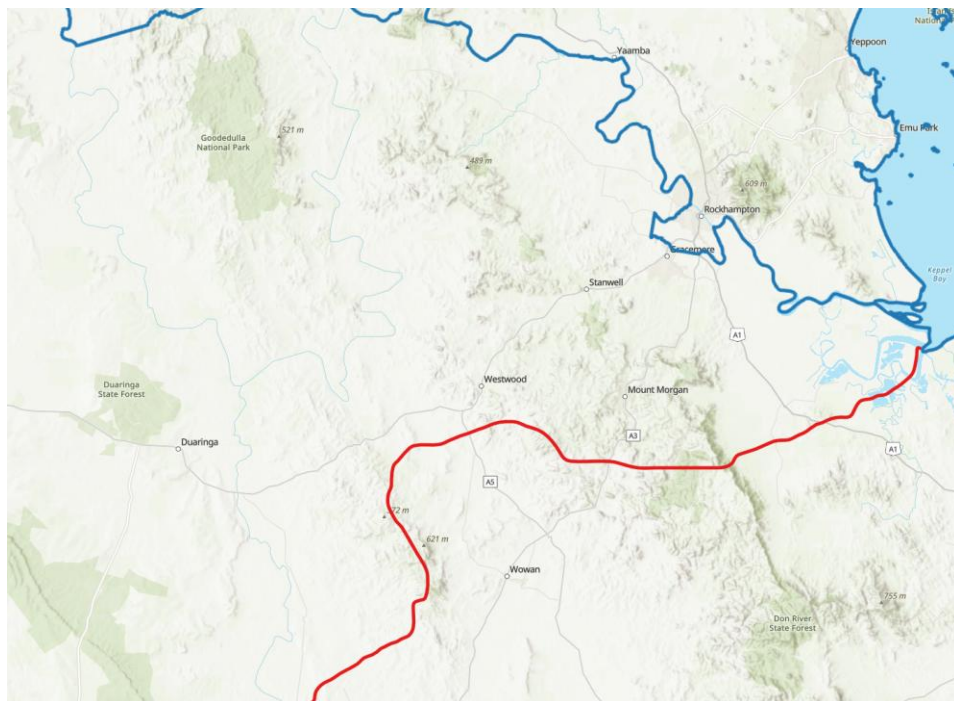
As with Dawson, the Division of Capricornia can move decisively southwards to focus much more clearly on its anchor city, instead of being an awkward hybrid of two major centres.

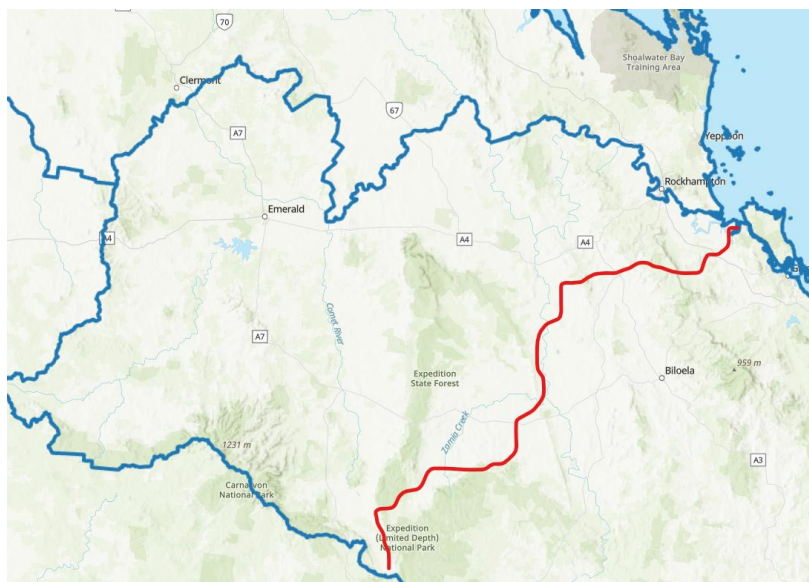
An obvious starting point is to transfer the balance of Rockhampton – including Gracemere, Bouldercombe, Mount Morgan, and the semi-rural areas south and west of Rockhampton itself. This transfers around 16,000 electors and unites all of Rockhampton in this seat.

It is difficult to expand Capricornia any further south due to the proximity of Gladstone, so I suggest any further gains should be made by expanding westwards. I think the best option is to transfer the Central Highlands LGA:

- This provides the right number of electors to bring Capricornia back within tolerance
- There are strong links along the Capricornia Highway and railway from these communities back to Rockhampton
- These communities have previously been in Capricornia
- With the transfer of areas south and west of Rockhampton, this area would now be somewhat cut off from the bulk of Flynn.

My proposed Capricornia would have a much clearer and stronger focus on Rockhampton, and expanding logically to the west.





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EXISTING		117317	121630
- Whitsunday SA2 (balance)	To Dawson	1588	1635
- Eungella Hinterland SA2 (all)	To Dawson	7	7
- Pioneer Valley SA2 (all)	To Dawson	6389	6687
- Walkerston-Eaton SA2 (all)	To Dawson	6452	6572
- Ooralea – Bakers Creek SA2 (all)	To Dawson	4013	4277
- Sarina SA2 (all)	To Dawson	9493	9779
+ Rockhampton West SA2 (all)	From Flynn	2399	2429
+ Rockhampton City SA2 (bal)	From Flynn	96	93
+ Gracemere SA2 (all)	From Flynn	8948	9427
+ Bouldercombe SA2 (all)	From Flynn	1576	1620
+ Mount Morgan SA2 (all)	From Flynn	2533	2596
+ Central Highlands West SA2 (all)	From Flynn	5178	5225
+ Emerald SA2 (all)	From Flynn	9043	9324
+ Central Highlands East SA2	From Flynn	4623	4829
TOTAL		123,771	128,216

FLYNN

The Division of Flynn bares the brunt of the changes further north – its existing deficit plus the significant losses to Capricornia leaves it needing around 40,000 electors just to come back within tolerance.

One big problem with expanding Flynn is the close proximity of Bundaberg. This is a major centre that is very close to the existing southern border of Flynn, but on its own it has too many electors and would take Flynn over quota.

It seems the three options to bring Flynn up to quota are:

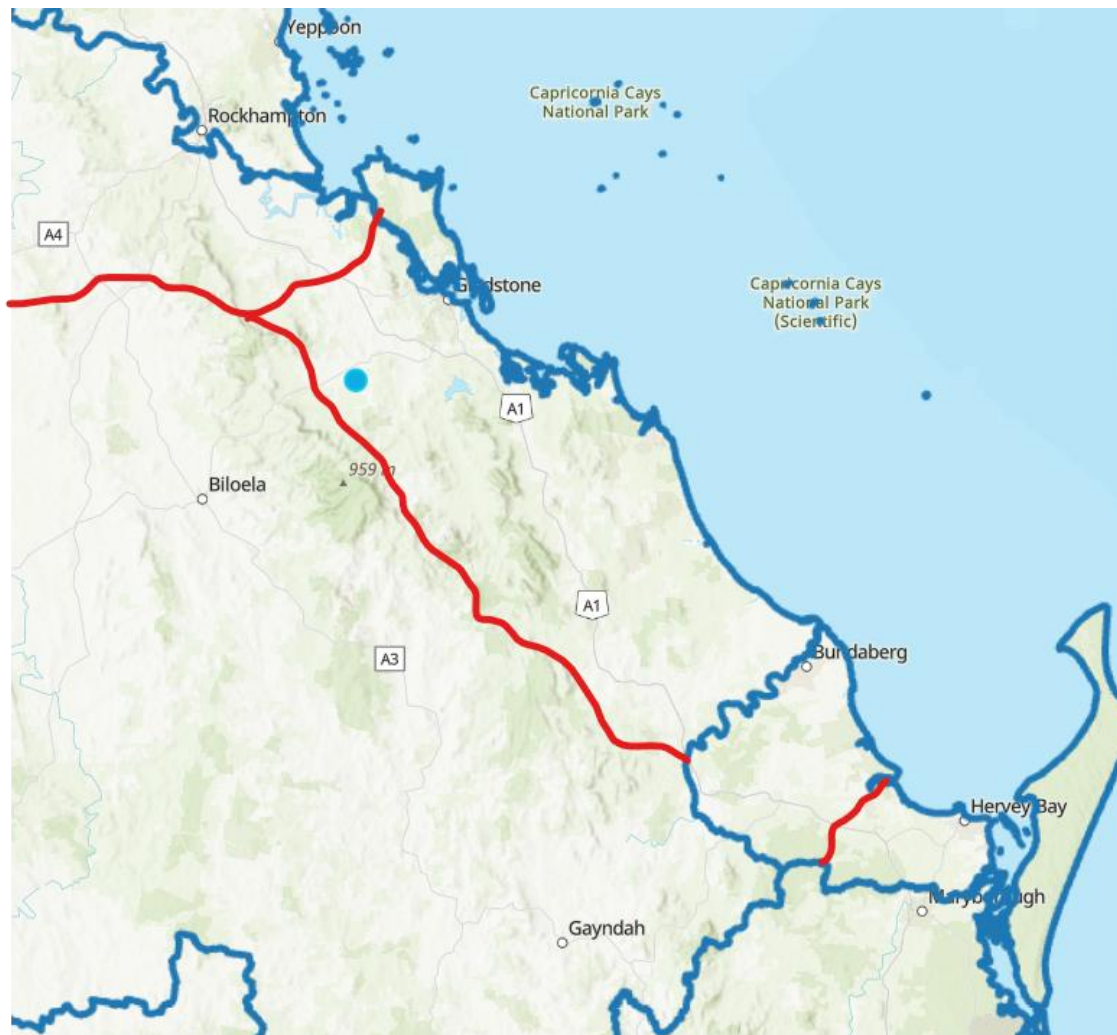
- 1) Splitting Bundaberg, with part of it being moved to Flynn and part remaining in Hinkler. I think this is clearly undesirable and should not be done unless absolutely necessary.
- 2) Expand Flynn to the south-west – avoiding Bundaberg and gaining as much of the Burnett, Brisbane Valley, and/or Sunshine Coast hinterland as needed to bring up to quota. This does keep Bundaberg within Hinkler, but draws Flynn well away from its base in Gladstone and North Burnett LGAs. The resulting Flynn would be a messy Division combining disparate areas with no real connection to each other.
- 3) Flynn gain all of Bundaberg and surrounds, and make a corresponding loss of its hinterland to Hinkler and Wide Bay to make up the number. I support this option - although it involves transferring a large number of electors, it allows Bundaberg to be united in Flynn, and this arrangement allows for sensible boundaries of neighbouring Hinkler and Wide Bay.

Adopting option (3) transfers around 69,000 electors in Bundaberg itself, the Burnett Heads area, and Childers into the Division of Flynn. To bring the seat back into quota, I suggest transferring all of its hinterland areas:

- All of the North Burnett and Banana LGAs to the Division of Hinkler
- All of the South Burnett LGA into the Division of Wide Bay

All these changes will leave Flynn as a far more compact and coastal Division. While this seat has undergone significant change, the end result is something very much like the former arrangement of Hinkler – incorporating the Bundaberg and Gladstone LGAs in their entirety.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		120,310	124,442
- Rockhampton West SA2 (all)	To Capricornia	2399	2429
- Rockhampton City SA2 (bal)	To Capricornia	96	93
- Gracemere SA2 (all)	To Capricornia	8948	9427
- Bouldercombe SA2 (all)	To Capricornia	1576	1620
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- Central Highlands East SA2	To Capricornia	4623	4829
- Monto – Eidsvold SA2 (all)	To Hinkler	3072	3098
- Gayndah – Mundeburra SA2 (all)	To Hinkler	5116	5250
- Banana SA2 (all)	To Hinkler	6245	6299
- Biloela SA2 (all)	To Hinkler	3640	3783
- Kingaroy Surrounds SA2 (all)	To Wide Bay	4155	4273
+ Bundaberg North – Gooburru SA2 (balance)	From Hinkler	4336	4526
+ Bundaberg SA2 (all)	From Hinkler	4313	4443
+ Ashfield – Kepnock SA2 (all)	From Hinkler	4118	4271
+ Branyan – Kensington SA2 (all)	From Hinkler	4249	4496
+ Bundaberg East – Kalkie SA2 (all)	From Hinkler	4391	4551
+ Bagara – Burnett Heads SA2 (all)	From Hinkler	16,905	17,647
+ Millbank – Avoca SA2 (all)	From Hinkler	5930	6065
+ Svensson Heights – Norville SA2 (all)	From Hinkler	4519	4626
+ Walkerville - Avenell Heights SA2 (all)	From Hinkler	8444	8682
+ Bundaberg Surrounds – South SA2 (all)	From Hinkler	9397	9748
TOTAL		130,288	135,251



HINKLER

Hinkler undergoes a major redrawing based on the major changes further north. It loses Bundaberg but gains the North Burnett and Banana LGAs, which still leaves the seat under quota.

