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1. INTRODUCTION

– For context, this proposal is submitted by me, Maggie Perry – I'm a student currently living in Central Queensland (*Flynn*) who used to reside in Cairns as well. This submission is primarily guided by my understanding of Queensland's geography, alongside consultation with people I know in South-East Queensland, and some demographic maps made using ABS Table Builder and YAPMS for the purpose of this submission. Boundaries are to be contiguous, within 10% of the current elector quota (127,259), and within 3.5% of the projected elector quota (132,526). When quota percentages are used, I'm referring to the seats amount of electors relative to these numbers.

– Much of my boundaries are drawn to preserve communities of interests, and use natural boundaries (mainly rivers and creeks) when possible. I've tried also to unite local government areas (LGAs) and suburbs into one electorate where they are currently split – and when natural boundaries aren't applicable, I've used LGA borders, suburb borders, and highways to dictate divisions.

– When I refer to current electors, projected electors, etc, I am referring to the % of the elector quota that the seat is at. For example, a seat with 130,500 electors and not 127,300 electors (the quota for current electors per seat) I will refer to as being +2.5%, since it is at 102.5% of the quota, and is hence 2.5% above quota.

– I was able to draw borders using auredistribution.com, and this was the tool I relied on for most of the creation of my submission, so huge thank you to them.

– I might've written this submission a bit too formally, so apologies if I'm overexplaining things!

– When I'm referring to a seat, I will use italics to differentiate from similarly named localities.

– Dark green text implies those particular borders are new for the seat.

– [*Ryan*], for example, means that I've already explained my reasoning for a choice in the *Ryan* section .

– The way I've approached this redistribution is to progress based on when I drew these seats, by starting at certain immovable or fairly concrete borders, and work from there,– for example;

– Starting at the tip of QLD in Cape York, working directly down from *Leichhardt* to *Flynn*, given these seats can only really exchange with each other (bar *Flynn*) – these seats can be drawn pretty much separately from whatever else is going on in Queensland.

– Starting at the Brisbane River and working up to the Sunshine Coast, since I don't think these seats should cross the Brisbane River or go west of the Conondale/D'Aguilar/Glass House mountains.

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3. INTIAL OUTLOOK

- Brisbane North (*Brisbane*, *Lilley*, *Ryan*) is at 2.86 current quotas, and 2.83 projected quotas. These seats as a bloc must decently expand to remain within elector requirements.

- Moreton Bay (*Dickson*, *Longman*, *Petrie*) is at 3.20 current quotas, and 3.21 projected quotas. These seats as a bloc must considerably contract (likely to growth from the Brisbane North bloc).

- Brisbane South (*Moreton*, *Griffith*, *Bonner*) is at 2.74 current quotas, and 2.72 projected quotas. These seats as a bloc must considerably grow to align with quotas.

- Bowman does not require change, at 0.99 current quotas and 0.98 projected quotas.

- The Gold Coast (Fadden, McPherson, Moncrieff) sits at 3.06 current quotas, and 3.07 projected quotas. This does not inherently require this bloc of seats to grow (each seat could sit at 2% above projected quota without losing land), but change would be preferrable.

- The Sunshine Coast (*Fairfax*, *Fisher*) sits at 2.18 current quotas, and 2.21 projected quotas. These 2 seats must undergo considerable contraction.

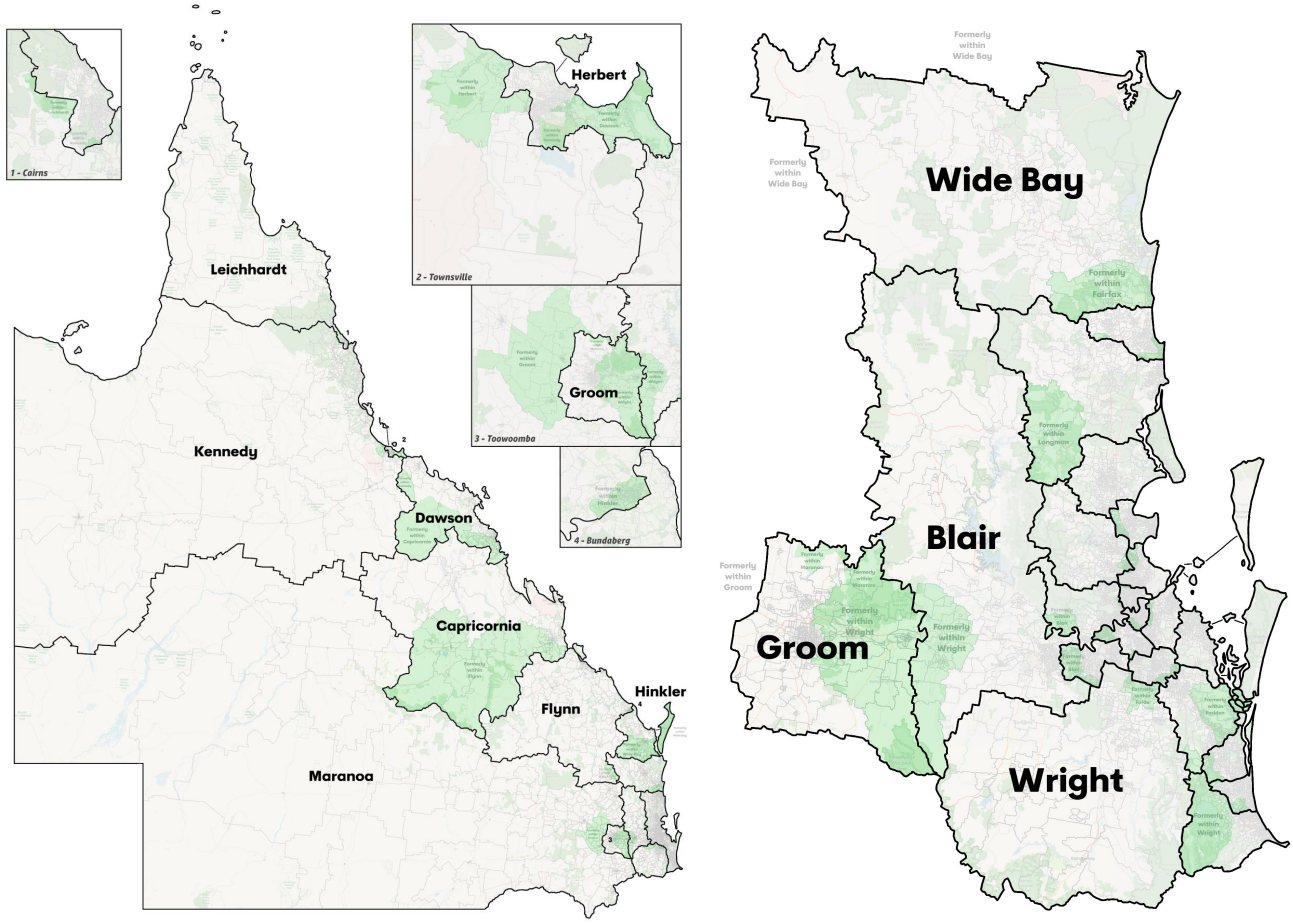
- Logan-Ipswich (*Blair*, *Forde*, *Oxley*, *Rankin*, *Wright*) sits at 5.34 current quotas, and 5.41 projected quotas. These seats need to considerably contract as well.

- Northern Queensland (*Dawson*, *Herbert*, *Kennedy*, *Leichhardt*) sits at 3.88 current quotas, and 3.86 projected quotas. This bloc of seats need to expand southwards to remain in quota.

- Burnett-Central Queensland (*Capricornia*, *Flynn*, *Hinkler*, *Wide Bay*) sits at 3.89 current quotas, and 3.86 projected quotas. Given Northern Queensland would need to expand into this bloc, these seats are going to need to considerably expand.

- Southern Queensland (*Groom*, *Maranoa*) sits at 1.88 current quotas, and 1.87 projected quotas. These seats will need to also expand to remain in quota.

4. MAPS/FORMATTING



- To help readers and the AEC visualise data, I've drawn maps showing QLD SA1s, new seat borders, and where seats are gaining territory. Green filled areas represent an area the seat has gained from another, and I've placed small text in these areas to designate what seat this is taken from. I used GIMP to manually draw these boundaries, so small errors may exist. I've shown my 2 overview maps for Regional QLD and South-East QLD (SEQ) to demonstrate.

5. CURRENT ISSUES

At present, there range a number of seat boundaries that I believe are can be agreed to be problematic, or incoherent. I understand that many of these changes were changes the AEC had to make in previous redistributions, but this more serves as a guideline as to what the goals of this proposal should generally be (outside of aligning seats with quota requirements).

- *Petrie* ranges from Deception Bay down to Aspley in a very strange boomerang shape, while specifically avoiding areas in Brighton and Sandgate that have much closer connection, in my view, to the rest of *Petrie*. *Petrie* should either not go south of Telegraph/Linkfield Road, or not cross into Brisbane City Council altogether by taking in unrelated areas in the north of Brisbane in a primarily Moreton Bay electorate.

- Dakabin and parts of Kallangur do not have any strong geographic/demographic relation to the rest of *Longman*.

- *Bonner* is not a particularly cohesive electorate and more of a straight line, that should preferably become more compact.

- *Forde* is a very strange electorate that takes in a significant portion of the northern Gold Coast, before going into Logan and reaching out as far as Boronia Heights, making a very odd seat with 2 panhandles.

- *Wright* is in my opinion a very incoherent electorate. It takes in parts of the western Gold Coast (which doesn't have much connection to the rest of the seat), going into peri-urban Logan, taking the entirety of Scenic Rim, and most egregiously taking in the entirety of the Lockyer Valley, which is barely contiguous with the rest of the seat, not having to my knowledge a single road connection to the rest of the seat without going through *Blair* or *Maranoa*.

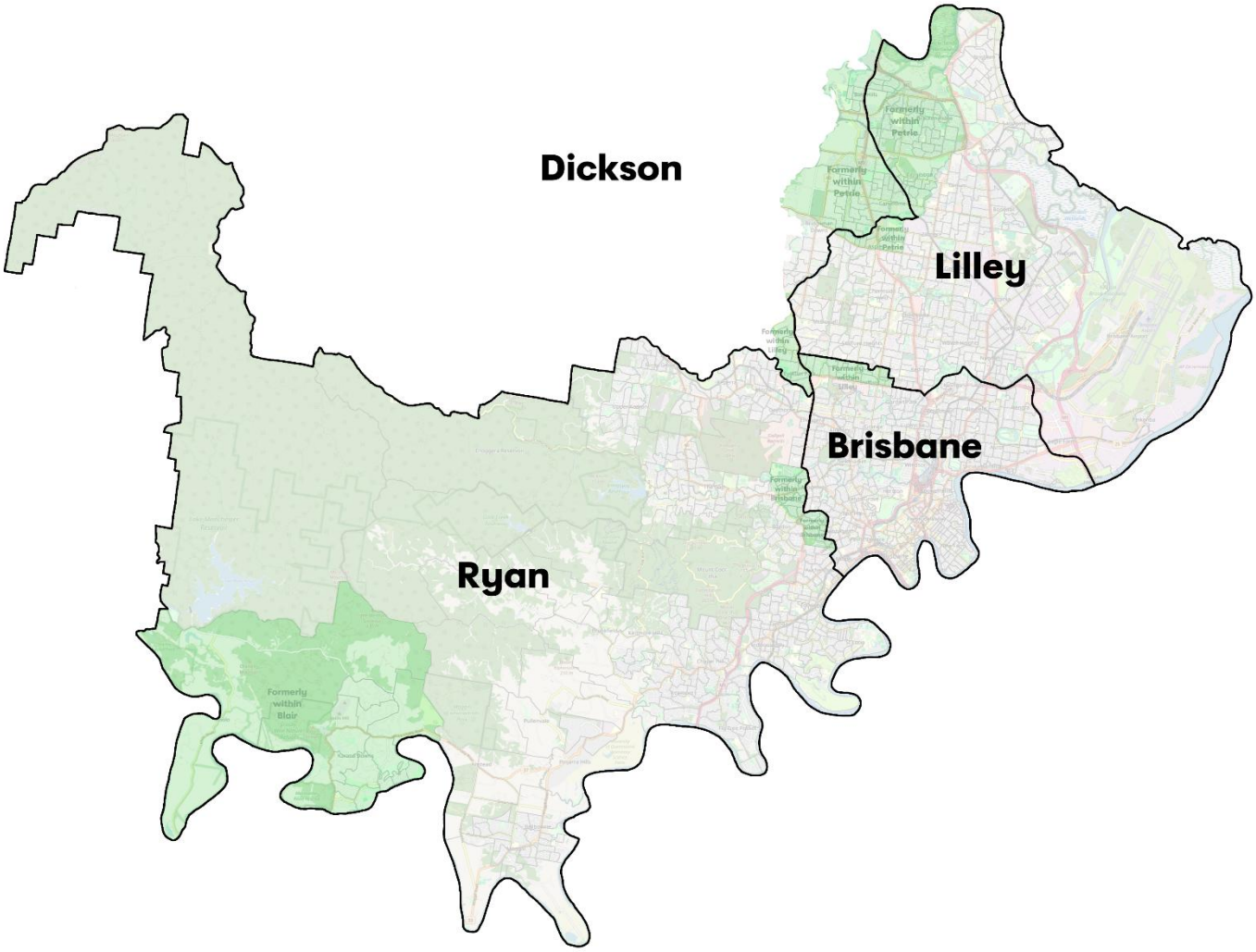
- While not particularly bad, the Central Highlands LGA has minimal relation to the rest of *Flynn* (which I say as a resident of Banana Shire). Some of the outer suburbs of Bundaberg and Rockhampton (for example, Gracemere) are in *Flynn* despite being strongly connected to a city outside the seat.

- *Capricornia* reaches into rural areas with little connection to Rockhampton and much stronger connection to Mackay. *Dawson* similarly takes in some Townsville suburbs despite being Mackay and Whitsunday centric.

- *Kennedy* contains the Cairns suburbs of Bentley Park and Edmonton, while the entire rest of the city is in *Leichhardt*.

6. SEAT-BY-SEAT PROPOSALS

6.1 BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL NORTH (*Brisbane, Lilley, Ryan*)



	BRISBANE	***LILLEY***	***RYAN***
Old 'Current Electors'	+0.31%	-6.01%	-9.14%
Old 'Projected Electors'	+0.61%	-7.51%	-10.55%
New 'Current Electors'	-1.66%	+2.40%	+0.50%
New 'Projected Electors'	-1.42%	+0.65%	-1.11%
Of the 3 seats, *Lilley* and *Ryan* must re-align their borders to align with requirements.			

RYAN

Gains: Suburbs of Kholo, Mount Crosby, and Karana Downs from *Blair*. Portions of Paddington, Ashgrove, and Bardon from *Brisbane*.

