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Dear Secretary

I refer to your advertisement in The Australian on Saturday, 19th September, 2026, calling for 'suggestions' for the redistribution of electoral boundaries for Queensland.

I have enclosed tables for my suggestions for all 30 divisions, however my main focus is on the 10 Divisions outside the South East corner of the State.

I have enclosed my tables for the whole state to show how the 10 Divisions would 'fit' into the overall State.

The three northern Divisions, Leichhardt, Kennedy & Herbert

The three northern Divisions of Leichhardt, Kennedy and Herbert are all within current and projected quota allowances.

Here we have two sets of projection figures, one your Committee uses from the ABS, and one from the Queensland Government, used for the recent Queensland State boundary's redistribution, which shows the same thing, the area from Townsville north which shows the same thing, the area is holding 'its own' in growth with the State average and therefore should not have lost an electorate in the recent State Redistribution.

I have 'suggested' no changes for the Divisions of Leichhardt and Kennedy, and a small change to my 'suggested' Division of Herbert.

I have included the remainder of the Annandale SA2 into the 'suggested' Division.

At the 2009 Redistribution the suburb of Annandale was shifted into the Division of Dawson however the Army barracks in Murray was left in Herbert.

This caused a considerable number of 'objections', mainly pro-forma.

The Augmented Commission visited Townsville to take submissions.

My understanding is that the attendance was poor.

With the Division of Herbert only just above the minimum allowed on projected enrolments, I believe this allows the suburb of Annandale to be reunited with the Army barracks.

It also allows more of the areas within the Mackay Regional Council area to be included in my 'suggested' Division of Dawson.

I did look at the boundary between the Divisions of Kennedy and Dawson in the Townsville City Council Area, however decided not to 'suggest' any changes because if Queensland obtains any extra Division in three years time each existing Division will have to lose about 4,500 voters.

The flow on effect from the two divisions further North will mean the Division of Herbert will need to lose approximately 13,500 voters, or other changes made, such as the composition of the existing Division of Kennedy.

I believe this would be the right time to look at the Kennedy/Dawson boundary.

Central Queensland Divisions of Dawson, Capricornia, and Flynn.

The three Central Queensland Divisions of Dawson, Capricornia and Flynn are together 26,000 under quota on current enrolments and 29,000 on projected enrolments, together with the western Division of Maranoa which is 9,000 under quota on current enrolments and nearly 12,000 on projected enrolments, those four Divisions are below quota by 35,000 on current enrolments, and 41,000 on projected enrolments.

This is 27.5% under quota on current enrolments and 30% on projected quotas.

For the above reasons I 'suggest' that the existing Division of Flynn be abolished and its area be absorbed into the electorates of Capricornia, Hinkler, and Maranoa.

I have nothing against the name 'Flynn' however I believe that because of its location it is the one 'to go'.

I have not suggested 'Flynn' as the name for the replacement Division in the Sunshine Coast Hinterland because it may cause confusion so soon after being abolished in the Gladstone area.

I support keeping the names of original Divisions thus keeping the names 'Capricornia' and 'Maranoa'.

My 'suggested' Division of Hinkler brings the division back to where it was when created with the increase in the size of the Parliament in 1984, i.e. Gladstone and Bundaberg in one electorate.

My 'suggested' Division of Dawson takes in more of the Mackay Regional Council area, however I could not fit the Sarina SA2 within the quota requirements so it remains in the existing Division of Capricornia.

My suggested Division of Capricornia retains all of the Livingstone Shire, and gains that part of the Rockhampton Local Authority area not in the existing Division.

It also retains the Isaac Local Authority Area and gains the Banana Shire.

Wide Bay area

My 'suggested' Division of Wide Bay gains Hervy Bay area from the existing Division of Hinkler, bringing the Fraser Coast Regional Council area under one Division.

I have suggested the area around Wondai in the Kingaroy Surrounds-North SA2 be added to Murgon area, which is in the existing division of Wide Bay.

This was necessary to keep my 'suggested' Division of Maranoa within quota requirements.

I have had to transfer most of the Gympie Surrounds SA2 from the existing Wide Bay Division, to meet quota requirements.

I suggest a corridor between the Bruce Highway and the Wide Bay Highway be retained in the division of Wide Bay, to join the City of Gympie to the rest of my 'suggested' Division of Wide Bay.

The remainder of the Gympie Surrounds SA2 and the Cooloola SA2 goes into my 'suggested' new Division of Adermann.

'Suggested' new Division of Adermann

This new 'suggested' Division replaced the existing of Flynn which I 'suggest' be abolished.

I suggest that this new Division be named 'Adermann' after Sir Charles Adermann, and his son Evan, who together represented the area in I suggest for the new division, in Federal Parliament from 1943 to 1990 in the Divisions of Maranoa, Fisher and Fairfax.