One issue with the existing boundary in this area is the separation of Maryborough from Hervey Bay. This attracted considerable local objection at the time, given the strong links between the two centres – both communities were joined in the new Fraser Coast Council – and the proximity of the boundary to Maryborough itself. Now that the numbers allow, it seems very sensible to reunite these two communities in the same seat.

To that end, I strongly recommend transferring Maryborough and the balance of Fraser Coast LGA (including Glenwood and Tiaro) to Hinkler. This transfers around 32,000 electors and unites all of the greater Maryborough area with Hervey Bay in Hinkler.

Unfortunately this still leaves Hinkler under quota, so some part of Gympie LGA will need to be transferred. I suggest transferring the Cooloola area – including Tin Can Bay and Rainbow Beach – plus rural areas north and east of Gympie itself.

This is one scenario where I am happy to bow to local knowledge in the area, but I would suggest incorporating everything each of the Bruce Highway, and then roughly follow the boundaries of the old Tairo and Woocoo LGAs. This transfers the right number of electors and opens up a number of communication lines, but does not split Gympie itself.

I accept that areas like Tin Can Bay and Tairo have very strong links to Gympie, but there are also connections further north to communities in my proposed Hinkler. I do note that my proposed arrangement – linking Maryborough, Hervey Bay, North Burnett, and rural areas north of Gympie – is very similar to several former constructions of the Division of Wide Bay.

In my opinion, my proposals in rural Queensland greatly improve the boundaries around Cairns, Townsville, Mackay, Rockhampton, Bundaberg, and Maryborough/Hervey Bay. I think a (clean) split of Gympie is an acceptable price to pay for better boundaries elsewhere.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		131,120	136,398
- Bundaberg North – Gooburrum SA2 (balance)	To Flynn	4336	4526
- Bundaberg SA2 (all)	To Flynn	4313	4443
- Ashfield – Kepnock SA2 (all)	To Flynn	4118	4271
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+ Banana SA2 (all)	From Flynn	6245	6299
+ Biloela SA2 (all)	From Flynn	3640	3783
+ Maryborough SA2 (all)	From Wide Bay	14,563	14,756
+ Granville SA2 (all)	From Wide Bay	2555	2626
+ Tinana SA2 (all)	From Wide Bay	4911	5028
+ Maryborough Surrounds South SA2 (all)	From Wide Bay	8712	9078
+ Cooloola SA2 (all)	From Wide Bay	5952	6070
+ Gympie Surrounds SA2 (north and east of Gympie)	From Wide Bay	5301	5572
+ Burrum Fraser SA2 (bal)	From Wide Bay	94	97
TOTAL		124,679	129,000



WIDE BAY

The Division of Wide Bay loses everything north of Gympie, and gains the balance of South Burnett LGA from both Flynn and Maranoa.

It seems to me that areas like Kingaroy and Nanango fit better with the Burnett areas currently in Wide Bay than with the western outback Division of Maranoa – the Burnett and Bunya Highways would form good connections to the western part of the existing Wide Bay.

These changes still leave the Division 20,000 electors under quota, and practically these gains can only come from Fairfax in the south. This works out well, since both Sunshine Coast Divisions are over quota and can easily donate electors.

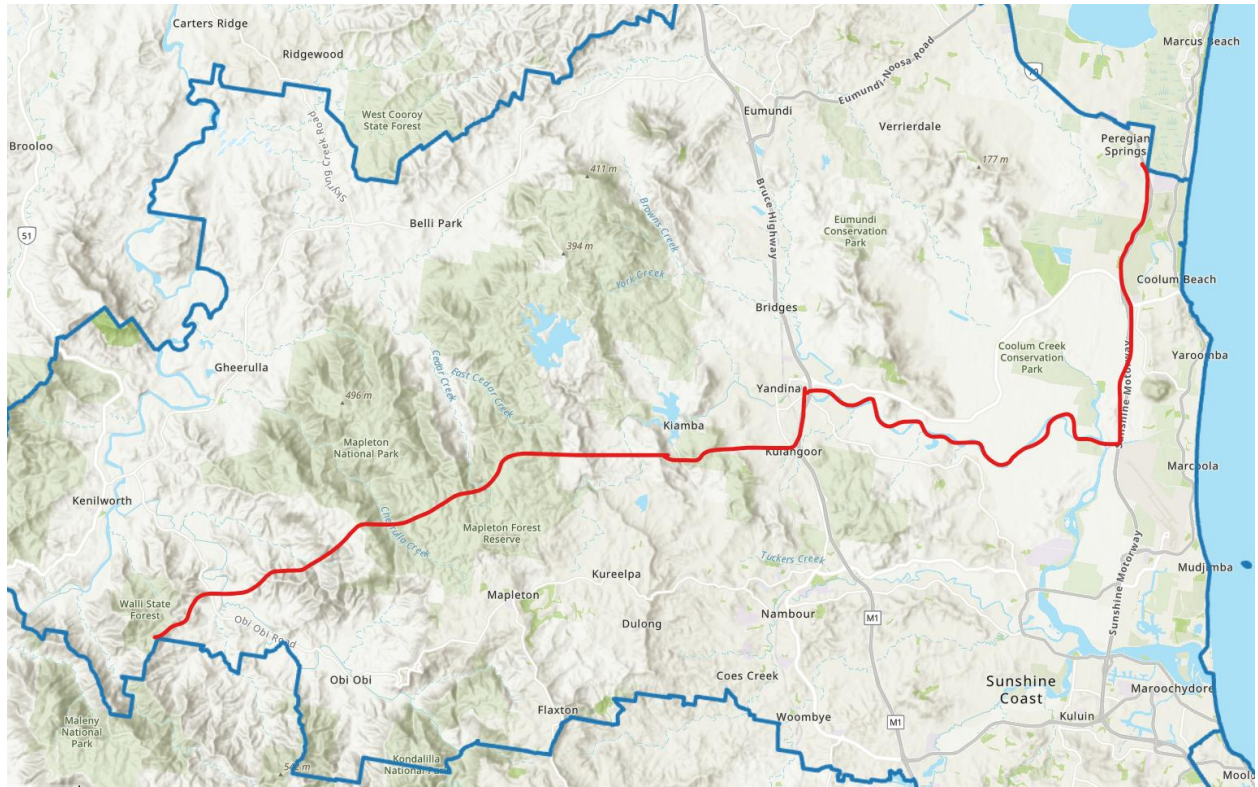
It seems to me that the most sensible arrangement is for the two Sunshine Coast seats to contract southwards, with Wide Bay then gaining the northern part of Fairfax:

- Peregrine Springs and the Doonan area – since Peregrine Beach is already in Wide Bay, it seems very logical to add Peregrine Springs as well.
- All of the Coolumb hinterland – including Eumundi, Yandina, and surrounding communities. This is a mostly semi-rural area that has good road and rail links northwards along the Bruce Highway and main northern railway.
- A further part of the hinterland around Kenilworth and Belli Park – the major communication links lead back towards Eumundi, which has now been transferred to Wide Bay, so it seems sensible to move this area into Wide Bay as well.

The southern part of this hinterland area around Mapleton has a much stronger connection to Nambour, so I suggest this remain within Fairfax.

My proposed boundary would run mostly along the Sunshine Motorway, Maroochy River, and open space. Wide Bay would have more of a Sunshine Coast focus, but would still be clearly based on Gympie and Noosa as before.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		126,117	129,468
- Maryborough SA2 (all)	To Hinkler	14,563	14,756
- Granville SA2 (all)	To Hinkler	2555	2626
- Tinana SA2 (all)	To Hinkler	4911	5028
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+ Kingaroy SA2 (all)	From Maranoa	7870	8121
+ Kingaroy Surrounds SA2 (all)	From Maranoa	3383	3480
+ Nanango SA2 (all)	From Maranoa	8541	8794
+ Noosa Hinterland SA2 (balance)	From Fairfax	2473	2549
+ Peregrine Springs SA2 (all)	From Fairfax	7955	8473
+ Eumundi – Yandina SA2 (all)	From Fairfax	10,349	10,822
+ Maroochy Hinterland SA2 (Kenilworth and Belli Park)	From Fairfax	1785	1837
TOTAL		130,634	134,687



FAIRFAX

The only remaining change now is for Fairfax to move southwards to soak up the existing excess in the Division of Fisher.

An obvious starting point would be to transfer Mooloolaba and Alexandra Headland into Fairfax – these two suburbs lie on the northern bank of the Mooloolah River, and my proposal simply extends the existing boundary to make greater use of the river.

I also suggest that the hinterland around Palmwoods be brought into Fairfax. It seems to me that this area has stronger links and communications back towards Nambour, Buderim and Maroochydore than southwards into Fisher.

To round out the boundary and allow the use of the Bruce Highway for part of the way, the balance of Tanawha is also added to this Division.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		133,134	138,602
- Noosa Hinterland SA2 (balance)	To Wide Bay	2473	2549
- Peregrine Springs SA2 (all)	To Wide Bay	7955	8473
- Eumundi – Yandina SA2 (all)	To Wide Bay	10349	10822
- Maroochy Hinterland SA2 (Kenilworth and Belli Park)	To Wide Bay	1785	1837
+ Mooloolaba – Alexandra Headland SA2 (all)	From Fisher	8556	8679
+ Palmwoods SA2 (all)	From Fisher	10,211	10,729
+ Buderim South SA2 (balance)	From Fisher	227	230
TOTAL		129,566	134,559



FISHER

The loss to Fairfax brings the Division of Fisher back within tolerance. It remains a seat clearly based on Caloundra and the southern Sunshine Coast, and the strong boundary to the south – essentially the border between the Sunshine Coast and Greater Brisbane – remains intact.