Losses:

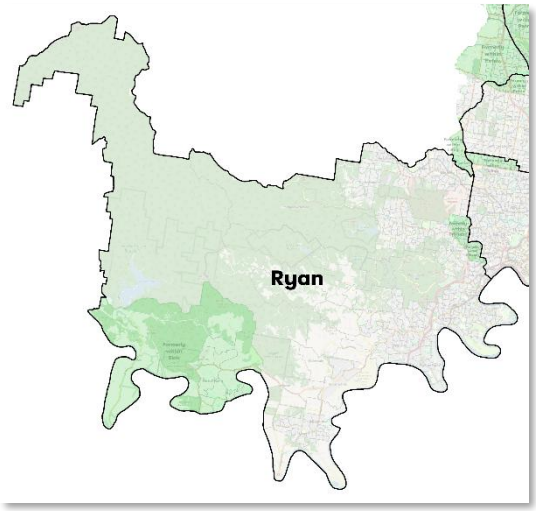
New Borders: *Ryan* follows the Brisbane City Council (BCC) - Ipswich LGA border until it reaches the Brisbane River, following it up to the suburb of Auchenflower. The Auchenflower SA2 border is used up till Haig Rd, following it north to Fernberg Rd, which is followed northwest to Ellena/Morris St. The Morris St border ends at Kennedy Terrace, going west to Jubilee Terrace, which Ryan tracks up to Elimata Drive, going directly north once it ends, until Kedron Brook. Kedron Brook, then the BCC border with Moreton Bay, is used until *Ryan* reaches the border of Ipswich LGA.

Explanation:

- *Ryan* initially starts at -10.55% of projected quota, well outside the permitted range, requiring expansion. My first recommendation is for *Ryan* to annex the suburbs of Kholo, Mount Crosby and Karana Downs – These suburbs mean *Ryan*'s borders follow the Brisbane River for its entire south border, and these suburbs are much whiter, more educated, and more elderly than *Blair*, while being alike to similar *Ryan* suburbs like Moggill or Kenmore. This also means *Blair* no longer crosses the Brisbane River, and will no longer contain any notable portion of BCC.

- *Ryan* is still left at -7.05%, requiring further changes. I think the Brisbane River to its south and the Kedron Brook/Moreton Bay LGA border to its north make very reasonable borders for *Ryan*, leaving the only possible route of expansion being the seat of *Brisbane*. Given *Ryan* already has portions of the suburbs of Paddington, Bardon, and Ashgrove, I think it would be no harm to have *Ryan* expand further into these localities, taking the western portions of these suburbs. Though, the borders I've drawn in these areas are somewhat arbitrary.

- These changes entirely keep *Ryan*'s current configuration, with minor tweaks at its outer edges to push *Ryan* into quota. I would not recommend any radical change to *Ryan* given the Brisbane River and Moreton Bay LGA border make perfectly reasonable boundaries that confine the seat into Western Brisbane.



BRISBANE

Gains: The remainder of the suburb of Stafford and a portion of Everton Park from *Lilley*.

Losses: Portions of Paddington, Ashgrove, and Bardon to *Ryan*.

New Borders: The Auchenflower SA2 border is used up till Haig Rd, following it north to Fernberg Rd, which is followed northwest to Ellena/Morris St. The Morris St border ends at Kennedy Terrace, going west to Jubilee Terrace, which Ryan tracks up to Elimata Drive, going directly north once it ends, until Felstead St. The Stafford suburb boundary is then used until Stafford Road, which is tracked until Kedron Brook is reached again. Finally, Kedron Brook is tracked up to Southern Cross Way, going south to the Brisbane River, which forms *Brisbane*'s southern boundary.

Explanation:

- Some SA1s in *Brisbane*'s west have been lost [*Ryan*], leaving *Brisbane* at -5.33% projected quota, outside requirements. This is easily fixed by taking in the remainder of the suburb of Stafford, meaning Stafford is no longer divided between *Lilley* & *Brisbane*. The portion of Everton Park south of Felstead St should also be taken in to make boundaries less complicated and more compact.

- In sum, *Brisbane* is barely changed bar minor tweaks on its edges. *Brisbane*'s current concept is cohesive and compact, and should not be radically changed.

LILLEY

Gains: The suburbs of Bracken Ridge and Fitzgibbon, alongside a portion of Bald Hills and Bridgeman Downs, and the remainder of Aspley, from *Petrie*.

Losses: The remainder of Stafford to *Brisbane*, and portions of Everton Park to *Dickson* and *Brisbane*. A tiny portion of McDowall to *Dickson* west of Cabbage Tree Creek.

New Borders: Following the Southern Cross Way up to Schulz Canal, *Lilley* continues west up to Stafford Road, which is followed up to the border of the Stafford locality. This border is followed west, through Felstead St, then along Old Northern Road, until Cabbage Tree Creek is reached. This creek is followed up to the North Coast Line, which is tracked until Gympie Arterial Road, which is finally followed north until Pine River is reached, followed east to the Moreton Bay.

Explanation:

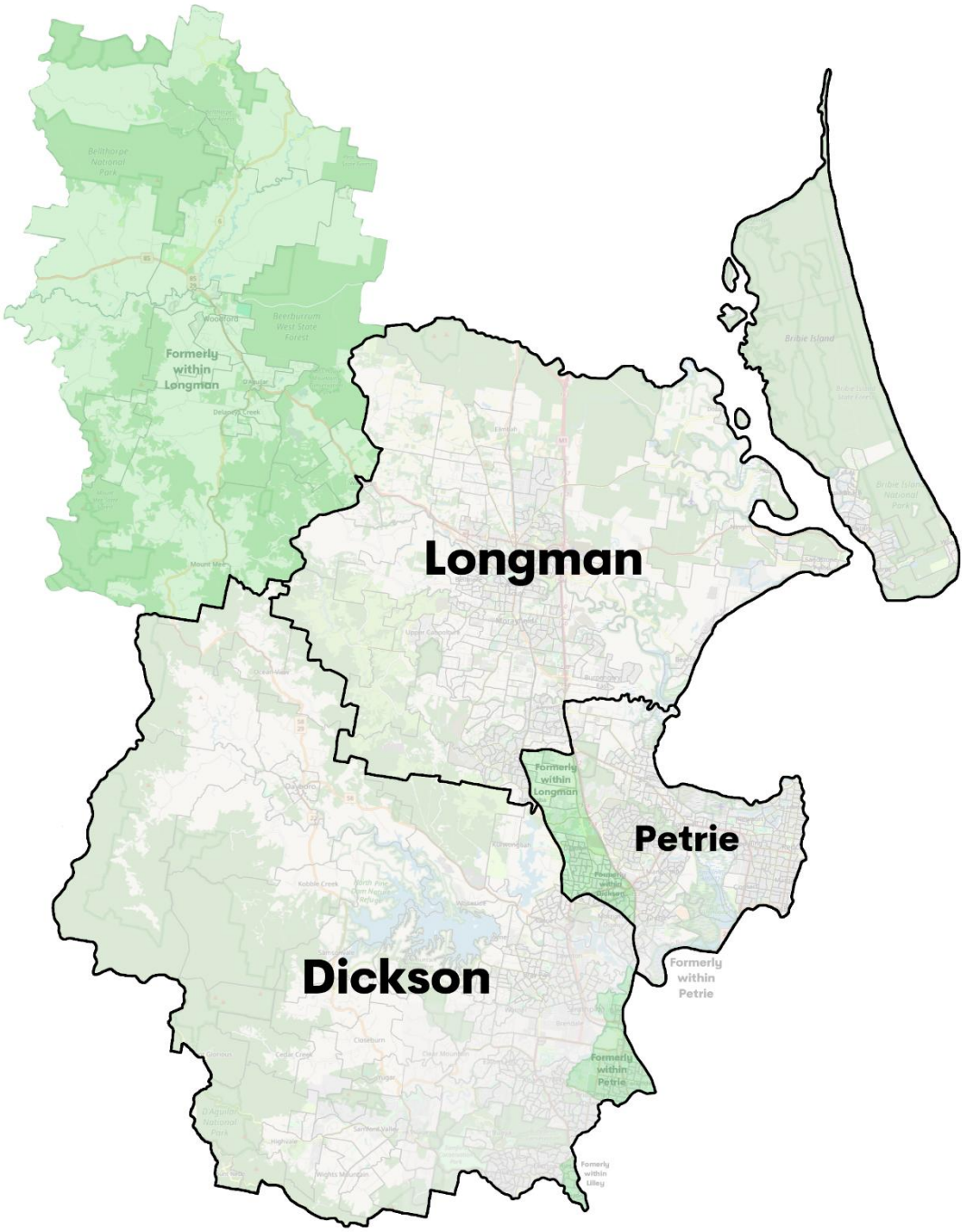
- With the loss of Stafford [*Brisbane*], *Lilley* is left at -11.42% of the projected quota, well under balance. I recommend moving *Lilley* to take in the suburbs of Bracken Ridge and Fitzgibbon, and parts of Bald Hills from *Petrie* – this brings *Lilley* well into quota. These suburbs should be annexed, as 1. The North Coast Line serves as a very easily followed boundary, and 2. These suburbs have much in common with coastal suburbs like Brighton and Sandgate, and little to do with Redcliffe. Adding these suburbs cements *Lilley*'s position as a northern Brisbane electorate, and means the seat is no longer awkwardly reaching up in a panhandle to reach Brighton, and instead composes a much more compact electorate.

- This leaves *Lilley* within quota – However, Cabbage Tree Creek can be used as another easily followed boundary, which also ensures *Lilley* retakes the remainder of Aspley from *Petrie*, uniting the suburb into 1 seat rather than dividing it in 2.

- Lastly, the portion of Everton Park west of Old Northern Road can be given to *Dickson*, to keep *Lilley* within the balance. This area is quite geographically distant from the rest of the electorate, and sits at the corner of 4 seats without a clear owner. *Dickson* makes the most sense as Everton Park has much in common with, and is quite proximate to, Everton Hills and Ferny Hills.

-In sum, *Lilley* is now a more compact and cohesive Northern Brisbane seat, with clear borders like Cabbage Tree Creek and the North Coast Line. Keeping the seat above quota also leaves *Lilley* in a position where it is more likely to be within requirements at the next redistribution.

6.2 MORETON BAY (*Dickson, Longman, Petrie*)



	DICKSON	*LONGMAN*	*PETRIE*
Old 'Current Electors'	-4.80%	+16.47%	+8.14%
Old 'Projected Electors'	-5.80%	+18.34%	+7.99%
New 'Current Electors'	+3.71%	+0.56%	-2.58%
New 'Projected Electors'	+2.62%	+2.27%	-2.09%
All 3 seats must realign borders to fit within requirements.			

PETRIE

Gains: The suburb of Dakabin, and parts of Narangba, Burpengary, and Kallangur from *Longman*. Parts of Kallangur and Murrumba Downs from *Dickson*.

Losses: *Petrie*'s entire portion of BCC, being the suburbs of Bald Hills, Bracken Ridge, Fitzgibbon, Carseldine, and the remainder of Bridgeman Downs and Aspley, to both *Dickson* and *Lilley*.

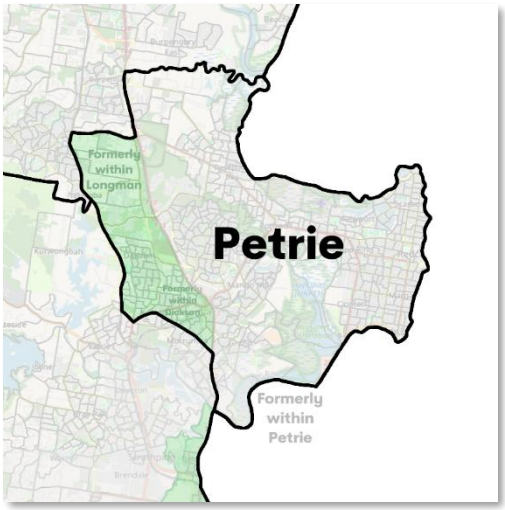
New Borders: *Petrie* follows Burpengary Creek to the Bruce Highway, which it follows down until New Settlement Rd, which is tracked west until it meets with the North Coast Line. This is followed south until Narangba Rd, which is briefly tracked east up to Anzac Rd, which is followed briefly until to Goodfellows Rd. This road is followed, alongside Blackall Rd, back to the Bruce Highway, which is finally followed south to the Pine River, which is then led to the Moreton Bay.

Explanation:

- At present, *Petrie* forms a very odd shape, taking in most of a very cohesive coastal south-east Moreton Bay area, before diverging to form an elongated panhandle and take a chunk out of BCC. These suburbs are very incoherent in relation to the rest of the seat, and have little relation, bar the fact that Moreton Bay residents may use the Bruce Highway to travel through here to work in the city. To massively improve coherence and compactness, I recommend removing the entire Brisbane portion from *Petrie*, using the Pine River as a clear boundary.

- *Petrie* is now left well under quota. Luckily, *Petrie* can easily gain the suburb of Dakabin from [*Longman*], and the suburbs of Kallangur and Murrumba Downs from *Dickson*, though parts of these suburbs should be kept in *Dickson* for the sake of elector requirements [*Dickson*]. These suburbs are very well connected to the remainder of *Petrie*, being separated from *Dickson* by the North Pine River, and *Longman* by a string of rural SA1s – showing that geographical coherence would be better preserved by relocating these suburbs to *Petrie*.

- Lastly, to keep both *Petrie* and *Longman* in requirements, *Petrie* should expand further past Dakabin to annex the portions of Narangba and Burpengary east of the North Coast Line and south of New Settlement Rd. These areas are somewhat rural and don't exactly have clear connection to either *Petrie* or *Longman*, and using the 2 prior mentioned boundaries makes *Petrie*'s borders very distinct and simple. Keeping *Petrie* under quota also means it's less likely to exceed requirements next redistribution given its growth this time around.



- In sum, *Petrie* should remove its portions south of Pine River, becoming a more compact electorate centred on the east of the Moreton Bay LGA.

DICKSON

Gains: The suburb of Carseldine, parts of Bald Hills, and the remainder of Bridgeman Downs, from *Petrie*. Part of Everton Park, and a tiny section of Bridgeman Downs, from *Lilley*.

Losses: Part of Kallangur and Murrumba Downs to *Petrie*.

New Borders: Starting at Dayboro SA2's border with Somerset LGA, *Dickson* follows the Moreton Bay LGA border all the way to the suburb of Everton Park. The Kedron Brook is followed to South Pine Road, which is followed north until Cabbage Tree Creek. This creek is followed until the North Coast Line, which is followed until it meets the Bruce Highway, which then defines *Dickson*'s eastern border up to Blackall Rd. This road, then becoming Goodfellows Rd, is followed to Anzac Rd, briefly following it to Narangba Rd, and that road up to the North Coast Line again. This line is followed up to Narangba SA2, where the northern boundary of the Dayboro SA2 is used to define the remainder of *Dickson*'s border.

Explanation:

- *Dickson* should gain parts of Everton Park from [*Lilley*]. Given [*Petrie*] is to fully retreat from BCC, *Dickson* should annex some of these suburbs – Carseldine, and portions of Bald Hills and Bridgeman Downs should be taken, and these changes are sensible given these areas share much similarity and connection to the hubs of Strathpine and Albany Creek, with very little connection to *Petrie*'s centre in Redcliffe.