This 'suggested' division runs from Cooloola in the north, passes through the Sunshine Coast hinterland, Moreton Bay Local Authority area, Somerset Local Authority Area to take in most of the Lockyer Valley East SA2 and the Gatton SA2 from the existing division of Wright, in the south.

While it is a 'long, narrow' suggested Division, the growth areas, and over quota Divisions, are mainly on the Sunshine Coast, Moreton Bay Local Authority Areas, and the area south of Ipswich and east to the northern Gold Coast.

With only one 'spare' Division I have tried to encompass those growth areas both north and south of the Brisbane City Council area in the 'suggested' Division.

No doubt others closer to the area will have suggestions as how to address this issue.

Groom and Maranoa

I gave consideration to Groom and/or Maranoa coming down the range into the Lockyer Valley and Somerset Local Authority areas eventually decided 'it would not work', and suggest that the Division of Groom make up its shortfall by including areas around Toowoomba from the existing Division of Maranoa.

My 'suggested' division of Maranoa then expands into the Central Highlands (Emerald) and the North Burnett.

This Division already includes the area west of Emerald, and much of the South Burnett, so I believe that my 'suggestion' fits into the overall composition of Maranoa.

Sunshine Coast/Moreton Bay Local Authority Area.

My 'suggested' Division of Fairfax shifts north to take in the Noosa area from the existing Division of Wide Bay.

Its southern boundary moves north to meet quota requirements.

My 'suggested' Division of Fisher loses its hinterland to both my new 'suggested' Division of Adermann, and the existing Division of Longman.

My 'suggested' Division of Longman moves north, so does my 'suggested' Division of Dickson.

My 'suggested' Division of Dickson loses the Hills District SA2 to my 'suggested' Division of Ryan.

My 'suggested' Division of Petrie loses some of the Brisbane City Council Area to the existing Division of Lilley.

Brisbane North of the river.

I have already discussed my 'suggested' Divisions of Ryan and Lilley.

The existing Division of Brisbane is within the quota requirements on both accounts, however I do suggest it gain that part of the Paddington/Milton SA2 that is in the existing Division of Ryan to bring my 'suggested' Division of Ryan back within quota requirements, after my suggestion to gain The Hills District SA2, from the existing Division of Dickson.

Brisbane South of the River

The existing Divisions of Griffith and Bowman are with in quota requirements, however I do suggest a slight transfer of an area of Mount Gravatt East, in the existing Division of Griffith, to my 'suggested' division of Bonner, again to help bring it back to within quota requirements.

I also suggest an area of the existing Division of Moreton be transferred to to my 'suggested' Division of Bonner to help bring it back within quota requirements.

My suggested Division of Moreton gains all of that part of the existing Division of Rankin within the Brisbane City Council area, and loses part of the existing division in the east to help bring my suggested Division of Bonner back within quota requirements.

Ipswich Area

With the suggested transfer of the Somerset Local Authority area to my 'suggested' Division of Adermann, the existing Division of Blair comes within quota requirements, and therefore I suggest no further changes to the existing division.

The existing Division of Oxley is within quota requirements and I suggest no changes be made to that Division.

Logan-Beaudesert Area

As I mentioned above I suggest that Ryan become a Division wholly within the Logan Local Authority Area.

I suggest the same applies to the existing Division of Forde, and therefore it loses its Gold Coast component to my 'suggested' Division of Wright.

I have nominated a split between my 'suggested' Divisions of Rankin and Forde, however I believe that there will be others who live closer to the area than I, will probably have better suggestions.

My suggested Division of Wright loses the all the area within the Logan Local Authority area, as well as parts of the Lockyer Valley Local Authority Area and gains all that part of the existing Division of Forde within the gold Coast Local Authority area, as well as parts of the existing Division of Fadden to bring that Division back within quota requirements.

Gold Coast Area

I suggest a slight transfer from the existing Division of Moncrieff to the existing Division of McPherson to bring that division back within quota requirements.

Conclusion

I have tried to keep the transfer of areas, and therefore electors to a minimum, bearing in mind that there will probably be another redistribution in Queensland after the next Federal election, as it appears the State will obtain an extra Division by then.

Maps:-

I have not included maps as I believe my tables have enough information in them for the Commission and those interested to follow my 'suggestions' on the ABS maps.

I do have some issues I wish to raise in connection of this redistribution, however I want to make sure that this letter, together with the tables 'goes through', thus the reason for emailing it earlier on closing day.

If time allows, I will forward an additional part of this submission latter in the day.

If not, I will include my concerns in 'comments'.

I acknowledge that my totals for the State do not align with the totals given by the commission.

I am approximately 2,000 under on one side, and the same amount over on the other side.

I will try and rectify this between now and 'comments' and if it makes a difference to any of my 'suggested' divisions I will resubmit the tables in 'comments'.

Should you have any queries please contact me on the above phone number or by email.

Yours sincerely

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