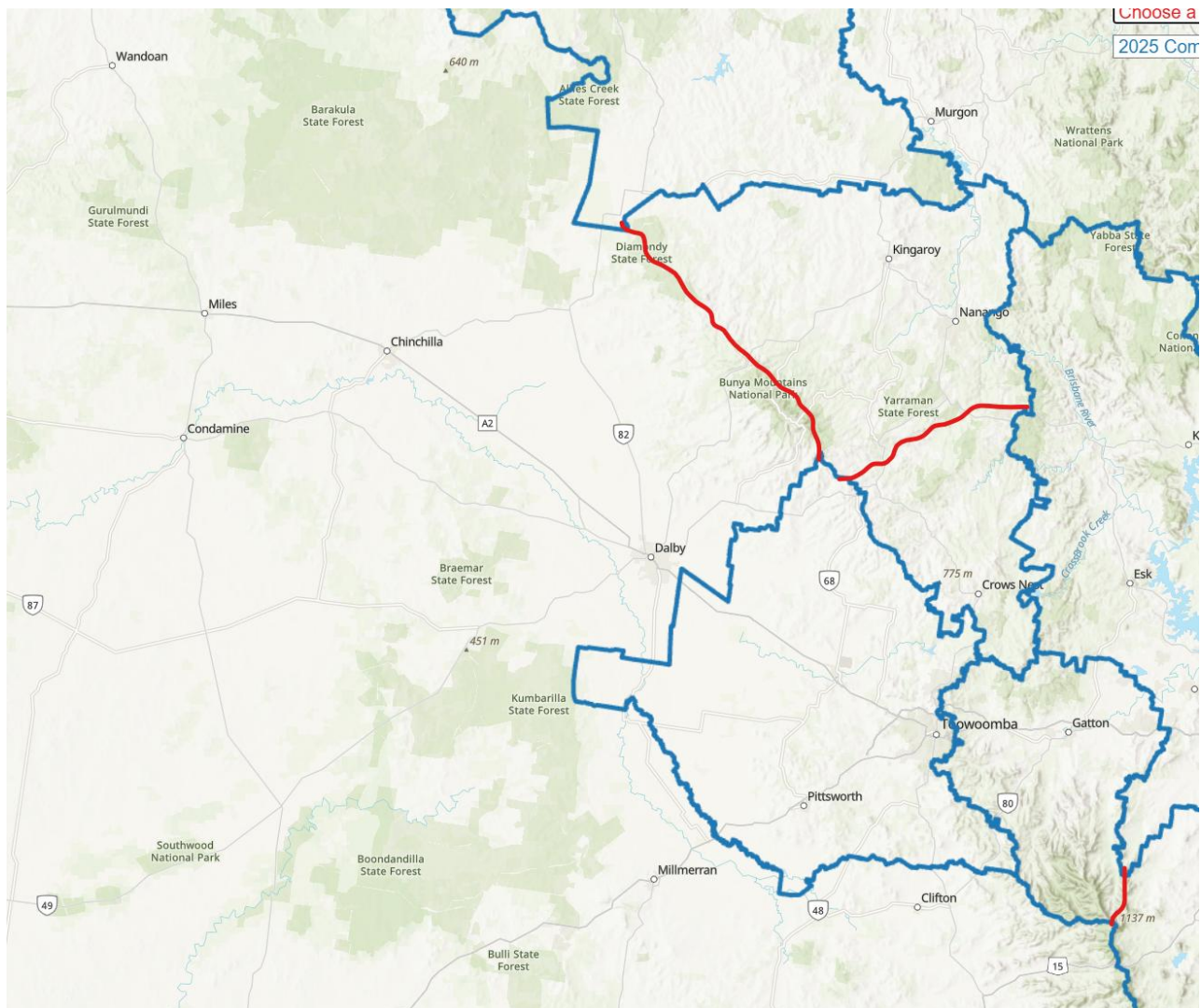
CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		143,823	153,731
- Mooloolaba – Alexandra Headland SA2 (all)	To Fairfax	8556	8679
- Palmwoods SA2 (all)	To Fairfax	10,211	10,729
- Buderim South SA2 (balance)	To Fairfax	227	230
TOTAL		124,829	134,093

MARANOA

The Division of Maranoa exchanges the Lockyer Valley for the South Burnett area, boosting its numbers without expanding its physical area.

This brings Maranoa back within tolerance, but I suggest an adjustment with Groom to exchange Greenmount for Crows Nest. This donates a net ~3500 electors to bring Groom back up to quota.

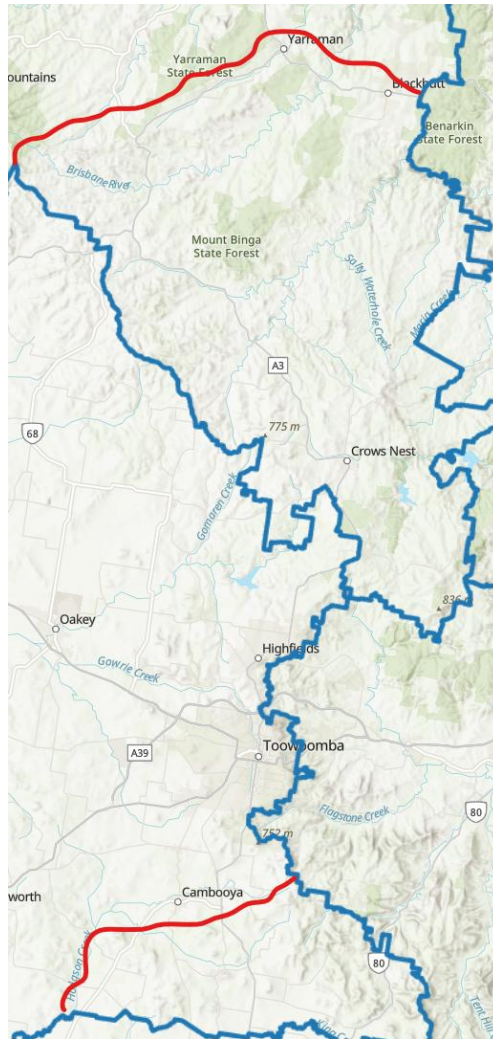
Adding the Greenmount area helps open up another communication link between the Lockyer Valley and the south-eastern part of the existing seat, and it has good links with Clifton already in Maranoa.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		117,924	120,748
- Kingaroy SA2 (all)	To Wide Bay	7870	8121
- Kingaroy Surrounds SA2 (all)	To Wide Bay	3383	3480
- Nanango SA2 (all)	To Wide Bay	8541	8794
- Crows Nest SA2 (all)	To Groom	5012	5140
+ Lockyer Valley East SA2 (all)	From Wright	17,540	18,314
+ Gatton SA2 (all)	From Wright	4743	4956
+ Lockyer Valley West SA2 (all)	From Wright	9819	10182
+ Clifton – Greenmount SA2 (bal)	From Groom	1613	1651
TOTAL		126,833	130,316

GROOM

The exchange of Crows Nest for Greenmount boosts Groom's numbers by ~3500 electors, bringing it back within tolerance. Crows Nest seems a fairly logical addition – it is part of Toowoomba LGA and strongly linked to Toowoomba itself



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		121,529	126,667
- Clifton – Greenmount SA2 (bal)	To Maranoa	1613	1651
+ Crows Nest SA2 (all)	From Maranoa	5012	5140
TOTAL		124,928	130,156

NORTHERN BRISBANE

The six seats between the Brisbane River and the Sunshine Coast are collectively very close to quota, although there are stark discrepancies between them. Very strong growth in the outer north has pushed the seat of Longman and Petrie well outside tolerance, while seats closer to Brisbane itself are stagnant and under quota.

I have avoided any major redrawing here, so all these seats can be self-adjusting – all Divisions move generally north and west to soak up the excess and donate electors to their slow-growing neighbours further south.

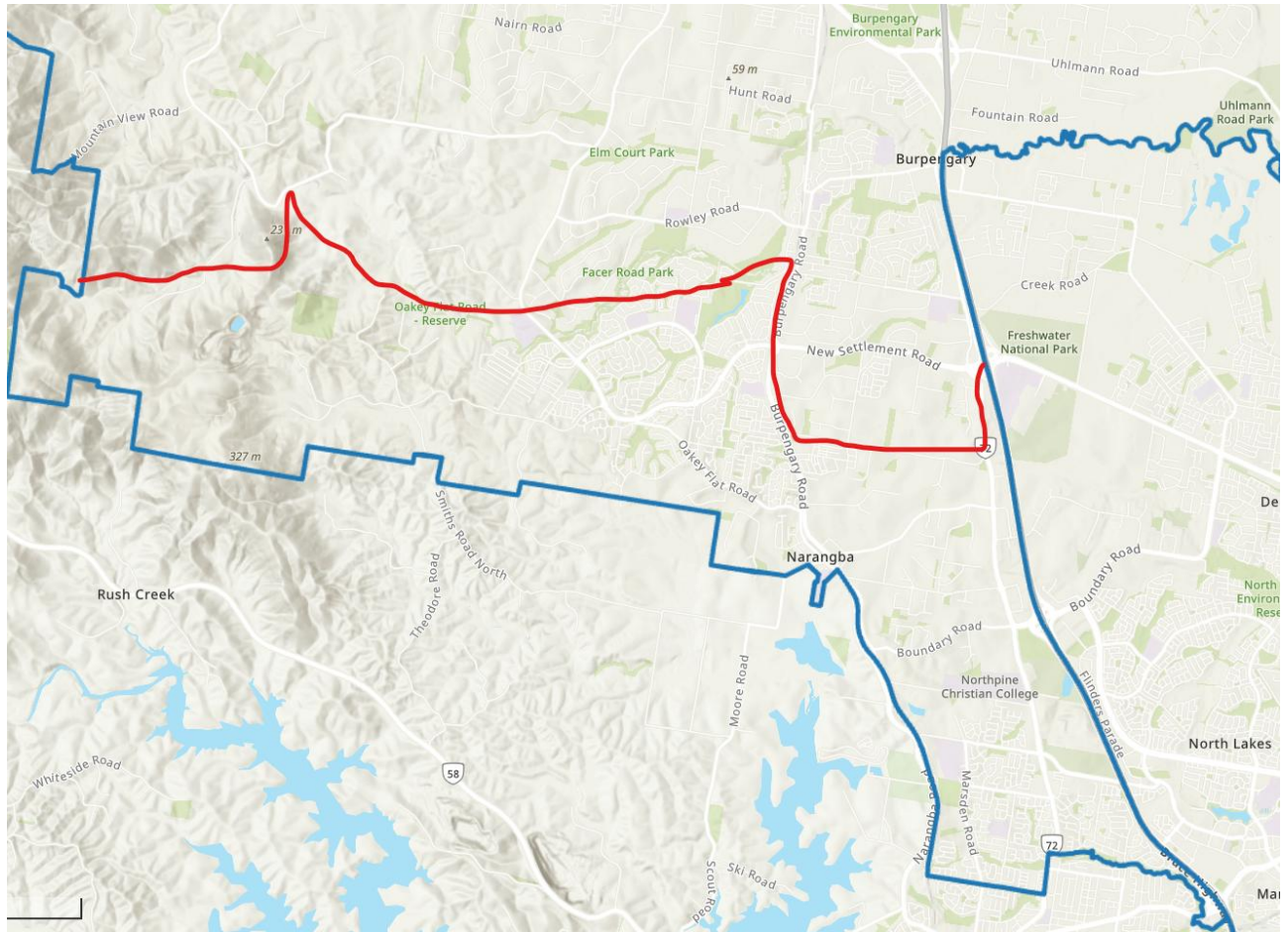
LONGMAN

The northern Brisbane growth area has made this Division one of the most over-quota in the state and needing to make significant losses. Assuming there is no change to the strong northern or western boundaries, the logical deletion is in the south.

I suggest that all of Kallangur, Dakabin and Narangba should be removed and placed in the Division of Dickson. These are the three southern-most suburbs of Longman, and part or all of them have previously been placed within Dickson.