- The most logical step to align *Petrie* is to give it the suburbs of Kallangur and Murrumba Downs. However, this leaves *Petrie* and *Dickson* slightly outside the elector allowance. *Dickson* could plausibly just annex the suburb of Murrumba Downs from *Petrie* without keeping any of Kallangur, but this would lead to a very arbitrary and odd border wherein *Dickson* goes north of the Pine River, just to annex Murrumba Downs, before sharply returning. Hence, I propose *Dickson* simply take in portions of Murrumba Downs/Kallangur south of Blackall Rd, Goodfellows Rd, Anzac Rd, and Narangba Rd. Dohles Rocks Rd also works as a boundary.

- In general, the edges of *Dickson*'s borders are tinkered with, taking areas in BCC that have close geographical connection to *Dickson*'s regional hubs in Strathpine and Albany Creek. Portions north of the North Pine River near *Petrie* are given to the seat, given these suburbs are probably more cohesive with *Petrie* than a seat focussed on Moreton Bay's south.

LONGMAN

Gains:

Losses: The suburb of Dakabin, and parts of Narangba and Burpengary, to *Petrie*. Woodford – D'Aguilar SA2 and the SA1 31302136901 to *Fisher*.

New Borders: *Longman* follows Burpengary Creek west to the Bruce Highway, following it down to New Settlement West Rd, which it tracks west until the North Coast Line. This is followed until it meets the Dayboro SA2 northern border, which it follows up to the Woodford – D'Aguilar SA2. *Dickson* tracks this SA2 border north (including SA1 31302136901 within it) to Moreton Bay's border with *Fisher*. This is then finally followed east into the Pumicestone Channel.

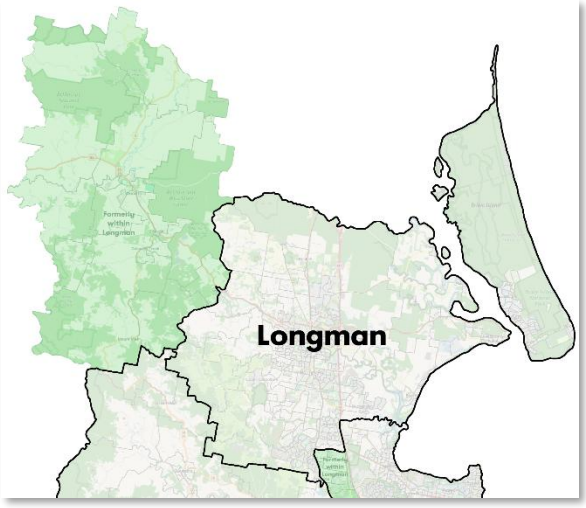
Explanation:

- *Longman* starts far above quota, needing to lose a huge chunk of land. I would perceive *Longman* as containing 5 or so areas: Caboolture and surrounds, Bribie Island and surrounds, Burpengary and surrounds, Woodford and surrounds, and Dakabin.

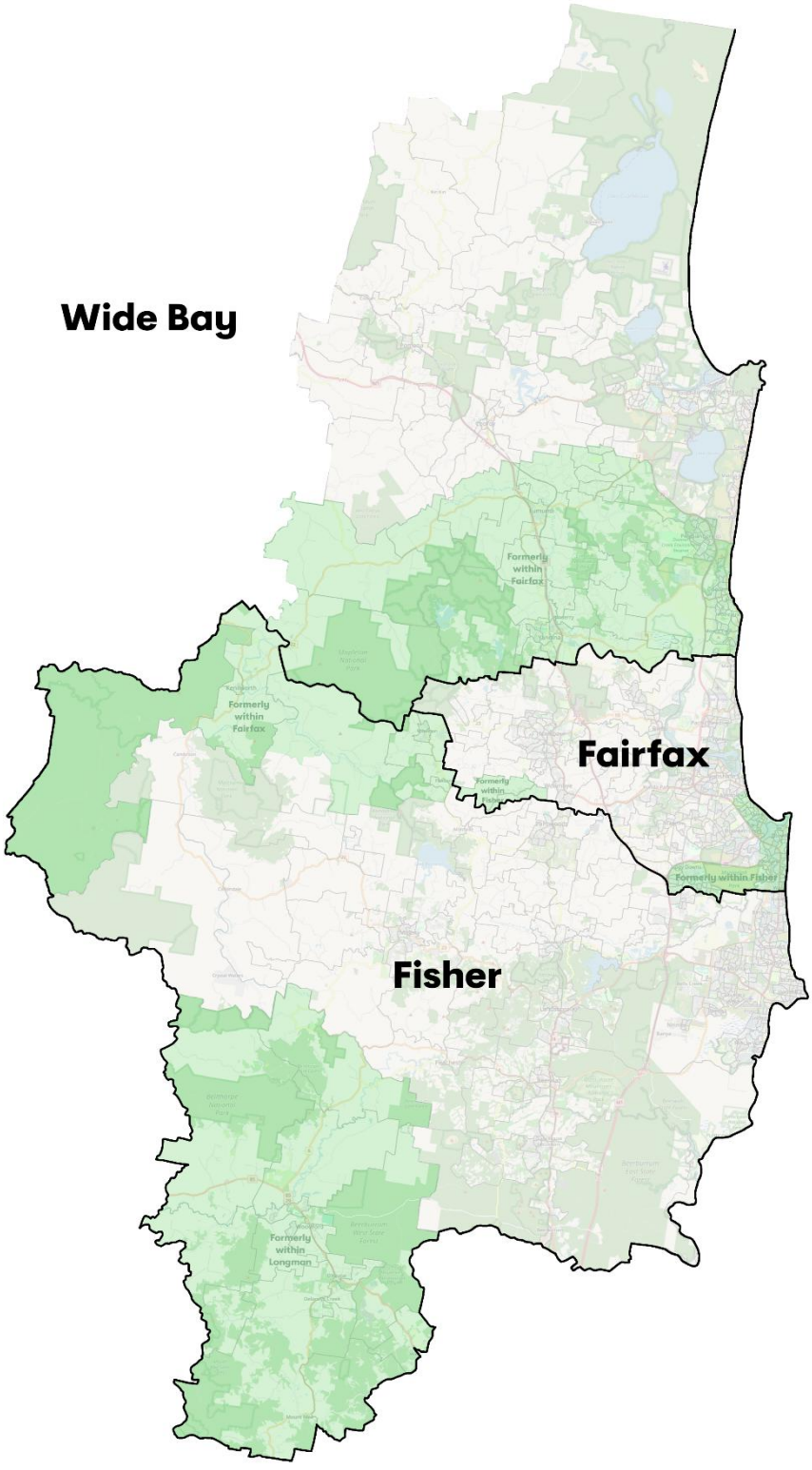
- Dakabin (and part of Kallangur) is very isolated from the rest of the seat, with *Longman* reaching far south to grab it. This panhandle can be easily given to *Petrie* instead. Additionally, some rural SA1s in Narangba and Burpengary can be sent to [*Petrie*]. This puts Dakabin in a seat it has a much closer connection with, rather than a distant Caboolture seat.

- However, *Longman* is still above quota. I hence propose removing another section of *Longman*, the Woodford area, given this removes a rural area from a largely outer-suburban electorate. Additionally, the Woodford SA2 is similarly quite geographically distant from the other 3 sections of the seat. Giving this area to *Fisher* also helps *Fisher* become a more hinterland focussed electorate.

- This now leaves *Longman* as seat representing 3 separate regions, rather than stretching into 5. *Longman* is now a more compact Caboolture focussed seat representing strictly the north of Moreton Bay.



6.3 SUNSHINE COAST (*Fairfax, Fisher*)



Old 'Current Electors'	+4.62%	+13.02%
Old 'Projected Electors'	+4.58%	+16.00%
New 'Current Electors'	-2.11%	-0.82%
New 'Projected Electors'	+1.09%	-1.18%
Both seats must realign to fit within requirements.		

FISHER

Gains: Areas surrounding Kenilworth, Mapleton, and Flaxton, from *Fairfax*. The Woodford – D'Aguilar SA2, and another SA1, from *Longman*.

Losses: 2 SA1s near Woombye to *Fairfax*. The suburbs of Warana, Parrearra, Sippy Downs, Buddina, Minyama, Mooloolaba, and Alexandra Headland to *Fairfax*.

New Borders: Longman follows the border between the Sunshine Coast LGA and the Moreton Bay LGA west, before diverting south into Moreton Bay to take the Woodford – D'Aguilar SA2, following its border all the way back to the Sunshine Coast LGA. The Sunshine Coast LGA border with Somerset and Gympie is followed north, then east, up to the locality of Gheerulla. The southern locality borders of Gheerulla, then Kureelpa, Dulong, West Woombye, and finally Woombye, are tracked up to the Bruce Highway. This highway is followed south to Sippy Downs, travelling under the southern borders of the suburbs of Sippy Downs and Warana to finally reach the ocean.

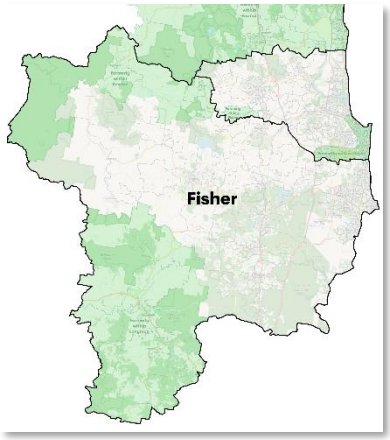
Explanation:

- With *Fisher* having taken in the Woodford SA2 [*Longman*], the Sunshine Coast seats of *Fairfax* and *Fisher* are now more than 25% above quota for projected electors, needing to considerably shrink. I have found 2 alternatives here:

1. *Fisher* could gain the Nambour area from *Fairfax* , consuming the entirety of the hinterland, while retreating from the suburban Sunshine Coast to only include Caloundra's surroundings. This makes *Fisher* a concretely regional Sunshine Coast electorate, while *Fairfax* becomes the suburban Sunshine Coast electorate – clearly allowing the 2 separate geographical demographics to be represented.

2. *Fisher* does not intake Nambour, only retreating in suburbia to Warana and Sippy Downs.

- I believe number 2 is the best option; while a hinterland and suburban Sunshine Coast electorate is desirably, Having Nambour and Caloundra in the same electorate seems very odd, given how unrelated the 2 regional hubs are, being separated by the entirety of Maroochydore's metro area. Rather, keeping Nambour in *Fairfax* means that the current configuration of a north and south seat is maintained, and this is preferably given Nambour would be much more aligned with the Maroochydore area, and the increased suburban intake for *Fisher* means Caloundra would not be an isolated suburban area in a regional seat.



- Hence, I propose *Fisher* retreat the suburbs of Warana, Parrearra, Sippy Downs, Buddina, Minyama, Mooloolaba, and Alexandra Headland, to *Fairfax*. Parts of the hinterland in *Fairfax*, like Mapleton and Kenilworth, should be taken to make *Fisher* a slightly stronger 'hinterland' seat. 2 SA1s should be given to *Fairfax* to unite the locality of West Woombye in 1 seat.

FAIRFAX

Gains: 2 SA1s near Woombye from *Fisher*. The suburbs of Warana, Parrearra, Sippy Downs, Buddina, Minyama, Mooloolaba, and Alexandra Headland from *Fisher*.

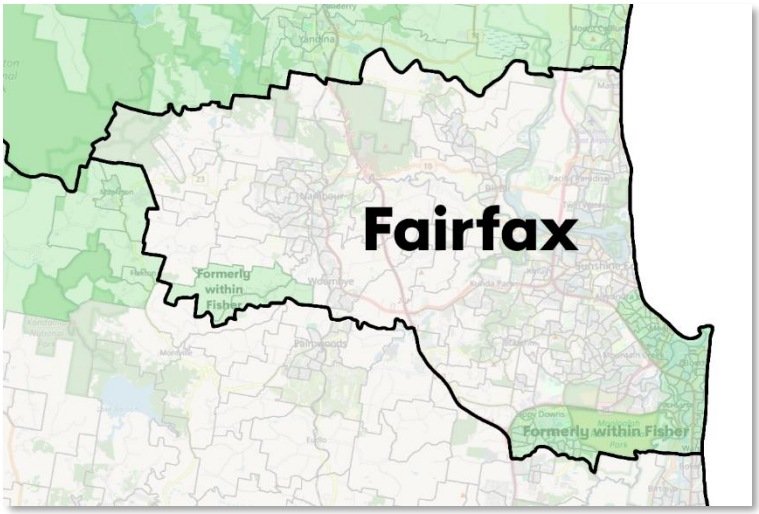
Losses: The SA2s of Eumendi-Yandina (bar the SA1 31607154701), Coolum Beach, Peregian Springs, and the remainder of Noosa Hinterland be given to *Wide Bay*. Most of the Maroochy Hinterland be given to *Fisher* and *Wide Bay*.

New Borders: *Fairfax* tracks the southern suburb boundaries of Sippy Downs and Warana west to the Bruce Highway, which it follows north until the locality of Woombye. *Fairfax* then follows the southern locality boundaries of Woombye, West Woombye, and western boundaries of Dulong and Kureelpa, up to Gheerulla. The southern boundary of Gheerulla, and Kiamba are followed east, before tracking north of the SA1 31607154701, and finally following the north of the Bli Bli and Marcoola – Mudjimba SA2s to return to the ocean.