My proposed boundary would make use of Burpengary Creek, Burpengary Road, and mostly open space for most of its length.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		148,218	156,827
- Kallangur SA2 (balance)	To Dickson	6333	6621
- Dakabin SA2 (all)	To Dickson	3520	3762
- Narangba SA2 (all)	To Dickson	15811	16633
TOTAL		122,554	129,811



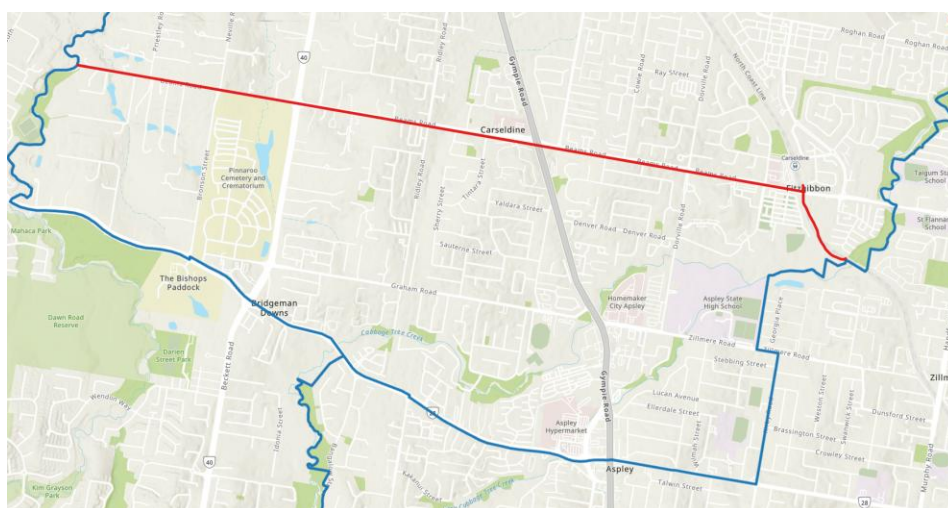
PETRIE

Another outer northern seat that is over quota, Petrie needs to lose around 10,000 electors. I have already established the boundaries with Longman, so the only possible change is in the south of the seat.

I suggest adopting Beams Road – between Albany and Cabbage Tree Creeks – as the new southern boundary for Petrie. I feel this would be quite a clear boundary on the ground, as Beams Road is reasonably prominent in the local area for most of its length.

My change would transfer 9000 electors in Aspley, Carseldine, and Bridgeman Downs to the Division of Lilley, which helps unite Aspley in a single seat.

Petrie's rather awkward split across the Pine River remains, as there is not a neat way to resolve this without a major redrawing of every seat in this area. My changes at least make some reduction to the area on the southern side of the river.

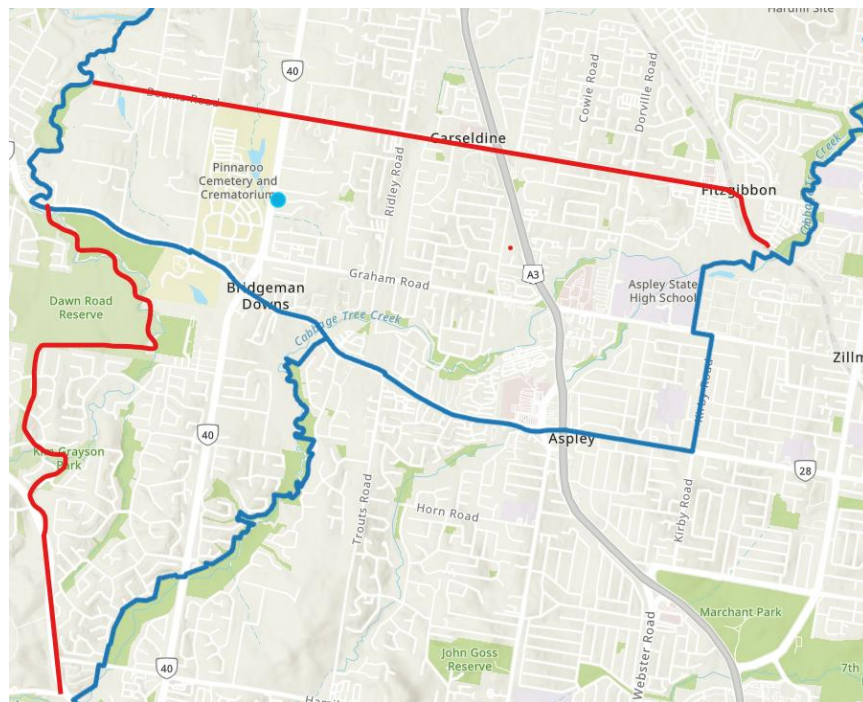


CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		137,616	143,120
- Aspley SA2 (balance)	To Lilley	2297	2336
- Carseldine SA2 (sth Beams Road)	To Lilley	3626	3709
- Bridgeman Downs SA2 (sth Beams Road)	To Lilley	2744	2928
TOTAL		128,949	134,147

LILLEY

The gains from Petrie bring the Division of Lilley within tolerance, but I suggest it make a further small gain by transferring Dickson's remaining share of McDowell and Bridgeman Downs. This returns the boundary back to the LGA boundary, running along Old Northern Road and Albany Creek for most of its length.

This leaves Lilley at the higher end of tolerance, but allows McDowell to be united in Lilley, and sees Bridgeman Downs split between two Divisions instead of three.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		119,613	122,571
+ Aspley SA2 (balance)	From Petrie	2297	2336
+ Carseldine SA2 (sth Beams Road)	From Petrie	3626	3709
+ Bridgeman Downs SA2 (sth Beams Road)	From Petrie	2744	2928
+ Bridgeman Downs SA2 (part in Dickson)	From Dickson	3482	3631
+ McDowell SA2 (balance)	From Dickson	1055	1087
TOTAL		132,817	136,262

BRISBANE

Brisbane is very close to quota, and can be left unchanged.

However, I feel that the existing western boundary with Ryan is quite convoluted and irregular – it runs along a succession of mostly minor streets through suburban areas, for reasons that are not very clear to me. Possibly there are specific local reasons why this boundary has been chosen, but in my opinion it would make far more sense to simply use Bardon Road.

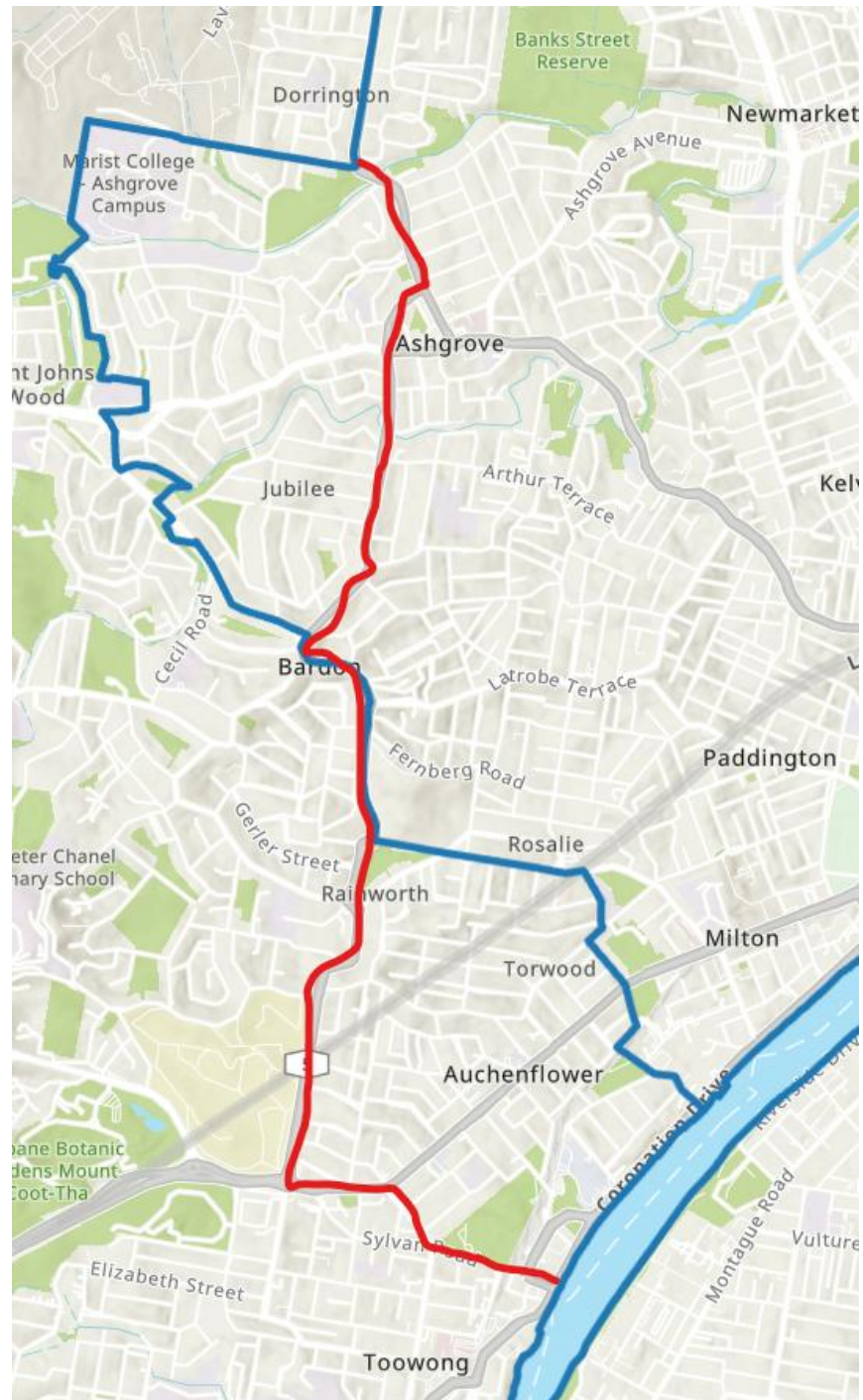
I recommend the Committee should explore the possibility of adopting the ‘Metroad 5’ corridor as the new western boundary for Brisbane. This is a major north-south road in the western suburbs, and seems to me to be a far more obvious boundary on-the-ground than the existing local streets.

From Frederick Street, the boundary could follow Milton Road, Croydon Street, and Sylvan Road to the river. These are all reasonably prominent roads, and allows the use of Toowong Park as a clear divide in the local area.

These changes would see Brisbane gain around 6500 electors in Auchenflower and Paddington. These are all suburbs very close to the CBD, and would seem to fit better in Brisbane than in Ryan.

In exchange, nearly 4300 electors in Bardon and Ashgrove are transferred into Ryan. This unites almost all of Bardon in Ryan, and makes a neater split of Ashgrove than is currently the case.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		127,658	133,341
- Ashgrove SA2 (west Metroad 5)	To Ryan	2730	2836
- Bardon SA2(west Metroad 5)	To Ryan	1414	1427
+ Auchenflower SA2 (all)	From Ryan	4096	4169
+ Paddington SA2 (all)	From Ryan	389	409
+ Toowong SA2 (east Milton Road, Croydon Street, Sylvan Road)	From Ryan	1579	1644
+ Bardon SA2 (east Metroad 5)	From Ryan	316	337
TOTAL		129,894	135,637



RYAN

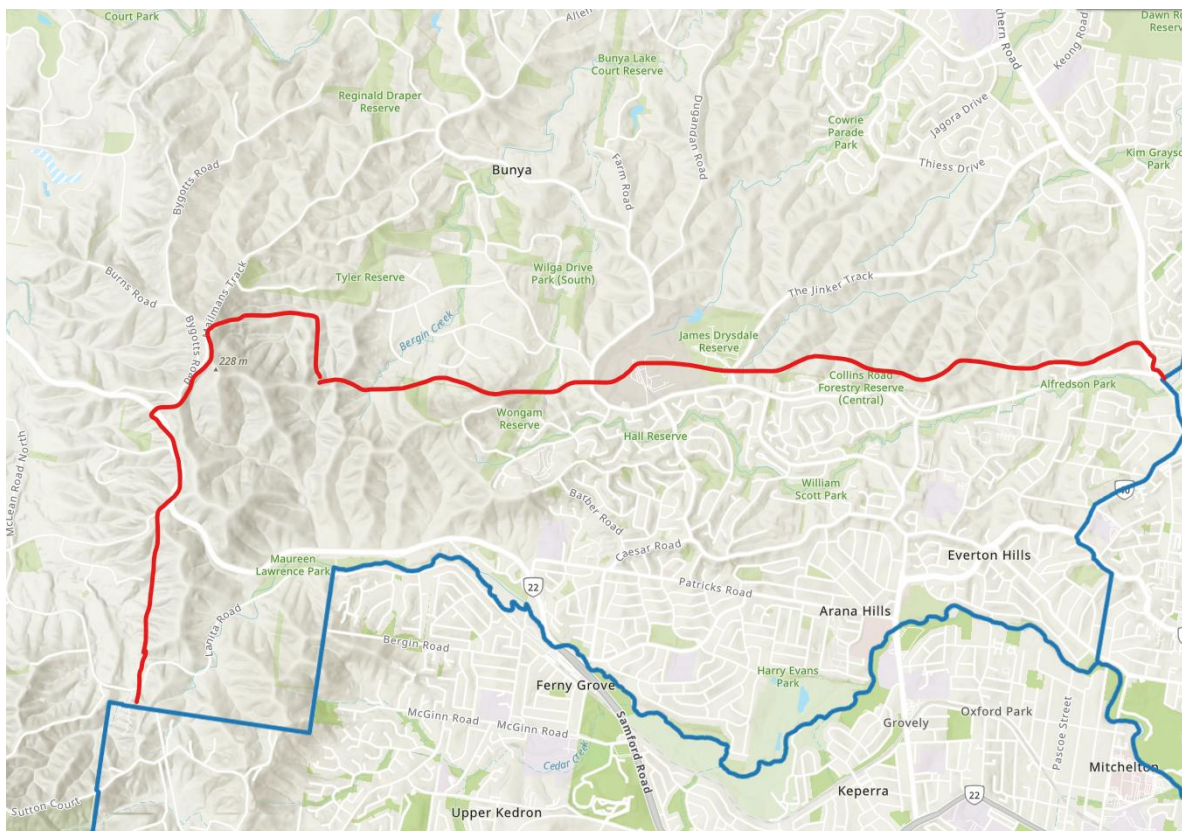
Currently Ryan is well under quota, and falls further behind with my proposed exchanges with Brisbane. It now needs to gain around 15,000 – 20,000 electors to be brought back within tolerance.