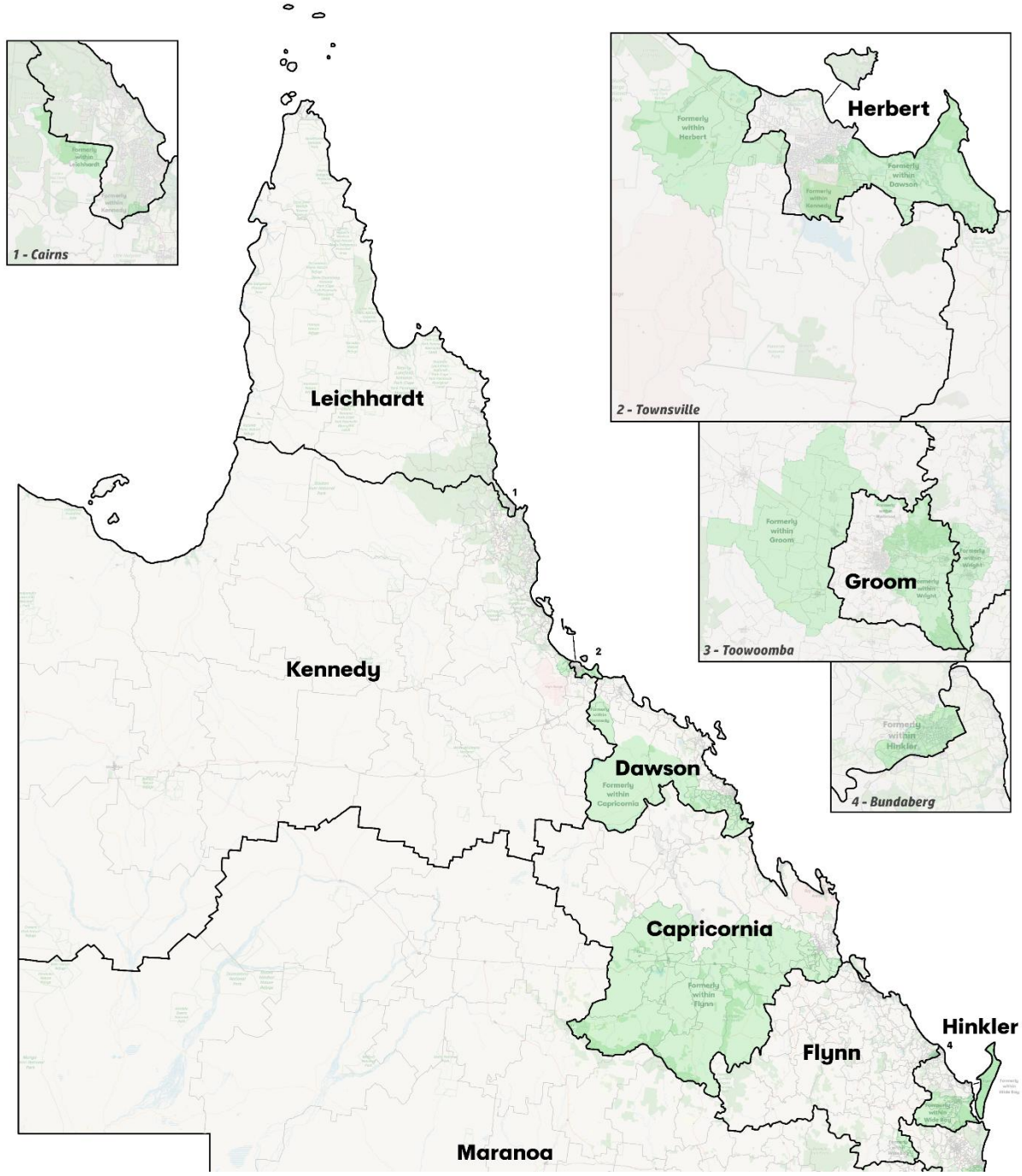
Explanation:

- As previously discussed[*Fisher*], *Fairfax* should gain some northern parts of *Fisher* to make it a more regional seat. However, this leaves *Fairfax* 25% above quota. I think an easy fix is to give the northern portions of Fairfax, generally north of the Maroochy river, to *Wide Bay*. The rural portions removed would be reasonable, given the rest of *Fairfax* is now confined to an almost entirely suburban seat. Additionally, removing Coolum Beach and Peregian Springs makes sense, as these suburbs have decent connection to the regional hub of Noosa (in *Wide Bay*).

- In sum, the Sunshine Coast seats, while adding the Woodford SA2, have retreated considerably to *Wide Bay*. *Fisher* is now a slightly more regional oriented seat, while *Fairfax* can now entirely represent the suburban residents of the Sunshine Coast. Still, the north/south configuration is maintained, though *Fairfax* is more a central Sunshine Coast seat now, having lost its north. *Fisher* does still include suburban areas like Kawana and Caloundra.



6.4 NORTH QUEENSLAND (*Dawson, Herbert, Kennedy, Leichhardt*)



	DAWSON	*HERBERT*	*KENNEDY*	*LEICHHARDT*
Old 'Current Electors'	-7.30%	-2.98%	-0.42%	-1.36%
Old 'Projected Electors'	-7.83%	-3.21%	-1.51%	-1.30%
New 'Current Electors'	+1.63%	+3.18%	+1.97%	+3.12%
New 'Projected Electors'	+1.05%	+2.78%	+0.90%	+3.27%
Dawson is the only electorate of the 4 to require adjustment.				

LEICHHARDT

Gains: The suburb of Bentley Park, and the remainder of Mount Sheridan, from *Kennedy*.

Losses: SA1 3605116810, and the remainder of SA1 30605116812, to *Kennedy*.

New Borders: *Leichhardt* follows the Mitchell River from the West of Cape York all the way to the border of Douglas LGA. *Leichhardt* follows this LGA border south, before following a string of trails in the west outskirts of Kuranda SA2 down to the Barron River, then following the southern border of the locality of Kuranda, finally cutting east to the Cairns LGA border. The LGA border is followed, before then flowing south, then east, to the Bana Gindarja River. This river is tracked east to the Bruce Highway, which is followed north to Skeleton Creek, finally flowing east into the ocean.

Explanation:

- In order to adjust elector numbers for [*Kennedy*], *Leichhardt* takes in the suburb of Bentley Park. Given this is a part of the Cairns suburbia, this locality makes much more sense with the rest of Cairns than a rural Far-North-QLD seat. I believe it is also fine to leave Edmonton with *Kennedy* as, in my personal experience as a former Cairns resident, Edmonton is very connected to Gordonvale, which remains in *Kennedy*, while Bentley Park is more synchronous with Cairns as a whole. *Leichhardt* is left ever so slightly over quota, so I suggest ceding some small rural areas of the Kuranda SA2 to *Kennedy* to bring *Leichhardt* in line.

- I believe Cape York's status should be preserved as being part of *Leichhardt*, and I would strongly recommend against any changes to this. Cape York has little to no connection to Mareeba (bar maybe the towns of Port Douglas and Mossman), or any territory further south. Rather, Cairns airport serves as another geographical connection for the far north, and *Leichhardt*'s significant Torres Strait Islander population in both Cape York and Cairns should be united, as the only seat of its kind to represent this minority to any particularly notable extent.

HERBERT

Gains: The suburbs of Annandale, Idalia, Oonoonba, Cluden, Wulguru, Stuart, Nome, Cape Cleveland, Cungulla, and parts of Alligator Creek and Julago from *Dawson*. The suburbs of Roseneath and Mount Stuart from *Kennedy*.

Losses: The remainder of the Northern Beaches and Bohle Plains SA2s to *Kennedy*.

New Borders: *Herbert* travels south through the Black River, before following the border of the Bohle Plains SA2 east to the Bohle River. The Bohle River is followed all the way south, before skirting east under the southern suburb border of Kelso. The southern border of the Mount Stuart locality is travelled, before steering up, finally taking in some eastern localities roughly along the Bruce Highway.

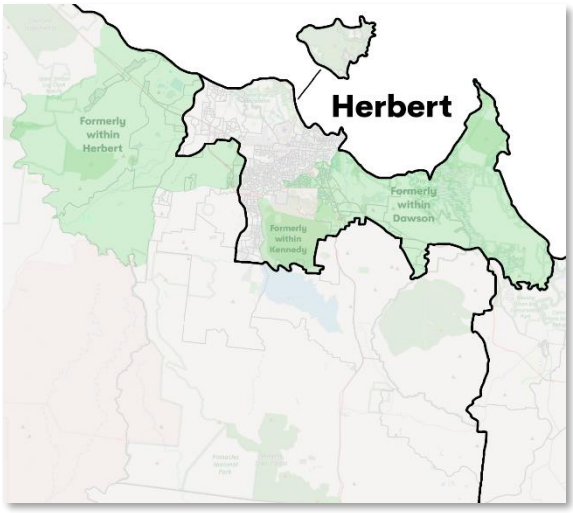
Explanation:

- The populations of *Kennedy*, *Herbert*, and *Leichhardt* combined permit these 3 seats to take in the entirety of Townsville LGA from *Dawson*. Townsville suburbs located within *Dawson* are to be relocated to *Herbert*, as these suburbs have absolutely nothing to do with Mackay, and everything to do with the rest of Townsville. Additionally, the *Kennedy* – *Dawson* border in Townsville LGA should be preserved by giving *Dawson* portions to *Herbert*, so *Kennedy* does not encircle the entire seat, and these east coastal areas would have little road connection/reason to travel to the rest of *Kennedy* without travelling into *Herbert*. Mount Stuart and Rosedale should be ceded from *Kennedy* to *Herbert* for the same reasons.

- I strongly recommend pursuing this proposal rather than leaving north QLD as is. Uniting Townsville's metro area into 1 singular seat allows the most compact and cohesive representation for this population, and also allows [*Dawson*] to enact similarly beneficial changes to its borders. I hope the AEC does not shy away from hugely beneficial changes simply so that borders are minimally changed, since a good amount of progress can be made in FNQ.

- This leaves *Herbert* above allowed elector requirements. Hence, some of the far west of *Herbert*, being the Bohle Plains and Northern Beaches SA2s, should be given to *Kennedy*. These areas are peri-urban, and don't necessarily fit the character of *Herbert*, a suburban seat.

- In sum, *Herbert* takes in the *Dawson* portions of the Townsville LGA, uniting the entire LGA under 2 seats, rather than splitting it between 3. Essentially the entirety of suburban Townsville is now in *Herbert*.



KENNEDY

Gains: The remainder of the Northern Beaches and Bohle Plains SA2s from *Herbert*. 2 rural SA2s from *Leichhardt*.

Losses: The suburb of Bentley Park, and the remainder of Mount Sheridan, to *Leichhardt*. The suburbs of Mount Stuart and Roseneath to *Herbert*. The remainder of the Burdekin LGA to *Dawson*.

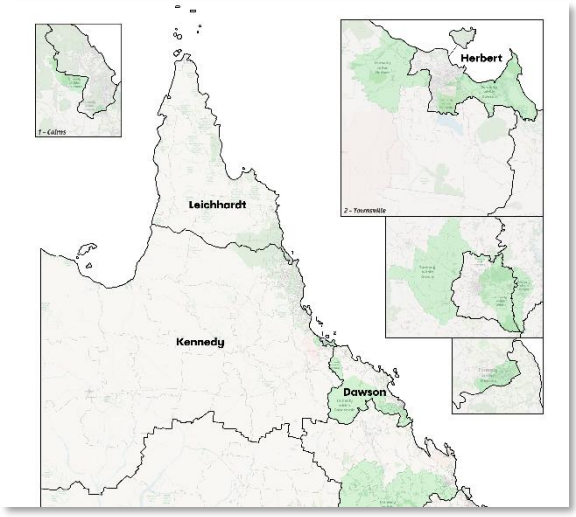
Explanation:

- In order to remove *Dawson* from Townsville LGA, [*Herbert*] has taken in *Dawson's* portions, as well as 2 localities from *Kennedy*. To keep [*Herbert*] within population requirements, *Kennedy* must take in some peri-urban areas in the seats west.

- *Kennedy* should also remove its tiny portion of Burdekin LGA and cede this to *Dawson*, so that the LGA can be united in 1 seat.

- This now leaves *Kennedy* over allowed population. This can be balanced by ceding the Cairns suburb of Bentley Park to [*Leichhardt*], and gaining 2 rural SA2s near Kuranda from it.

- In sum, *Kennedy* does not need to undergo any major changes, and its changes are more so to balance neighbouring seats, rather than because it necessitates any changes itself. *Kennedy*'s status as the rural far-north-QLD seat is still cemented, and even progressed, as it loses small portions of the Cairns metropolitan.



DAWSON

Gains: The remainder of Burdekin LGA from *Kennedy*. The remainder of *Whitsunday* and *Mackay* LGA's from *Capricornia*.

Losses: It's portion of the Townsville LGA.

New Borders: *Dawson* now only encompasses the LGAs of Burdekin, Whitsunday, and Mackay.

Explanation:

- At present, *Dawson*'s current shape is absolutely not desirable to me. *Dawson* straddles the North coast of QLD, taking in some proper suburbs of Townsville, before lining the coast all the way down to Mackay. This is disadvantageous, as these Townsville suburbs are isolated from the rest of the city in *Herbert*, and surroundings of Mackay, some even in Mackay proper localities, must be give not *Capricornia*, wherein the closest remotely sizable regional centre nearby is Rockhampton, at least a 4 hour drive away, with absolutely nothing in between, as opposed to being in a seat with Mackay, which is absolutely the primary hub for these dotted towns in *Capricornia*'s far north – these towns also do not fit the mining demographics of Isaac LGA that justify it being within *Capricornia*.

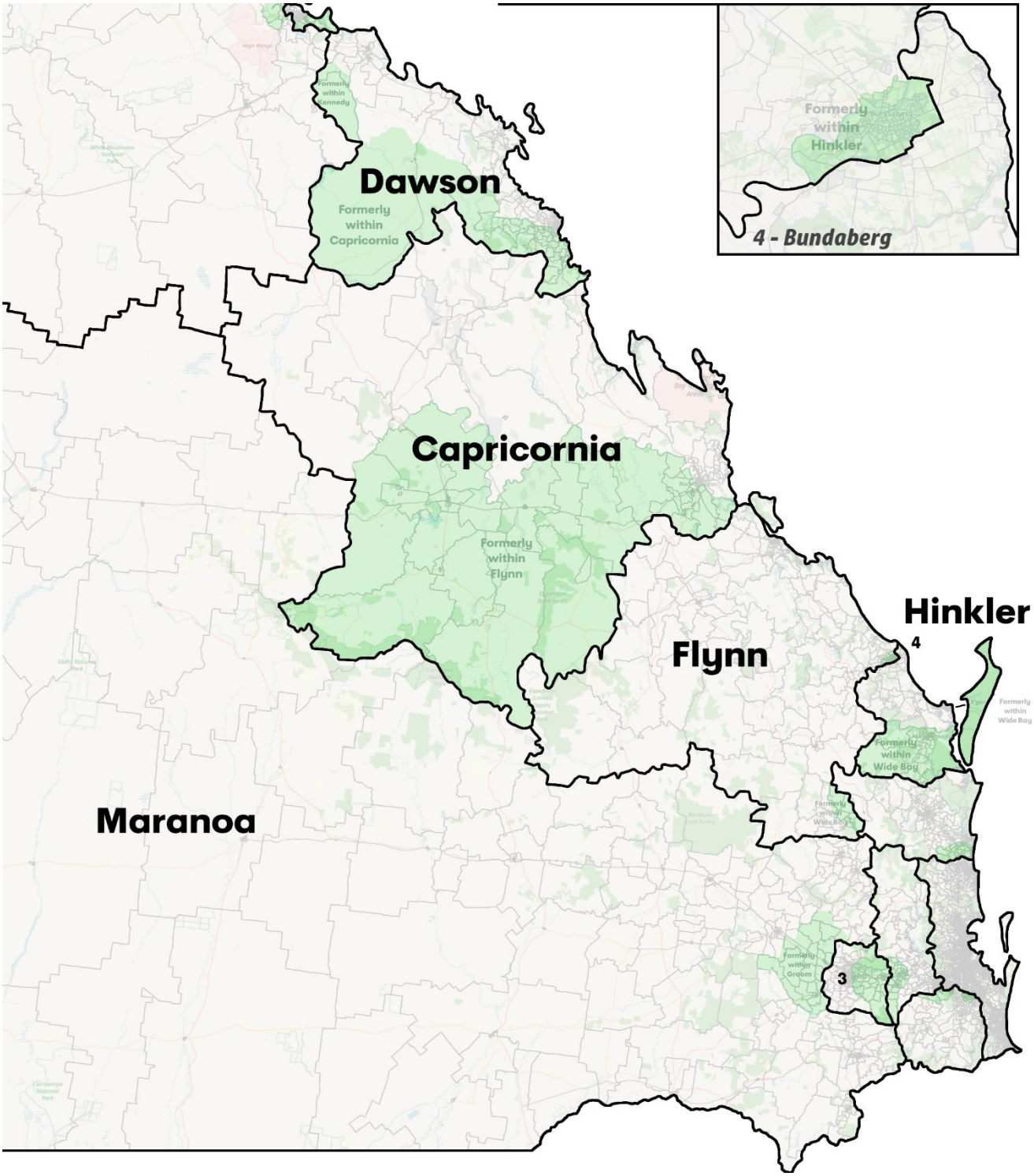
- As discussed previously [*Herbert*], seats north of *Dawson* have sufficient elector capacity to remove *Dawson* entirely from Townsville. Hence, that is what has occurred in my proposal.

- This allows *Dawson* the capacity to regain the remainder of Burdekin, Whitsunday, and Mackay LGAs from *Kennedy* and *Capricornia*. The reasons this is beneficial is discussed prior, but this now unites all of the Mackay region into 1 seat easily.

- Additionally, *Dawson* now becomes a very easily defined, simple seat. Rather than consuming parts of 4 LGAs, *Dawson* now entirely and only encompasses the LGAs of Burdekin, Whitsunday, and Mackay. This seat boundary is perhaps the one I am most eager about, and I strongly recommend the AEC pursue these changes so that these coherent communities of interests are united.

- In sum, *Dawson* loses parts of Townsville and regains the remainder of Mackay, to become an easily defined seat stretching the north coast of QLD east of Townsville.

6.5 CENTRAL QUEENSLAND (*Capricornia, Flynn, Hinkler*)



	CAPRICORNIA	*FLYNN*	*HINKLER*
Old 'Current Electors'	-7.81%	-5.46%	+3.03%
Old 'Projected Electors'	-8.22%	-6.10%	+2.92%
New 'Current Electors'	-2.74%	-0.37%	-2.09%
New 'Projected Electors'	-3.26%	-1.09%	-2.38%
Capricornia and *Flynn* must realign to fit with elector requirements.			

CAPRICORNIA

Gains: Central Highlands LGA, Woorabinda LGA, and the remainder of Rockhampton LGA from *Flynn*.

Losses: The remainder of Whitsunday and Mackay LGAs to *Dawson*.

New Borders: *Capricornia* now only encompasses the LGAs of Isaac, Central Highlands, Woorabinda, Rockhampton, and Livingstone.

Explanation:

- [*Dawson*] in its proposal was able to regain the remainder of Mackay and Whitsunday LGAs from *Capricornia*. As such, *Capricornia* is left well under quota.

- To remedy this, I first propose *Capricornia* gain the remainder of Rockhampton LGA from *Flynn*. The towns of Gracemere and Mount Morgan have very strong association with Rockhampton, being very proximate to it, while having nothing to do with Gladstone or Biloela in comparison. If the opportunity can be taken, every chance to unite the Rockhampton community of interest must be taken as to not senselessly divided when not necessary.

- *Capricornia* is still left out of quota, so I propose it gain the Central Highlands and Woorabinda LGAs from *Flynn*. As a Biloela resident, Emerald and Blackwater have nothing to do with Biloela, let alone Gladstone, and the Central Highland's profile as a town with a high proportion of machinery workers aligns well with Isaac LGA. I think generally, these 2 LGAs go very well hand in hand, and Emerald would have definitely have Rockhampton as its closest regional city, rather than Gladstone. Woorabinda does not necessarily particularly associate with one place, but I reckon it works well with Mount Morgan, which is also a town with a high indigenous population (though not nearly as indigenous to the extent Woorabinda is).

- In sum, *Capricornia* previously fully contained Livingstone and Isaac LGA, and partially intersected Whitsunday, Mackay, and Rockhampton LGAs. Now, *Capricornia* fully and only encompasses 5 LGAs, with no division of these communities between seats. *Capricornia* also benefits from no longer having to represent distant residents near Mackay, now only representing 2 general areas: Rockhampton's surrounds, and mining/labourer areas out west.

FLYNN

Gains: *Wide Bay*'s portion of South Burnett and Cherbourg LGAs. The city of Bundaberg from *Hinkler*.

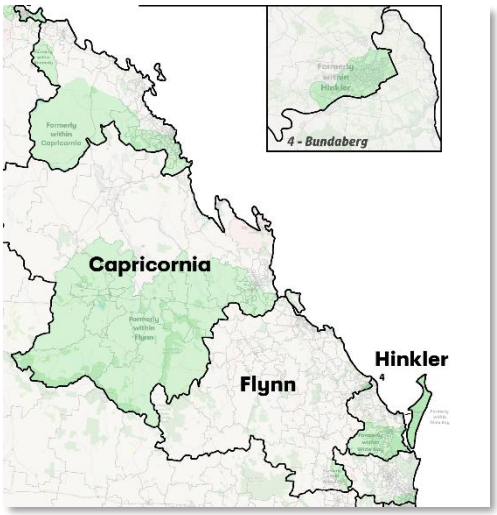
Losses: Central Highlands LGA, Woorabinda LGA, and the remainder of Rockhampton LGA to *Capricornia*.

New Borders: *Flynn* lines the border of the LGAs of Gladstone, Banana, and North Burnett, before splitting South Burnett in half north of Kingaroy. *Flynn* then tracks the border of Gympie LGA, then Fraser Coast LGA and Bundaberg LGA, before flowing north in the Burnett River, cutting into Bundaberg. *Flynn* then roughly follows along Childers Rd, then Bundaberg Ring Rd, cutting through the middle of the suburb of Thabeban. *Flynn* then tracks the locality borders of Avenell Heights, Ashfield, and Kalkie, before reuniting with the Burnett River, ending at the ocean.

Explanation:

- *Flynn* starts this proposal having lost Central Highlands, Woorabinda, and the rest of Rockhampton to [*Capricornia*]. This leaves *Flynn* massively under quota. A minor step I propose is to take Cherbourg LGA, and *Wide Bay*'s part of South Burnett. This will allow [*Hinkler*] and *Flynn* to have enough electors for the next step, while also ensuring South Burnett is not needlessly split between 3 seats.

- I now propose *Flynn* undertake a very radical step in annexing *Bundaberg* proper (though not including surrounding rural areas in the south, and the areas near Bargara). While this is not optimal, I believe this is a much superior fix to having *Flynn* undertake the only other option, being to cut a huge chunk out of *Maranoa* in what otherwise a Central Queensland/Gladstone focussed seat. Additionally, this allows [*Hinkler* [to undergo a new Hervey Bay oriented configuration, and permits [*Wide Bay*] to also work in a new form – that is, I believe any other alternative would require a seat crossing the Brisbane River, or *Wide Bay* to take a huge chunk off *Maranoa*, and both of these are proposals I strongly advise against. Bundaberg does share connection with Gladstone, and they both help to service towns in *Flynn*'s interior, such as Biloela, Monto, and Gayndah. Having asked some residents in Bundaberg's peripheral I know, I did not receive any complaints.



- In sum, *Flynn* moves in the direction of South-East QLD, losing its extremities, and becoming a more compact seat that now has 2 regional cities; Gladstone and Bundaberg, with surrounding towns generally being towns serviced by one or the other.

HINKLER

Gains: The remainder of the Fraser Coast LGA from *Wide Bay*.

Losses: Bundaberg proper to *Flynn*.

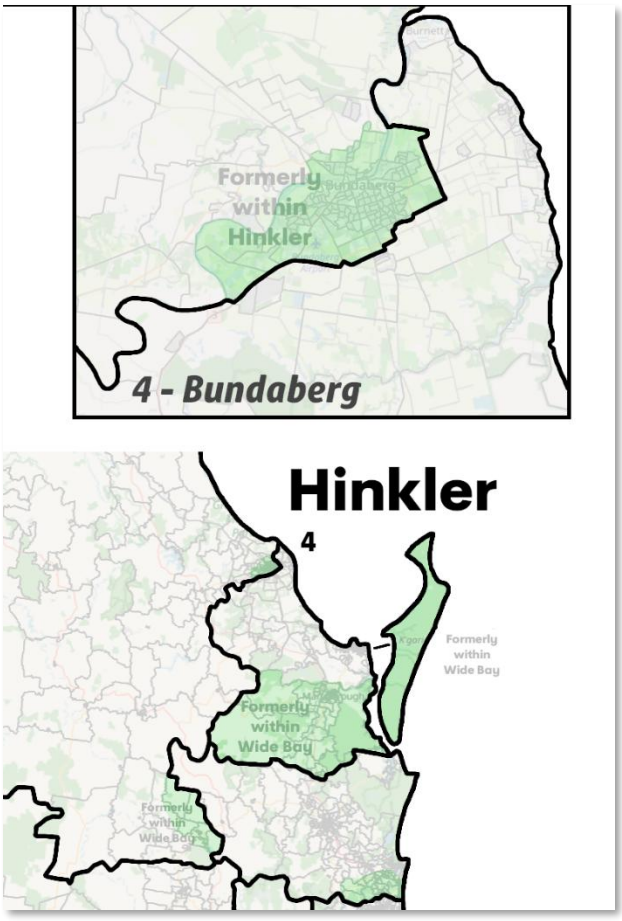
New Borders: Hinkler firstly traces the outline of the Fraser Coast LGA from the south, before reaching the Bundaberg LGA, and following up to Burnett River, which it follows. *Hinkler* then diverts south of the river, roughly following along Childers Rd, then Bundaberg Ring Rd, cutting through the middle of the suburb of Thabeban. *Hinkler* then tracks the locality borders of Avenell Heights, Ashfield, and Kalkie, before reuniting with the Burnett River, ending at the ocean.

Explanation:

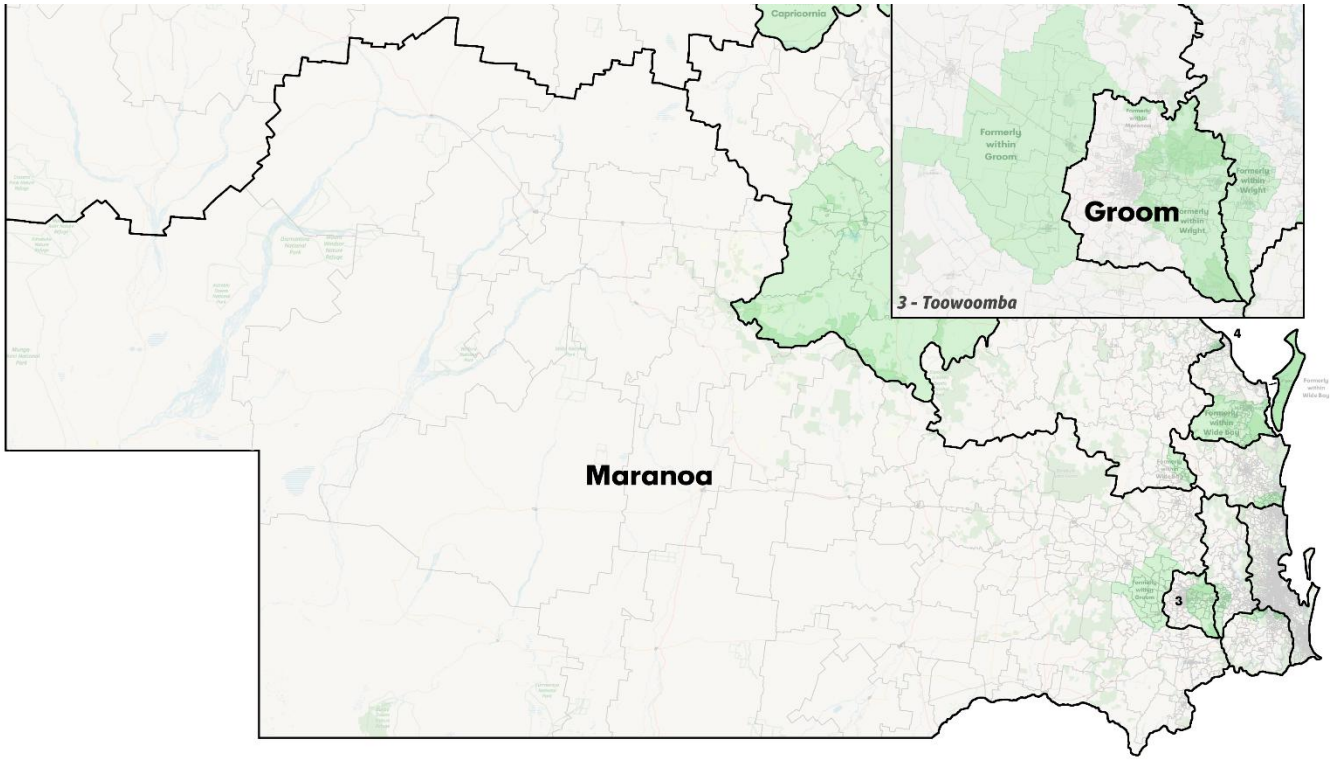
- As explained prior, I propose *Hinkler* lose Bundaberg proper to [*Flynn*]. While Childers makes sense in *Hinkler* as a mid-point between Bundaberg and Hervey Bay, suburbs in Bargara are a bit more tenuous, though they should still be kept in *Hinkler*. Bargara and Hervey Bay are also connected in being coastal communities, making *Hinkler* a more coastal-oriented seat. Fraser Island should also be added to *Hinkler* regardless of Bundaberg, as it is connected by ferry to River Heads, a Hervey Bay exurb.

- *Hinkler*, now being well under quota, can simply regain the rest of the Fraser Coast LGA from *Wide Bay*. This unites the LGA into 1 seat, and it would clearly be preferrable to have Maryborough in a seat with Hervey Bay and not Gympie, given Maryborough acts as somewhat of a satellite city of Hervey Bay.

- *Hinkler* under this new configuration is realigned from a city straddling the edges of Bundaberg and Hervey Bay, to being a seat entirely focussed on Hervey Bay. Rather, now, *Flynn* is the seat that combines 2 regional cities in this area (Gladstone, Bundaberg).



6.6 SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND (*Groom, Maranoa*)



	GROOM	*MARANOA*
Old 'Current Electors'	-4.50%	-7.34%
Old 'Projected Electors'	-4.42%	-8.89%
New 'Current Electors'	-0.26%	-0.15%
New 'Projected Electors'	-1.96%	+0.07%
Both seats require realignment to abide by elector requirements.		

MARANOA

Gains: Outer portions of *Groom*.

Losses: A small collection of SA1s south of Crow's Nest to *Groom*.

Explanation:

– *Maranoa* starts out needing to expand. Given expansion into *Flynn* would need to be counteracted by a seat like *Wide Bay* expanding into Somerset, or a seat in Brisbane crossing the Brisbane River, this leaves *Maranoa* only really being able to expand, in my proposal, to *Groom* or *Blair*. I believe *Groom* is preferably for an optimal [*Wright*] configuration later on, so *Maranoa* should take in a (admittedly somewhat arbitrary) collection of localities, including the towns of Oakey and Pittsworth, from *Groom*.