The neighbouring Division of Dickson is now well over quota after the large gains from Longman, so it seems obvious to simply make an adjustment between the two seats.

I suggest transferring all of Everton Hills, Aranda Hills, and Ferny Hills – basically the bulk of the 'Hills District' – be transferred into Ryan. Although they are part of Moreton Bay LGA, these suburbs are somewhat cut off from the rest of Dickson by the Bunyaville Parklands, and seem to me to fit much better with Ferny Grove and Everton currently in Ryan.

I note that the current local state Districts cross the LGA border to include the southern parts of Moreton Bay in seats based on Everton and Ferny Grove, so there is plenty of precedent for these areas to be joined in the same seat.

Under my proposal, the Karana Downs area is NOT transferred to Ryan – although it is part of Brisbane LGA and on the north bank of the river, I feel it has a stronger connection to Ipswich and surrounding suburbs to the south.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		115,632	118,545
- Auchenflower SA2 (all)	To Brisbane	4096	4169
- Paddington SA2 (all)	To Brisbane	389	409
- Toowong SA2 (east Milton Road, Croydon Street, Sylvan Road)	To Brisbane	1579	1644
- Bardon SA2 (east Metroad 5)	To Brisbane	316	337
+ Hills Districts SA2 (all except Bunya)	From Dickson	17090	17409
+ Ashgrove SA2 (west Metroad 5)	From Brisbane	2730	2836
+ Bardon SA2(west Metroad 5)	From Brisbane	1414	1427
TOTAL		130,486	133,658

DICKSON

Dickson shifts clearly northwards, losing territory south of Bunya and taking in more of the northern growth corridor.

These changes bring the Division back within tolerance and give it a slightly stronger growth base for the future.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		121,147	124,841
- Hills Districts SA2 (all except Bunya)	To Ryan	17090	17409
- Bridgeman Downs SA2 (part in Dickson)	To Lilley	3482	3631
- McDowell SA2 (balance)	To Lilley	1055	1087
+ Kallangur SA2 (balance)	From Longman	6333	6621
+ Dakabin SA2 (all)	From Longman	3520	3762
+ Narangba SA2 (all)	From Longman	15811	16633
TOTAL		125,184	129,730

SOUTHERN BRISBANE AND GOLD COAST

Currently this area is well over quota, but the loss of the entire Lockyer Valley to a western inland Division brings these twelve Division collectively back within tolerance.

However, this masks the quite stark differences throughout this area. Outer southern and western Brisbane Divisions (Blair, Wright, Forde, Fadden) are well over quota and growing rapidly, while other seats closer to the city (Bonner, Moreton) have slow growth and are well under quota.

The obvious arrangement is to expand some of these inner city Divisions to the south and west, relieving the pressure further out, while also doing a better job of splitting the growth areas between different seats.

Although not necessary for quota, I am proposing a small rearrangement on the Gold Coast to unite the entire hinterland with the coast. This area seems a very bad fit in Wright – possibly it was only placed there for quota purposes – and now that the numbers allow, it seems far more sensible to place these areas in coastal seats.

MCPHERSON

As I have noted above, it makes enormous sense to me to unite the Gold Coast with its hinterland – the hinterland area has little connection to the Division of Wright, and most communication links lead back to the coast.

The first step is to unite the balance of Mudgeeraba, plus add Bonogin and Springbrook, into McPherson. This area is basically cut off from its current seat of Wright, and the major connection (Gold Coast – Springbrook Road) leads back to Mudgeeraba and Robina. There seems no obvious reason to me why it should not be now in McPherson since the numbers allow it.

I would propose running the boundary through the open space between Springbrook and Numinbah Valley – areas west of the line lead back to Nerang instead of Mudgeeraba and are a much better fit in Moncrieff (see below).



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		123,297	127,590
Mudgeeraba – Bonogin SA2 (bal)	From Wright	4785	4972
Guanaba – Springbrook SA2 (Springbrook only)	From Wright	588	598
TOTAL		128,670	133,160

MONCRIEFF

In a similar way, the Division of Moncrieff can incorporate its surrounding hinterland area – I suggest logically gaining the balance of Nerang, Mount Nathan, Worongary, Tallia, and the Nerang Valley area around Lake Advancetown.

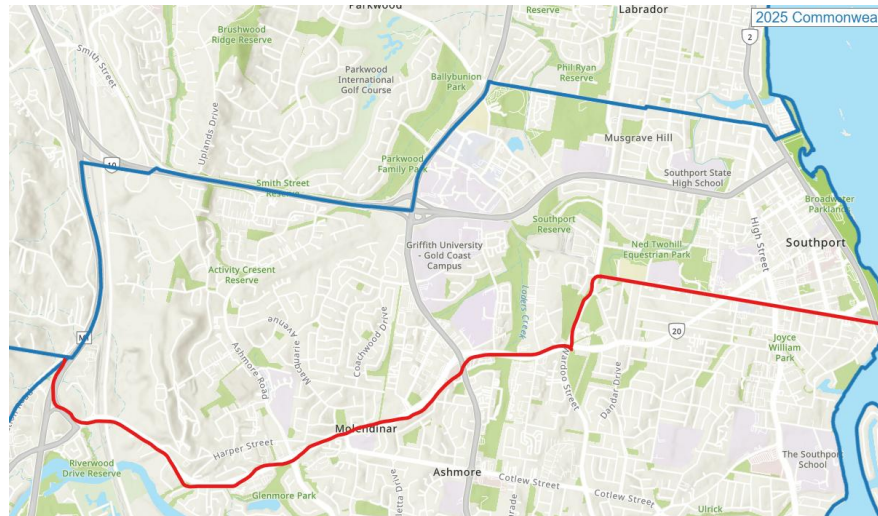
Although this gain is not necessary for quota, I strongly recommend that it be adopted. The existing boundary makes a very awkward split of many of these hinterland communities, and they all seem to me to have much stronger links to the east than west. All of the major roads in the area lead back to Nerang or surrounding suburbs, and there is limited connection to the remainder of Wright.

Note the addition of Nerang Valley does give Moncrieff something of a ‘tail’, the connection in this area leads northwards back to Nerang, not east or west.



These gains take Moncrieff over quota, so I suggest it adopt Southport – Nerang Road as the new northern boundary for the seat, transferring ~ 15,000 electors in Southport and Molendinar into the Division of Fadden. I feel this provides a strong boundary with Fadden, running along one of the major east-west traffic corridors in the area.

While Southport itself would be split, the CBD and surrounding areas would be united in Fadden.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		127,363	133,259
- Molendinar SA2 (all)	To Fadden	4408	4617
- Southport North SA2 (all)	To Fadden	9957	10579
+ Worongary – Tallai SA2 (bal)	From Wright	6867	7364
+ Nerang – Mount Nathan SA2 (bal)	From Wright	3940	4143
+ Guanaba – Springbrook SA2 (part not added to McPherson)	From Wright	3062	3192
TOTAL		126,867	132,762

FADDEN

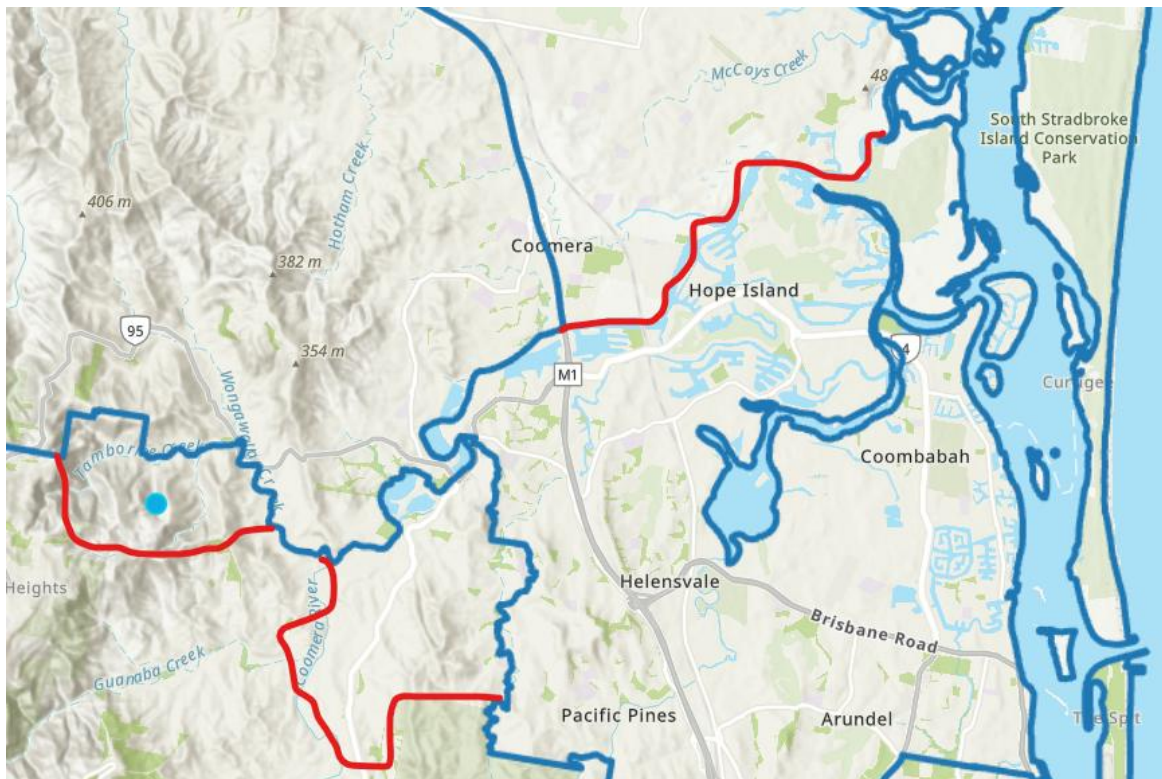
Fadden lies within the northern Gold Coast growth corridor, and already has a strong excess even before the additions from Moncrieff.

I also suggest the surrounding hinterland area – Maudsland and the balance of Oxenford – be added to Fadden. Again, this is an area that has much stronger links to the east than to the west, and fits far better in Fadden.

These gains take Fadden around 40,000 electors over quota and needing to make major losses.