GROOM

Gains: The SA2s of Lockyer Valley – West, and Gatton, from *Wright*. A small portion of SA1s south of Crow's Nest from *Maranoa*.

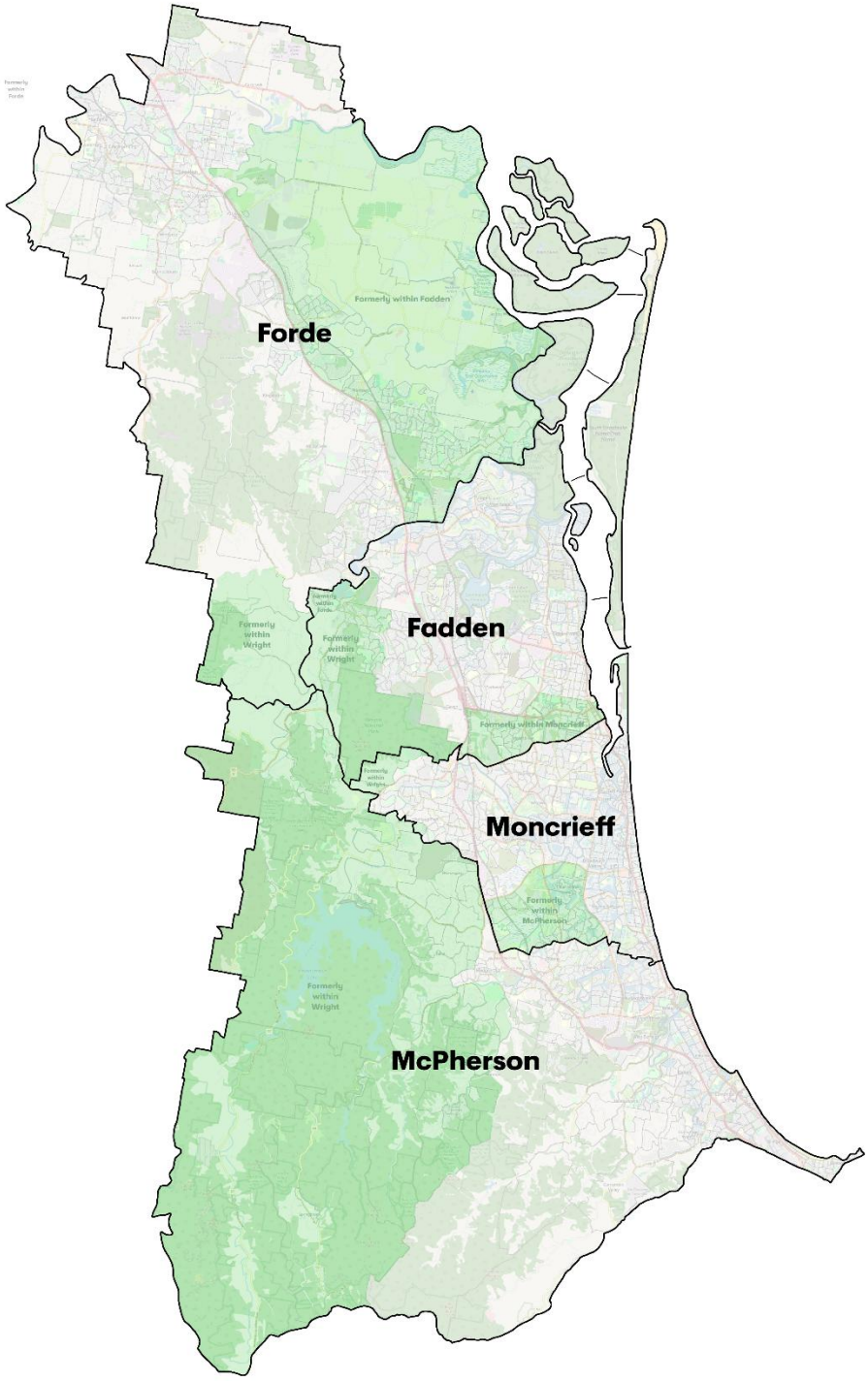
Losses: A collection of more rural portions of *Groom* to *Maranoa*.

Explanation:

– In my [*Maranoa*] proposal, I suggest *Groom* cede some more rural land to *Maranoa*, which is by definition a rural seat, while *Groom* is mostly suburban and exurban. This leaves *Groom* well under quota.

– Logically, *Groom* can expand east into the Lockyer Valley, taking in rural sections (where Toowoomba would act as the main service point for rural localities), as well as the regional centre of Gatton. In doing this, *Groom* has now become a smaller seat, that rather than being focussed on Toowoomba LGA, is focussed on the city of Toowoomba itself, being willing to take in neighbouring areas outside the LGA.

6.7 GOLD COAST (*Fadden, Forde, McPherson, Moncrieff*)



	FADDEN	*FORDE*	*MCPHERSON*	*MONCRIEFF*
Old 'Current Electors'	+9.21%	+9.98%	-7.34%	+0.08%
Old 'Projected Electors'	+10.43%	+12.50%	-3.72%	+0.55%
New 'Current Electors'	-2.14%	-1.42%	-0.39%	+0.96%
New 'Projected Electors'	-2.14%	+0.95%	-0.77%	+1.20%
3 of the 4 electorates require realignment to fit with elector requirements.				

MCPHERSON

Gains: The suburbs/localities of Numinbah Valley, Natural Bridge, Austinville, Neranwood, Lower Beechmont, Clagiraba, Mount Nathan, Tallai, Gilston, the remainder of Bonogin and Mudgeeraba, and parts of Advancetown and Worongary from *Wright*.

Losses: Clear Island Waters, Merrimac, and parts of Robina to *Moncrieff*.

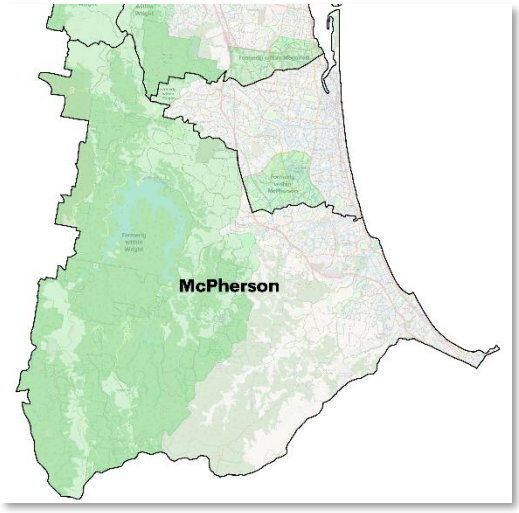
New Borders: *McPherson* starts by travelling across the northern suburb boundary for Burleigh Heads, the Burleigh Waters. Once Bermuda St is reached, it is followed up slightly to Cottesloe Drive, which is tracked west (becoming Cheltenham Drive, then Robina Town Centre Drive) until the Pacific Motorway. This is followed north until we're east of Highland Park, with the border crossing to slightly south of Welcome Ave, before then travelling across the suburb boundaries of Worrongary and Gilston. Nerang–Murwillumbah Rd is followed north, turning west to Mount Nathan Rd, which continues, turning into the Mount Nathan suburb border. Finally, The north of the Clagiraba locality border is used to go west, meeting the Gold Coast's border with Scenic Rim, going south along it until it hits the QLD border.

Explanation:

- One of my goals for this redistribution is to kick [*Wright*] out of the Gold Coast LGA, given the seat has nothing to do with the Gold Coast. The portion of the southern hinterland currently in *Wright*, I propose is transferred to *McPherson* – as *McPherson* contains suburbs such as Mudgeeraba and Reedy Creek, which act as the outskirts of suburbia for hinterland localities further west. By giving *McPherson* the entire southern hinterland, the hinterland's power and representation is maximised, in being united in just 1 seat. Additionally, suburbs like Currumbin Valley and Tallebudgera Valley share similar interest to the hinterland.

- This now sets *McPherson* well above quota. Merrimac and Clear Island Waters, as the furthest northern suburbs in *McPherson*, can easily be transferred to *Moncrieff*. However, this still leaves *McPherson* above the maximum elector requirement, so I propose giving the northern portion of Robina to *Moncrieff* as well. The new border formed along Cheltenham Drive and Cottesloe Drive is the best way to divide the suburb, given the size and prominence of these roads.

- In sum, *McPherson* is now a seat representative of the southern Gold Coast hinterland, as well as its southern most suburbs.



MONCRIEFF

Gains: Some portions of Nerang from *Fadden*. The suburbs of Merrimac and Clear Island Waters, as well as part of Robina, from *McPherson*.

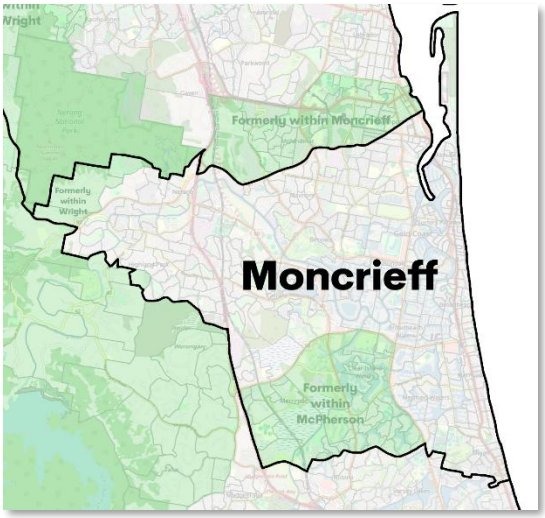
Losses: Molendinar, and part of Southport north of Southport-Nerang Rd/Nerang St.

New Borders: *Moncrieff* starts by travelling across the northern suburb boundary for Burleigh Heads, the Burleigh Waters. Once Bermuda St is reached, it is followed up slightly to Cottesloe Drive, which is tracked west (becoming Cheltenham Drive, then Robina Town Centre Drive) until the Pacific Motorway. This is followed north until we're east of Highland Park, with the border crossing to slightly south of Welcome Ave, before then travelling across the suburb boundaries of Worrongary and Gilston. Nerang-Murwillumbah Rd is followed north, turning west to Mount Nathan Rd, and following the southern boundary of Nerang National Park. After that, Southport-Nerang Rd/Nerang St is used to define the rest of *Moncrieff*'s northern border to the ocean.

Explanation:

- Having taken multiple suburbs from [*McPherson*], *Moncrieff* is left well above quota. To solve this, *Fadden* can simply take its northern most suburbs, in Molendinar, and part of Southport. These new boundaries make *Moncrieff*'s north-eastern border relatively simple, while remaining within elector requirements.

- In sum, *Moncrieff* is now realigned to represent the mid-south of the Gold Coast, rather than its centre.



FADDEN

Gains: Nerang National Park, and the remainder of Pacific Pines, from *Wright*. The suburb of Maudsland from *Forde* and *Wright*. The suburbs of Molendinar, and part of Southport, from *Moncrieff*.

Losses: All held land north of Coomera River.

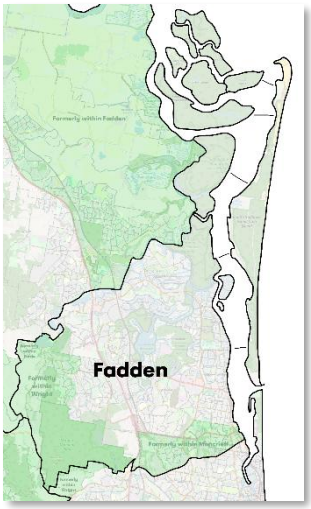
New Borders: *Fadden* travels along Nerang St/Southport-Nerang Rd, until it meets Nerang National Park, which it travels along the southern border of. *Fadden* then travels up Mount Nathan Rd, until Coomera River is in close vicinity, following the river to the ocean, with the exception of part of Maudsland. Also included are islands in the Hope Island SA2, and the SA1 30907125401.

Explanation:

- *Fadden* starts having gained Molendinar and part of Southport from *Moncrieff*, though *Fadden* is now well over quota. I propose that *Fadden* radically realign to lose all sections north of the Coomera River – this solves *Fadden*'s overpopulation, and these suburbs are quite unlike the rest of the electorate, being disproportionately multicultural and young compared to the rest of *Fadden*, which also very quickly growing. These suburbs would better serve in *Forde*, as *Forde* represents a demographic that is not as white, old, and upper-class compared to *Fadden*. Suburbs like Pimpama and Coomera also hold strong ties to neighbouring suburbs west of the Pacific Motorway, like Upper Coomera and Kingsholme, and ideally these suburbs should be united.

- *Fadden* can then simply travel along the Coomera River for the entirety of its northern border, gaining outer-suburban areas from *Wright*. However, *Fadden* is now left slightly under allowance – to solve this, *Fadden* can briefly cross the Coomera River, to annex the rest of Maudsland, uniting the suburb. Additionally, this portion of Maudsland is quite geographically isolated compared to the rest of *Forde*, while having much stronger transport connection to *Fadden*.

- In sum, *Fadden* is reoriented from being a northern coastal electorate in the Gold Coast, to being one that represents the Gold Coast's mid-north.



FORDE

Gains: All of *Fadden* north of the Coomera River. The locality of Guanaba and the remainder of Wongawallan from *Wright*.

Losses: All land west of Logan River (not including land to the north) to *Wright*. The suburbs of Waterford West, Tanah Merah, Shailer Park, and parts of Meadowbrook and Loganlea, to *Rankin*.

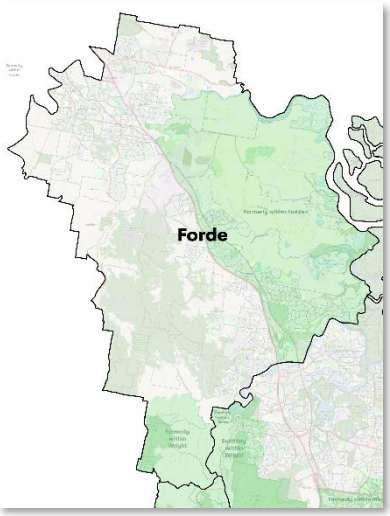
New Borders: To the south, *Forde* follows the Coomera River up to the Maudsland suburb border, which it continues tracking down to the locality of Mount Nathan. The Northern border of Mount Nathan and Clagiraba is then traced to the Scenic Rim LGA border, which is followed until it meets the Wolffdene – Bahrs Scrub SA2. *Forde*'s current border is traced until it meets Logan River (not very descriptive of me here, just not really bothered!), which it follows north to Tanah Merah. Finally, *Forde* traces the outline of Tanah Merah and Shailer Park up to Redlands LGA, which it follows up to the ocean.