I suggest adopting the Coomera River as the new northern boundary - transferring all of Coomera, Pimpama, Jacobs Well, Steiglitz, Stapylton and the balance of Ormeau to the Division of Forde. The river provides a strong northern boundary, and my proposals keep the major centres and suburbs united.

Fadden becomes much more compact but remains clearly focussed on Helensvale, Hope Island, Pacific Pines and Labrador.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		138,978	146,349
- Ormeau East/Stapylton SA2 (all)	To Forde	6961	7468
- Jacobs Well – Alberton SA2 (all)	To Forde	4073	4288
- Pimpama North SA2 (all)	To Forde	7095	7729
- Pimpama South SA2 (all)	To Forde	5799	6323
- Coomera SA2 (bal)	To Forde	12584	14137
+ Oxenford – Maudsland SA2 (bal)	From Wright	6111	6429
+ Molendinar SA2 (all)	From Moncrieff	4408	4617
+ Southport North SA2 (all)	From Moncrieff	9957	10579
TOTAL		122,942	128,029

FORDE

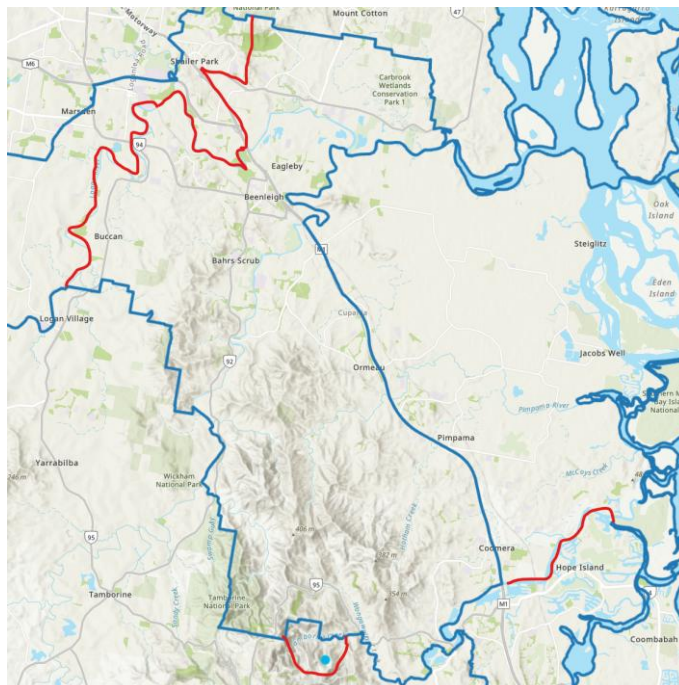
In its current arrangement, Forde is a T-shaped Division – stretching as far south as Upper Coomera, then east to Carbrook and as far west as Boronia Heights. With the gains from Fadden, this seat can be more clearly established as a Beenleigh and northern Gold Coast Division.

I suggest adopting the Logan River as a very clear northern boundary for Forde – shedding almost all of its territory north of the river to neighbouring seats

- All of Shailer Park, Loganlea, Waterford West, Boronia Heights, and Park Ridge – plus the part of Loganholme west of the motorway – to the Division of Rankin. All of these are suburban areas in Logan LGA that fit extremely well with the core parts of Logan already in Rankin.
- Park Ridge South, Greenbank, Munruben, Chambers Flat and Logan Reserve to the Division of Wright. This adds these communities to the existing outer parts of Logan LGA that are currently in Wright.

For quota purposes, a small area north of the river – Carbrook, Cornubia, plus the eastern part of Loganholme – remain in Forde. Continued growth in the Gold Coast should allow these areas to be removed from the seat at the next redistribution.

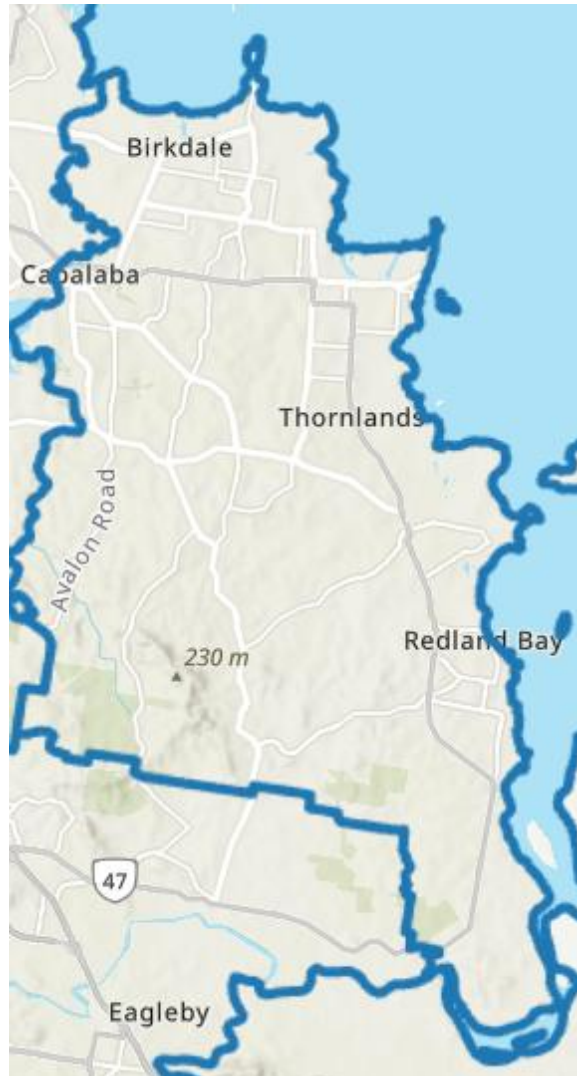
Forde undergoes major changes, as necessary for a seat in such a high-growth area, but I feel it is now much more coherent and clear than before.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		139,963	149,098
- Boronia Heights – Park Ridge SA2 (north of Crest Road)	To Rankin	11940	12957
- Waterford West SA2 (all)	To Rankin	5097	5282
- Loganlea SA2 (all)	To Rankin	6604	6957
- Shailer Park SA2 (all)	To Rankin	8699	8810
- Loganholme – Tanah Merah SA2 (west of Pacific Motorway)	To Rankin	7344	7602
- Boronia Heights – Park Ridge SA2 (south of Crest Road)	To Wright	2537	2881
- Munruben – Park Ridge South SA2 (all)	To Wright	2281	2281
- Chambers Flat – Logan Reserve SA2 (all)	To Wright	9618	11668
+ Ormeau East/Stapylton SA2 (all)	From Fadden	6961	7468
+ Jacobs Well – Alberton SA2 (all)	From Fadden	4073	4288
+ Pimpama North SA2 (all)	From Fadden	7095	7729
+ Pimpama South SA2 (all)	From Fadden	5799	6323
+ Coomera SA2 (bal)	From Fadden	12584	14137
TOTAL		122,355	130,605

BOWMAN

The Division of Bowman is within tolerance, and aligned to the Redlands LGA boundary. I suggest this seat remain unchanged.



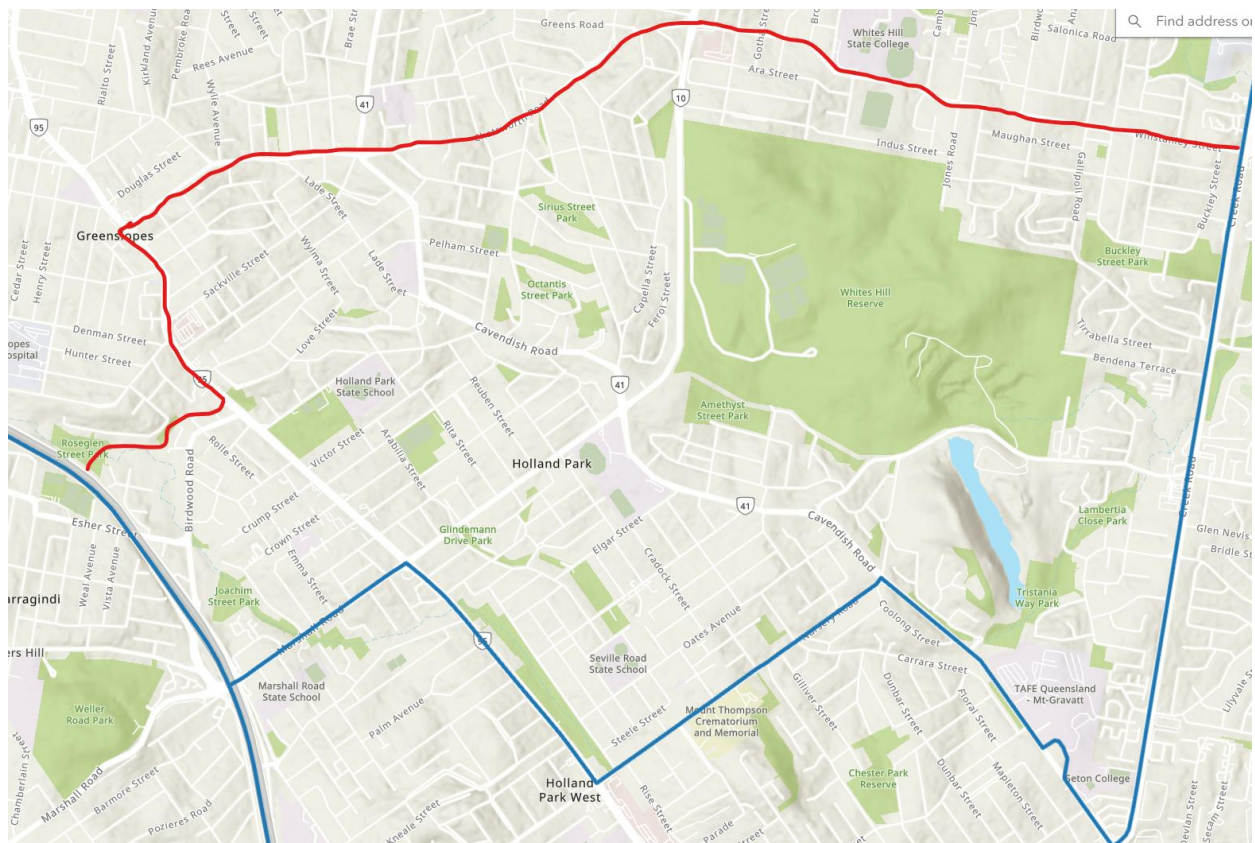
CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		126,194	129,421

BONNER

Bonner is projected to be well below tolerance, and needs to gain around 15,00 electors to be brought back to quota. Assuming the eastern boundary with Bowman remains unchanged, then realistically the only possible gain is from Griffith in the west.

I suggest Griffith's south-eastern "tail" be transferred to Bonner – incorporating everything south of the Winstanley Street/Samuel Street/Chatsworth Road corridor and Norman Creek. This transfers the balance of Mount Gravatt and Holland Park, plus parts of Camp Hill, Carina Heights, Coorparoo and a small section of Greenslopes.

I feel this is the best arrangement – these are some of the more suburban parts of Griffith, so fit well with the existing character of Bonner.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		1146,88	117,450
+ Mount Gravatt SA2 (balance)	From Griffith	1471	1515
+ Holland Park SA2 (all)	From Griffith	6312	6440
+ Holland Park West SA2 (balance)	From Griffith	1699	1714
+ Carina Heights SA2 (south of Winstanley Street)	From Griffith	2139	2171
+ Camp Hill SA2 (south of Samuel Street)	From Griffith	750	784
+ Coorparoo SA2 (south of Chatsworth Road)	From Griffith	2914	3012
+ Greenslopes SA2 (south of Chatsworth Road)	From Griffith	1056	1140
TOTAL		131,029	134,226

GRIFFITH

Having lost so many electors to Bonner, the Division of Griffith now needs compensation. Assuming no changes to the north, the only seat that Griffith can gain from is Moreton in the south.