Explanation:

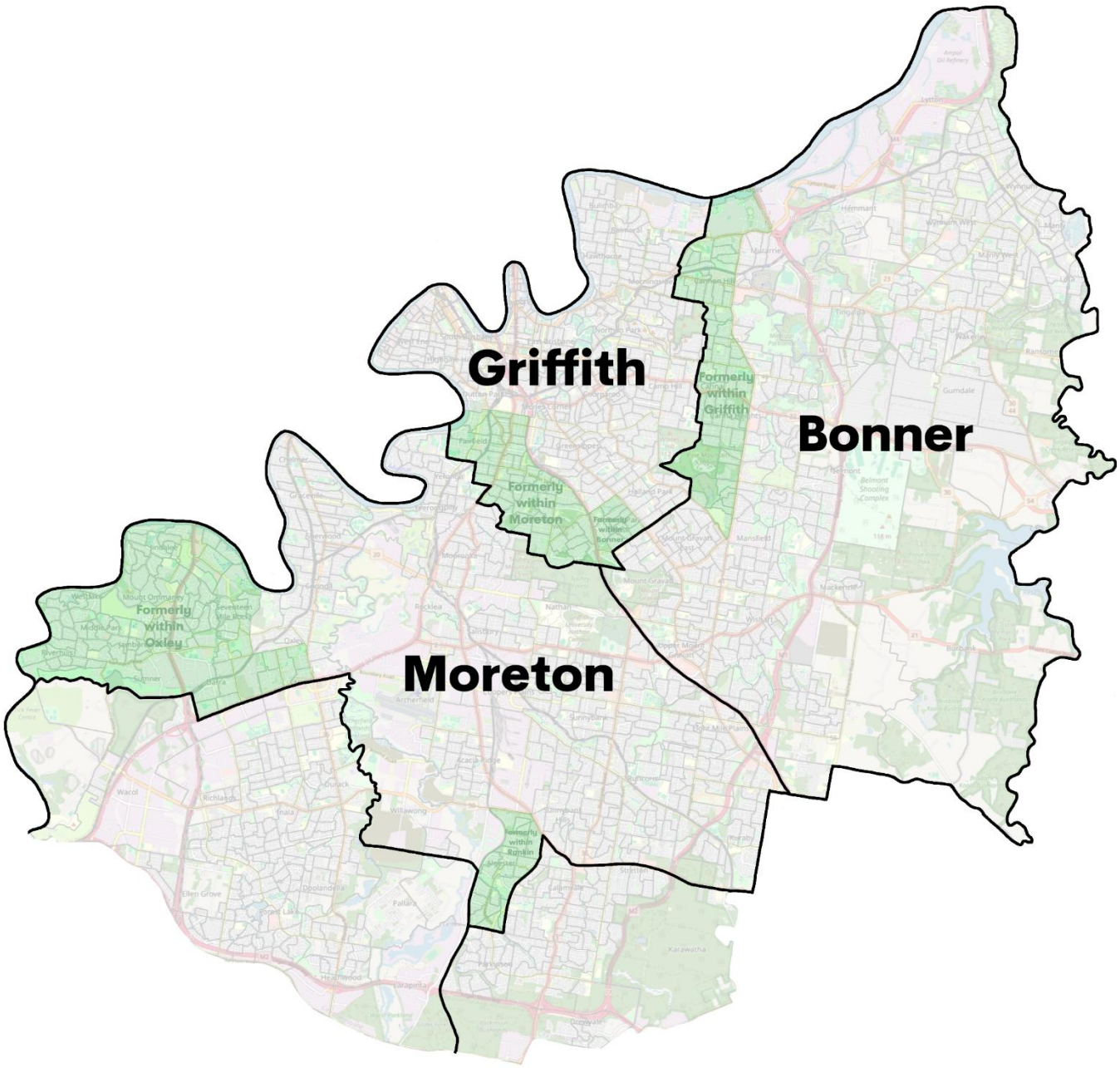
- [*Fadden*], In my proposal, undergoes a radical re-alignment, losing its land north of Coomera River, and ceding this to *Forde*. This leaves *Forde* almost 50% above the elector allowance. *Forde* also gains a small portion of the hinterland from *Wright*.

- Hence, *Forde*'s northern section must hugely contract to adjust for its gains in the south. I believe the best way to handle this is to have *Forde* lose everything north/west of the Logan River – This is because the Beenleigh area does hold some connection to the northern Gold Coast (being the area where Gold Coast residents must travel through to reach Brisbane), as opposed to the remainder of Logan, which has minimal connection to it. However, this now brings *Forde* slightly under quota. Therefore, the suburbs of Loganholme, Cornubia, and Carbrook can be preserved in *Forde* – these suburbs are fairly connected to *Forde*, and are quite distant to the rest of *Rankin* if they were to be given to the electorate, forming an unreasonable panhandle.

- In sum, *Forde* is realigned from a Logan seat with parts of the northern Gold Coast, to a northern Gold Coast seat with parts of Logan. This radical realignment should be implemented, given the extremely fast growth of the north Gold Coast, which will only push *Forde* even further and further into the LGA. Rather than delay this unnecessarily, I recommend the AEC begin the process of *Forde*'s realignment into the Gold Coast during this redistribution.



6.8 BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL SOUTH (*Bonner, Griffith, Moreton*)



	BONNER	***GRIFFITH***	***MORETON***
Old 'Current Electors'	-9.88%	-2.73%	-13.85%
Old 'Projected Electors'	-11.38%	-2.38%	-14.67%
New 'Current Electors'	+2.03%	-0.30%	-1.03%
New 'Projected Electors'	+0.83%	-0.18%	-2.40%
Bonner and *Moreton* must realign to fulfill elector requirements.			

BONNER

Gains: The suburb of Carina Heights, and the remainder of the suburbs of Mount Gravatt East, Carina, Cannon Hill, and Murarrie, from *Griffith*.

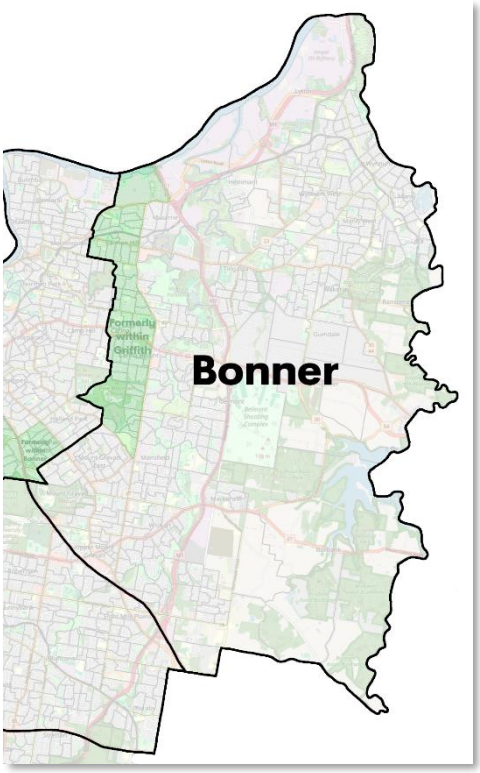
Losses: The remainder of Holland Park West to *Griffith*.

New Borders: Bonner follows the Brisbane River until the suburb boundary of Murarrie. *Bonner* then follows the western suburb boundaries of Murarrie, Cannon Hill, Carina Heights, Mount Gravatt East, and Mount Gravatt, until *Bonner* meets the Pacific Motorway. This is followed south-east, down to the BCC border with Logan. *Bonner* follows the BCC border north-east, back up to the ocean.

Explanation:

- *Bonner* starts very under population requirements, and must expand. The expansion pathways for *Bonner* are to cross north of the Brisbane River (unreasonable), cross into Redlands (entirely unnecessary to touch Redlands), cross into Logan (geographically unrelated to *Bonner*), cross into *Moreton* (would further elongate *Bonner*'s unreasonably snaky shape), or cross into *Griffith*.

- Given I believe *Griffith* is the only reasonable pathway for *Bonner*, that is the way that I propose *Bonner* expand. *Bonner* can simply take the remainder of the suburbs of Cannon Hill, Murarrie, Carina, and Mount Gravatt East from *Griffith*, as well Carina Heights. This unites 4 suburbs that are currently split between seats, while also making *Bonner* a much more preferrable shape, being more compact and circular, rather than elongated (in which *Bonner* currently takes in very distant communities with little in between). I also believe *Griffith* should annex the remainder of Holland Park West, to unite a total of 5 suburbs currently split between these 2 seats, rather than having these communities of interests constantly split.



GRIFFTH

Gains: The suburbs of Fairfield, Annerley, and Tarragindi from *Moreton*. The remainder of Holland Park West from *Bonner*.

Losses: The suburb of Carina Heights, and the remainder of the suburbs of Mount Gravatt East, Carina, Cannon Hill, and Murarrie, to *Bonner*.

New Borders: *Griffith* starts in the Brisbane River and traces down the western suburb boundaries of Murarrie, Cannon Hill, Carina, Carine Heights, Mount Gravatt East, and Mount Gravatt, before following the southern boundaries of Tarragindi, Annerley, and Fairfield, back into the Brisbane River.

Explanation:

- Although you can theoretically leave *Griffith* unchanged, I believe the only reasonable solution for [*Bonner]* to expand is to expand into *Griffith*, leaving *Griffith* now under elector requirements, removing multiple eastern suburbs. Holland Park West, conversely, is given to *Griffith* from *Bonner* to unite the suburb. The only pathway for *Griffith* to expand is into *Moreton*, if you are to not count crossing the Brisbane River.

- I propose *Griffith* expand to take in Fairfield, Annerley, and Tarragindi from *Moreton*. These suburbs are categorically very inner-suburban or urban, much like the character of *Griffith*. Although *Griffith* can reasonably take either Yeronga or Tarragindi from *Moreton*, I would opt for *Griffith* to take Tarragindi – this is because much of *Moreton* is located in suburbs such as Mount Ommaney, Graceville, and Chelmer, which are much whiter and more elderly than neighbouring areas in *Oxley* and *Moreton*, creating a community of interest. Yeronga generally aligns with these demographics as well, and hence I believe it should be within *Moreton*, in alignment with the other riverside communities previously mentioned [*Moreton*]. Having Yeronga in *Griffith* would have the suburb separate from any demographically similar suburbs, at least until you reach *Griffith*'s far north in Bulimba. Tarragindi's more middle-class nature aligns well with suburbs like Greenslopes and Coorparoo.

- In sum, *Griffith* has been re-oriented to be *the* southside urban Brisbane seat, having annexed central suburbs like Fairfield and Annerley, while losing more middle-suburban areas in its east.

MORETON

Gains: The suburbs of Seventeen Mile Rocks, Sinnamon Park, Jindalee, Westlake, Jamboree Heights, Sumner, Mount Ommaney, Riverhills, and parts of Darra and Oxley, from *Oxley*. The suburb of Algester from *Rankin*.

Losses: The suburbs of Fairfield, Annerley, and Tarragindi to *Griffith*.

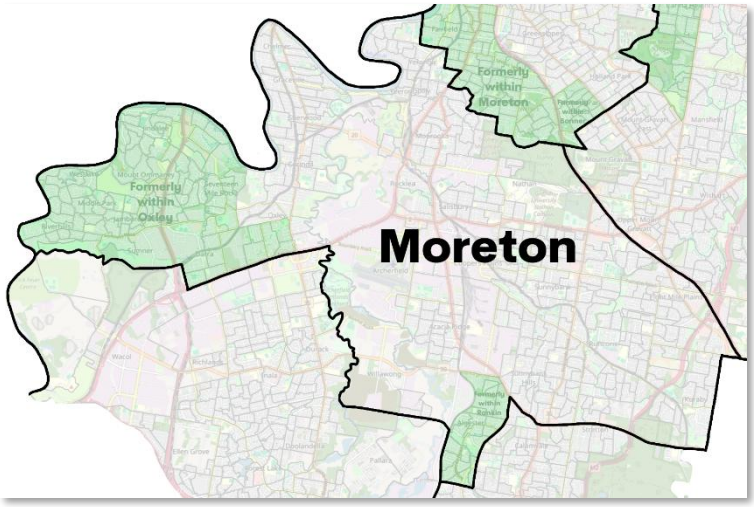
New Borders: From the Brisbane River, *Moreton* traces the underside of the suburbs of Fairfield, Annerley, and Tarragindi, until it reaches the Pacific Motorway. *Moreton* then travels south-east until it reaches the BCC border with the Logan LGA, following this down to Compton Rd. *Moreton* follows this road west until it merges into Beaudesert Rd, continuing, before turning left to follow Algester Rd. The suburb boundary of Algester is followed until it circles into Brookbent Rd, with the *Moreton* border continuing west from there. *Moreton* then reaches Blunder Creek, following it northwards up to Ipswich Motorway. Finally, *Moreton* follows Ipswich Motorway west, turning right at Centenary Motorway, and following the Wacol SA2 boundary westwards until it meets the Brisbane River.

Explanation:

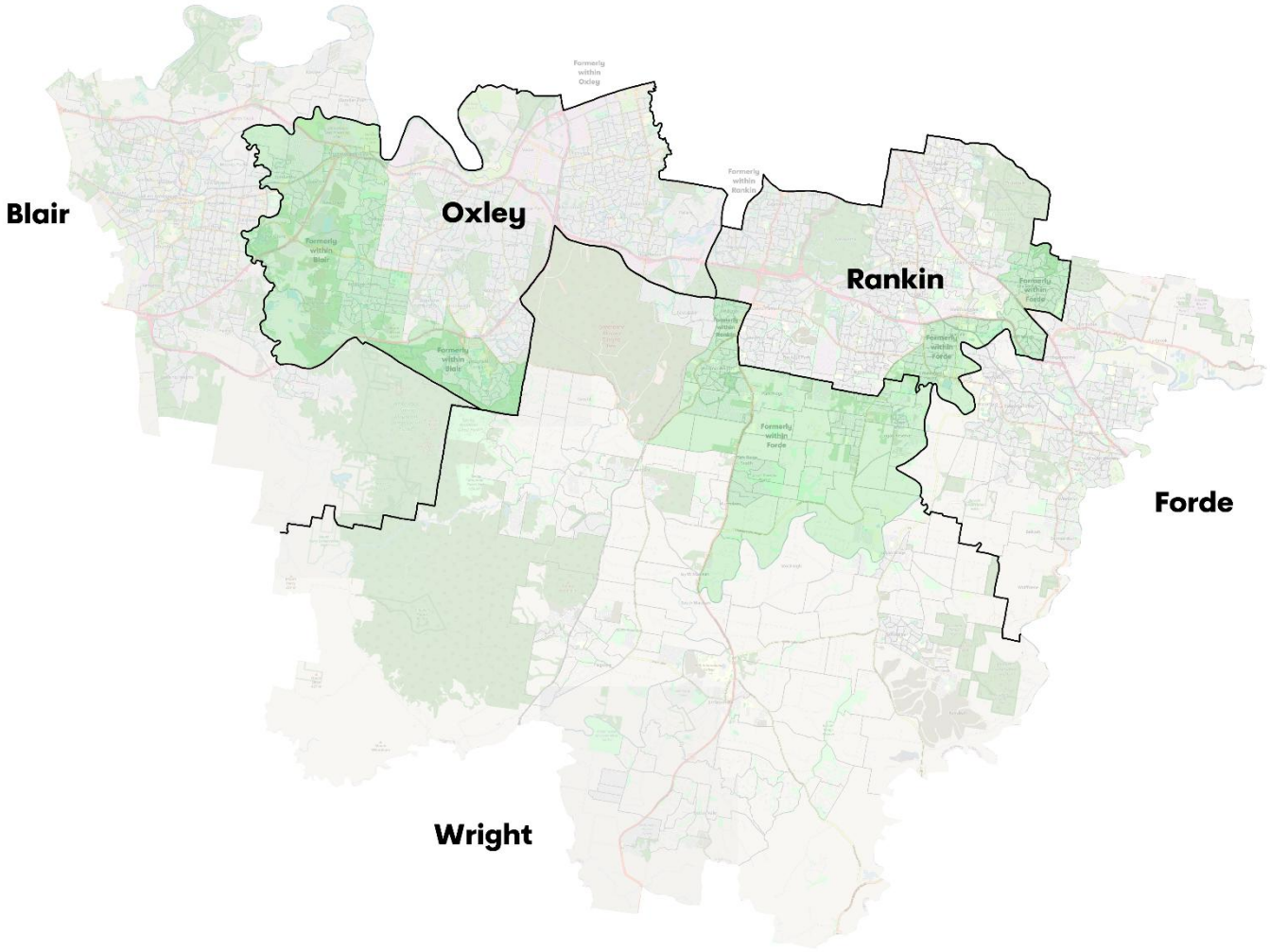
- Having lost Fairfield, Annerley and Tarragindi to [*Griffith*], *Moreton* is now severely under requirements. I considered a few ideas for *Moreton*'s boundaries [*Blair*], but ultimately, the pathway I chose was for *Moreton* to annex the entire Mount Ommaney area from *Oxley*.