A logical change is for Griffith to re-gain all of the Annerley, Fairfield, and Yeronga areas, returning to something very close to the previous boundary between the two seats. This is the most ‘inner suburban’ parts of Moreton and are arguably a better fit with their neighbours closer to the city (in Griffith) than with more middle/outer suburban parts of the existing Moreton.

Roads such as Ekibin Road, Tarragindi Road, School Road and King Arthur Terrace are reasonably clear boundaries on the ground.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		123,782	129,371
- Mount Gravatt SA2 (balance)	To Bonner	1471	1515
- Holland Park SA2 (all)	To Bonner	6312	6440
- Holland Park West SA2 (balance)	To Bonner	1699	1714
- Carina Heights SA2 (south of Winstanley Street)	To Bonner	2139	2171
- Camp Hill SA2 (south of Samuel Street)	To Bonner	750	784
- Coorparoo SA2 (south of Chatsworth Road)	To Bonner	2914	3012
- Greenslopes SA2 (south of Chatsworth Road)	To Bonner	1056	1140
+ Fairfield – Dutton Park SA2 (bal)	From Moreton	2223	2274
+ Annerley SA2 (all)	From Moreton	8334	8674
+ Yeronga SA2 (Yeronga only)	From Moreton	5458	5558
TOTAL		123,456	129,101



MORETON

Moreton can now expand decisively south and westwards to gain electors:

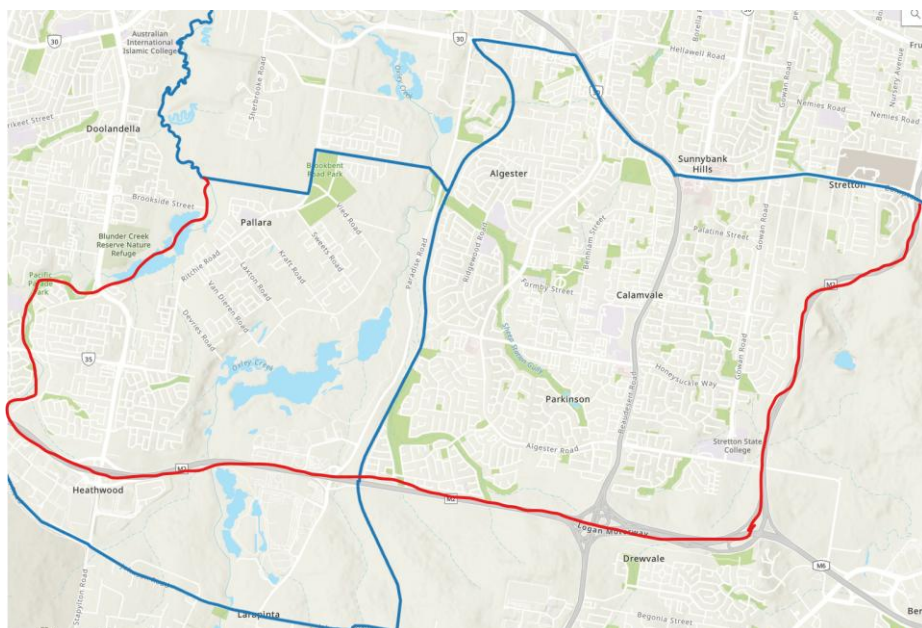
- Regaining almost all of Rankin's share of Brisbane Council – this includes all of Stretton, Calamvale, and Algester. This area is quite cut off from the remainder of Rankin by motorways and the Karawatha Forest parklands, and would seem to me to have a stronger connection northwards to Sunnybank than to the east or south. All three suburbs have previously been within Moreton, and the Gateway Motorway is a strong eastern boundary.

I propose that the small part of Brisbane Council south of the Logan Motorway (Drewvale and surrounds) remain within Rankin, as I think it fits better with Browns Plains and similar suburbs immediately to the south.

- Gaining the Pallara and Heathwood area from the Division of Oxley.

This area probably has stronger links to Forest Lake (in Oxley), but it is also quite a discrete area that is surrounded by parklands, motorways, and waterways in all directions. Part of the suburb of Pallara is already within Moreton, and there some links northwards into communities like Willawong.

My proposed new boundaries make use of the Gateway Motorway, Logan Motorway, and Blunder Creek – all three are strong and clear boundaries that have significant parklands or industrial/commercial areas alongside them.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		109,636	113,083
- Fairfield – Dutton Park SA2 (bal)	To Griffith	2223	2274
- Annerley SA2 (all)	To Griffith	8334	8674
- Yeronga SA2 (Yeronga only)	To Griffith	5458	5558
+ Calamvale – Stretton SA2 (west of Gateway Motorway)	From Rankin	12,994	13,571
+ Algester SA2 (all)	From Rankin	5700	5920
+ Parkinson – Drewvale SA2 (north of Logan Motorway)	From Rankin	8050	8567
+ Pallara – Willawong SA2 (north of Logan Motorway)	From Oxley	7717	8132
TOTAL		128,082	132,767

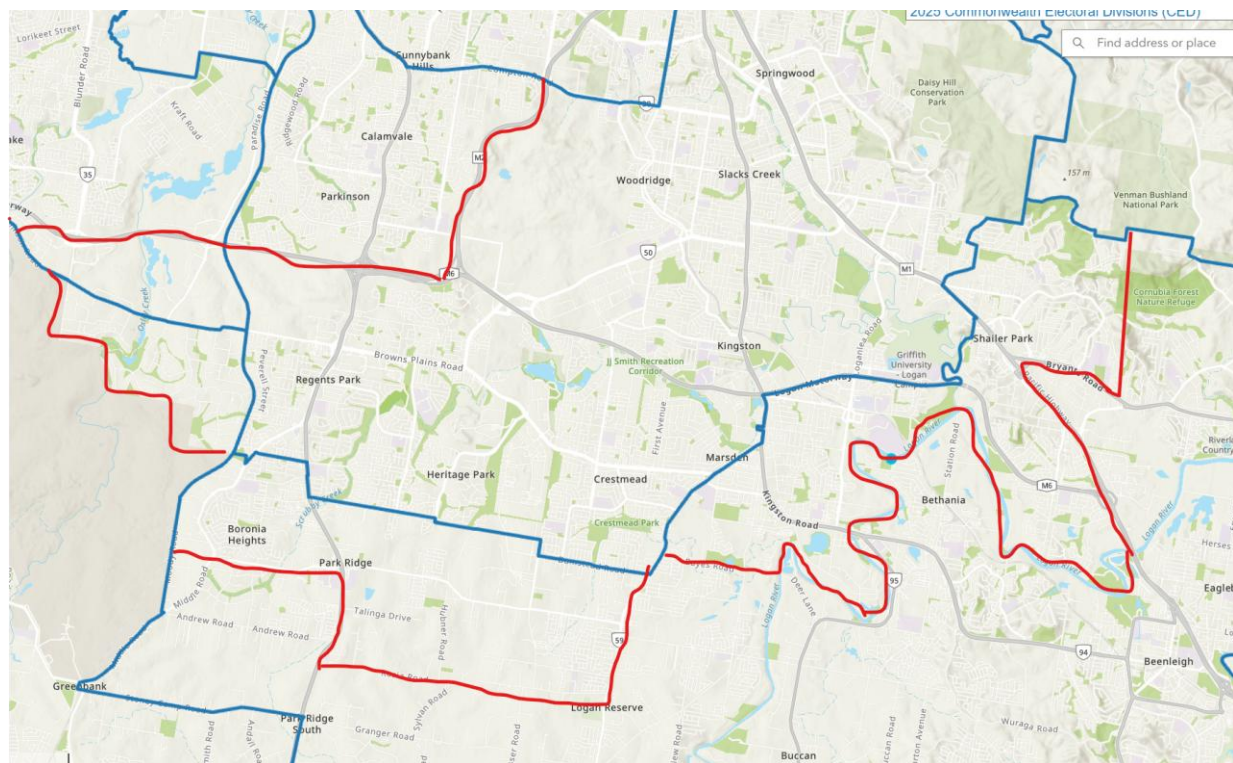
RANKIN

Rankin makes two significant exchanges with the Divisions of Forde and Moreton

- 1) Gaining approximately 42,000 electors in southern Logan from the Division of Forde
- 2) Losing around 28,000 electors in Brisbane LGA to the Division of Moreton.

These changes bring Rankin back within quota, but I also suggest that it gain Forestdale from Wright. I assume this area was only included in Wright for quota purposes, because it seems very isolated and awkwardly placed in that Division. It seems to me that it fits better with suburbs to the east such as Hillcrest and Boronia Heights, which would be in my proposed Rankin.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		117,298	121,280
- Calamvale – Stretton SA2 (west of Gateway Motorway)	To Moreton	12,994	13,571
- Algester SA2 (all)	To Moreton	5700	5920
- Parkinson – Drewvale SA2 (north of Logan Motorway)	To Moreton	8050	8567
+ Boronia Heights – Park Ridge SA2 (north of Crest Road)	From Forde	11940	12957
+ Waterford West SA2 (all)	From Forde	5097	5282
+ Loganlea SA2 (all)	From Forde	6604	6957
+ Shailer Park SA2 (all)	From Forde	8699	8810
+ Loganholme – Tanah Merah SA2 (west of Pacific Motorway)	From Forde	7344	7602
+ Hillcrest SA2 (balance)	From Wright	1933	2041
TOTAL		132,171	136,871



OXLEY

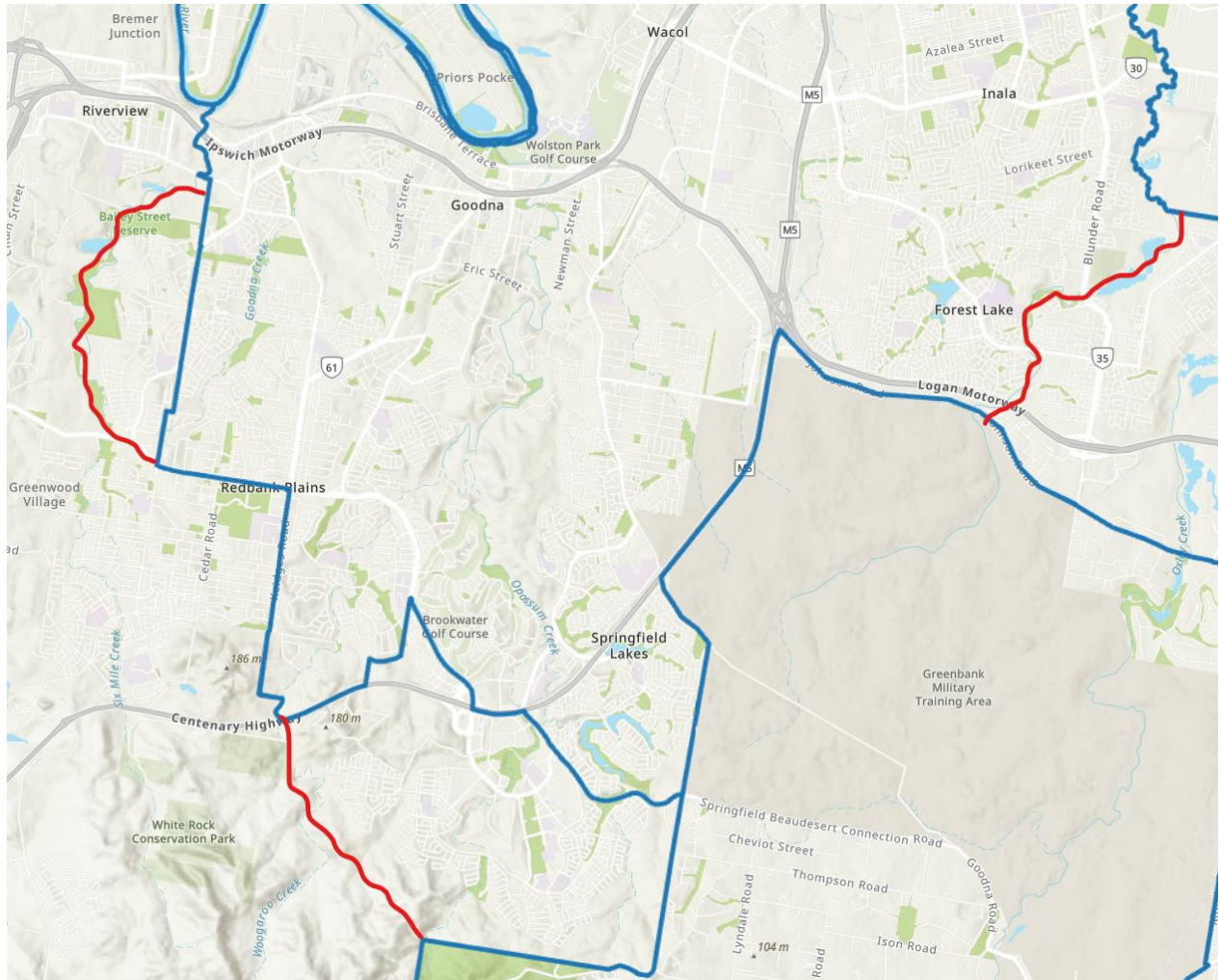
There are two issues with the existing south-western boundary of Oxley – the major suburban centre of Springfield is split completely in half, and there is a very awkward boundary through the Collingwood Park area. Now that Oxley needs to gain electors, it makes enormous sense to address both of these issues.

To that end, I suggest all of the remainder of Springfield – including Springfield Central, Spring Mountain, and the balance of Springfield Lakes, plus the small remaining part of Augustine Heights – should be transferred from Blair. This unites a strong community of interest in a single seat, and brings an area of solid growth into Oxley.

This gain brings Oxley back within tolerance, but I also recommend the balance of Collingwood Park be added. The existing boundary leaves a few thousand electors isolated from the remainder of the Division of Blair, and it seems far more sensible to move the boundary to follow Six Mile Creek.

My proposed new western boundary for Oxley would follow open space for most of its length, forming a clear divide with Blair.

CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		124,944	129,999
- Pallara – Willawong SA2 (north of Logan Motorway)	To Moreton	7717	8132
+ Springfield Lakes SA2 (balance)	From Blair	8653	9582
+ Augustine Heights SA2 (balance)	From Blair	171	187
+ Collingwood Park – Redbank SA2 (balance)	From Blair	3810	3956
TOTAL		129,856	135,587



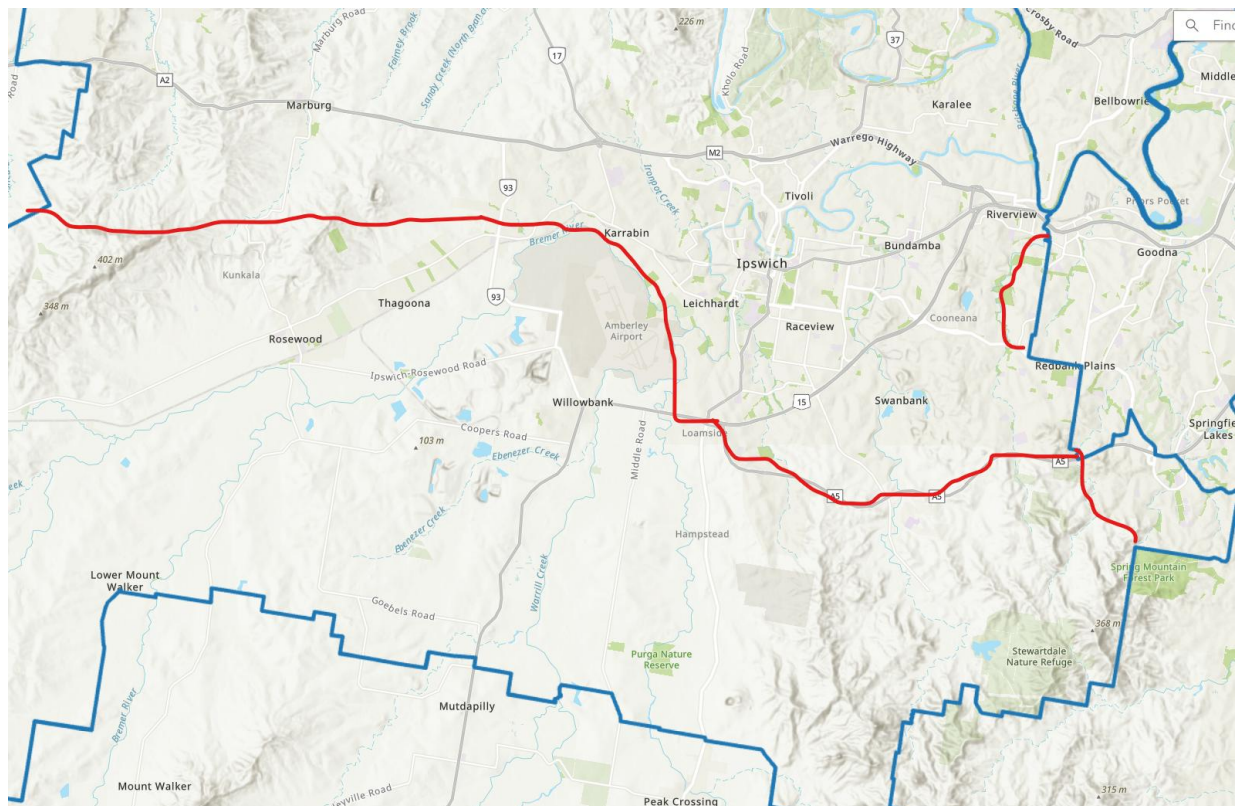
BLAIR

Strong growth around Ipswich has driven Blair way over quota, and the loss of over 13,000 electors to Oxley still leaves it well outside tolerance. Assuming all of the other boundaries have been established, the only Division it can lose electors to is Wright.

I suggest two losses:

- All of South Ripley, using the Centenary Motorway as the new boundary. This helps split the Ripley growth area between two seats to moderate Blair's rapid growth.
- Most of the Rosewood area, except for the Warrego Highway corridor (Marburg and surrounds). This is a semi-rural area that fits well with similar communities south and west Ipswich that are already in Wright.

Blair remains a Division clearly based on Ipswich and the Brisbane Valley – it loses significant electors but does not change its existing character.



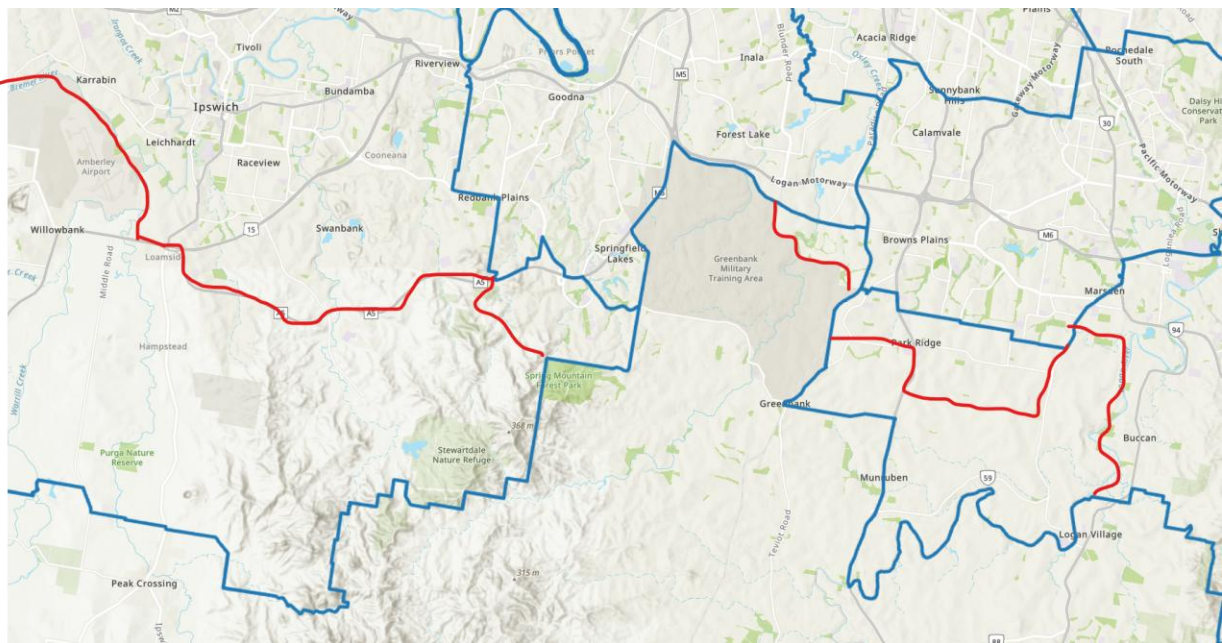
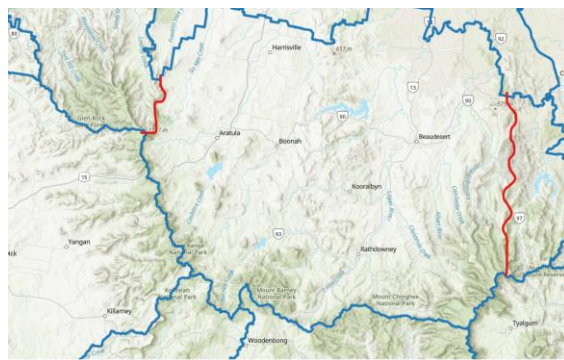
CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		148,790	157,342
- Springfield Lakes SA2 (balance)	To Oxley	8653	9582
- Augustine Heights SA2 (balance)	To Oxley	171	187
- Collingwood Park – Redbank SA2 (balance)	To Oxley	3810	3956
- Ripley SA2 (south of Centenary Motorway)	To Wright	4425	5024
- Rosewood SA2 (excluding Warrego Hwy corridor)	To Wright	9649	10,085
TOTAL		122,082	128,508

WRIGHT

Another well over-quota Division, Wright undergoes significant re-arrangements with other seats. In summary

- It loses all of the Lockyer Valley to the Division of Maranoa
- It loses all of its Gold Coast hinterland to McPherson, Moncrieff and Fadden.
- It loses the Forestdale area to Rankin.
- It gains southern Logan LGA communities from Forde.
- It gains South Ripley and communities south and west of Ipswich from Blair.

These changes leave Wright more clearly focussed on Scenic Rim, southern Logan, and south-western Ipswich.



CHANGE	DIVISION TO/FROM	CURRENT ENROLMENT	PROJECTED ENROLMENT
EXISTING		147,976	158,859
- Lockyer Valley East SA2 (all)	To Maranoa	17,540	18,314
- Gatton SA2 (all)	To Maranoa	4743	4956
- Lockyer Valley West SA2 (all)	To Maranoa	9819	10,182
- Mudgeeraba – Bonogin SA2 (bal)	To McPherson	4785	4972
- Guanaba – Springbrook SA2 (Springbrook only)	To McPherson	588	598
- Worongary – Tallai SA2 (bal)	To Moncrieff	6867	7364
- Nerang – Mount Nathan SA2 (bal)	To Moncrieff	3940	4143
- Guanaba – Springbrook SA2 (part not added to McPherson)	To Moncrieff	3062	3192
- Oxenford – Maudsland SA2 (bal)	To Fadden	6111	6429
- Hillcrest SA2 (balance)	To Rankin	1933	2041
+ Boronia Heights – Park Ridge SA2 (south of Crest Road)	From Forde	2537	2881
+ Munruben – Park Ridge South SA2 (all)	From Forde	2281	2281
+ Chambers Flat – Logan Reserve SA2 (all)	From Forde	9618	11,668
+ Ripley SA2 (south of Centenary Motorway)	From Blair	4425	5024
+ Rosewood SA2 (excluding Warrego Hwy corridor)	From Blair	9649	10,085
TOTAL		117,098	128,607