- Both *Oxley* and *Moreton* are structured in the sense that they are, for the most part, outer suburban multicultural and working-class seats. However, both seats also have a small portion of suburbs in their north that are rich, white, and elderly, in comparison to the rest of the electorate. By doing this proposal, *Moreton* now encompasses both *Oxley* and *Moreton*'s affluent norths, which also allows *Oxley* to have stronger demographic coherence, no longer having a small affluent portion that contrasts the rest of the electorate.

- To fulfill elector requirements, *Moreton* now only needs to annex the suburb of Algester from *Rankin*. The general image I've gotten of *Moreton* has been that it is primarily a multicultural working-class seat, with a minority of suburbs that are rich, wealthy, and white, and another portion of suburbs that are inner-suburban and young. *Moreton*, with these changes, keeps its multicultural heritage, but removes its inner-suburban portion in exchange for more, similar, affluent white suburbs – so demographically, this proposal now has *Moreton* including only 2 distinct demographic profiles, rather than 3.



6.9 IPSWICH-LOGAN (*Oxley, Rankin*)



	OXLEY	***RANKIN***
Old 'Current Electors'	-1.82%	-7.83%
Old 'Projected Electors'	-1.91%	-8.49%
New 'Current Electors'	+0.73%	+2.61%
New 'Projected Electors'	+1.99%	+1.77%
Rankin requires changes to fulfill elector requirements.		

OXLEY

Gains: The suburbs of Springfield Central, Springfield Lakes, Spring Mountain Riverview, Ebbw Vale, Bundamba, Blackstone, Dinmore, New Chum, Swanbank, and the remainder of Redbank Plains, Augustine Heights, and Collingwood Park from *Blair*.

Losses: The suburbs of Westlake, Middle Park, Riverhills, Sumner, Jamboree Heights, Mount Ommaney, Jindalee, Sinnamon Park, Seventeen Mile Rocks, and parts of Darra and Oxley to *Moreton*.

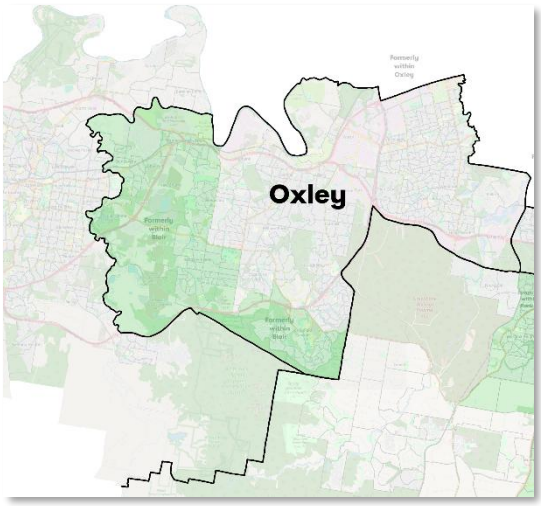
New Borders: *Oxley* starts at the Brisbane River, before following the Bremer River, and Bundamba Creek. This creek is followed down to Centenary Highway, which is traced eastwards, to eventually follow power-lines diagonally south-eastward to the Ipswich council border. The LGA border is followed north, up to the Brisbane Sydney Railway. This railway is followed up to Brookbent Rd, which sends the border directly westwards to eventually meet Blunder Creek. Blunder Creek is followed north to Ipswich Motorway, then travelling west to follow Centenary Motorway north, before finally turning left to trace the Wacol SA2 border to the Brisbane River.

Explanation:

- *Oxley* begins having lost the entire Mount Ommaney area to [*Moreton*], leaving the seat severely under quota. The only reasonable pathway left for expansion is into *Blair*.

- *Oxley* should annex all suburbs east of Bundamba Creek from *Blair*, as to fulfill population requirements. This dividing line is perfect – it uses a natural boundary, the Bundamba Creek, to divide the 2 Ipswich seats of *Oxley* and *Blair*. Additionally, there lay a significant population density gap between Ipswich Central, and suburbs near Bellbird Park and Springfield. By setting the border in this gap, Ipswich is now divided into 2 geographically separate areas, rather than the current configuration wherein *Blair* has chunks of the eastern section.

- In sum, these changes align *Oxley* to be somewhat more Ipswich focussed, losing affluent areas in its north to make a more demographically coherent electorate [*Moreton*], in exchange for further suburbs of Ipswich.



RANKIN

Gains: The suburbs of Shailer Park, Tanah Merah, Waterford West, and the remainder of Loganlea and Meadowbrook from *Forde*.

Losses: The suburb of Algester to *Moreton*. The suburb of Hillcrest to *Wright*.

New Borders: *Rankin* traces along the Logan-Redlands LGA border, from Shailer Park up to Underwood, before turning into BCC on Compton Rd. Compton Rd leads west into Beaudesert Rd, before turning south along Algester Rd, and turning right on Nottingham Rd. From there, *Rankin*'s border travels south on the Brisbane Sydney Railway, before tracing the southern suburb boundaries of Hillcrest, Regents Park, Heritage Park, Crestmead, and Waterford West. The Logan River is followed to Tanah Merah, where *Rankin* traces the eastern edges of Tanah Merah and Shailey Park, to rejoin with the Logan-Redlands LGA border.

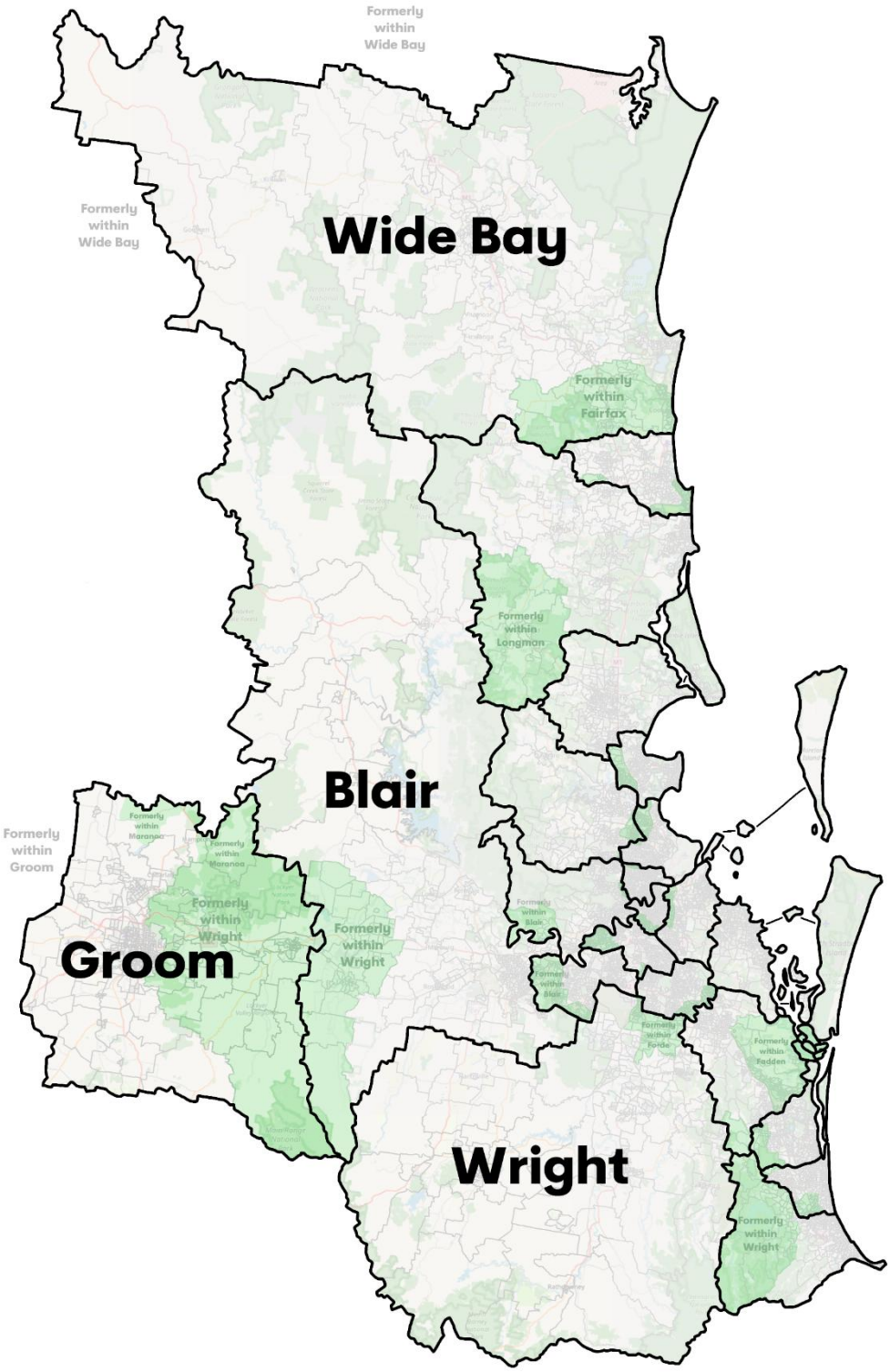
Explanation:

- *Rankin*, at this point, has undergone some changes during my proposal. *Moreton* should annex the suburb of Algester, to bring *Moreton* in line with elector requirements. *Forde*, on the other hand, is to cede Waterford West, Tanah Merah, Shailey Park, and the remainder of Loganlea and Meadowbrook to *Rankin* – as part of its retreat into the Gold Coast. These suburbs are sensible in *Rankin* as they have close ties to the centre of Logan City.

- These changes mean *Rankin* is now slightly over elector requirements – this is easily fixed by ceding the suburb of Hillcrest to *Wright*.

- In sum, *Rankin* does not undergo any major reconfiguration, instead losing and gaining edge suburbs to fulfill requirements of neighbouring seats.

6.10 OUTER SOUTHEAST QUEENSLAND (*Blair, Wide Bay, Wright*)



	BLAIR	*WIDE BAY*	*WRIGHT*
Old 'Current Electors'	+16.92%	-0.90%	+16.28%
Old 'Projected Electors'	+18.73%	-2.31%	+19.87%
New 'Current Electors'	+1.58%	-1.68%	-8.18%
New 'Projected Electors'	+2.92%	-2.53%	-3.08%
Bonner and *Moreton* must realign to fulfill elector requirements.			

WIDE BAY

Gains: The SA2s of Coolum Beach, Peregian Springs, Eumundi–Yandina (bar the SA1 31607154701), the remainder of the Noosa Hinterland, and part of the Maroochy Hinterland SA2 from *Fairfax*.

Losses: Cherbourg LGA and the remainder of South Burnett LGA to *Flynn*. The remainder of the Fraser Coast LGA to *Hinkler*.

New Borders: *Wide Bay* traces the south of the SA2s of Coolum Beach and Eumundi–Yandina, before taking in some localities in the Maroochy Hinterland SA2. *Wide Bay* then follows the Gympie LGA border until it meets the ocean.

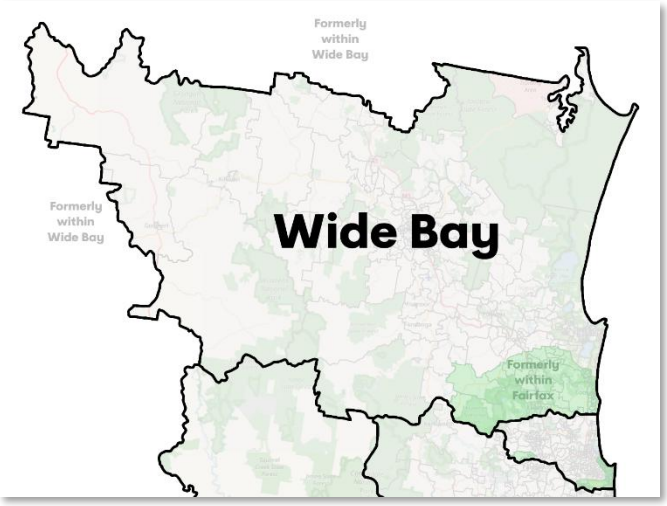
Explanation:

– As discussed in my [*Fairfax*] and [*Fisher*] proposals, *Wide Bay* is to take in a significant portion of the north of *Fairfax*. These localities either align with the regional/rural nature of *Wide Bay* (in opposition to *Fairfax*'s suburban nature), or are geographically proximate to Noosa.

– In my [*Hinkler*] proposal, I note that *Hinkler* must move considerably south to fulfill elector requirements. Here, I conclude that *Hinkler* should annex the remainder of the Fraser Coast LGA from *Wide Bay*. Given Maryborough is very distant from Gympie, and is much closer to Hervey Bay, the new centre of *Hinkler*, this is a very reasonable approach.

– Lastly, in my *Flynn* proposal, I decide that *Flynn* should take Cherbourg LGA and the rest of South Burnett LGA from *Wide Bay*, to keep *Flynn* within elector requirements. These changes mean *Wide Bay* is now confined to just 3 LGAs; Gympie, Noosa, and the Sunshine Coast.

– In sum, *Wide Bay* is radically reconfigured, removing Maryborough to take in the north of the Sunshine Coast. This is indicative of a slow realignment of *Wide Bay* further into South–East Queensland, now acting as a peri–urban seat, like *Wright*. Additionally, rather than being spread across 3 very distance regions; Maryborough, Gympie, and Noosa, *Wide Bay* is now confined to a regional Gympie section and a suburban Sunshine Coast region (which includes Noosa).



BLAIR

Gains: The Lockyer Valley East SA2 from *Wright*.

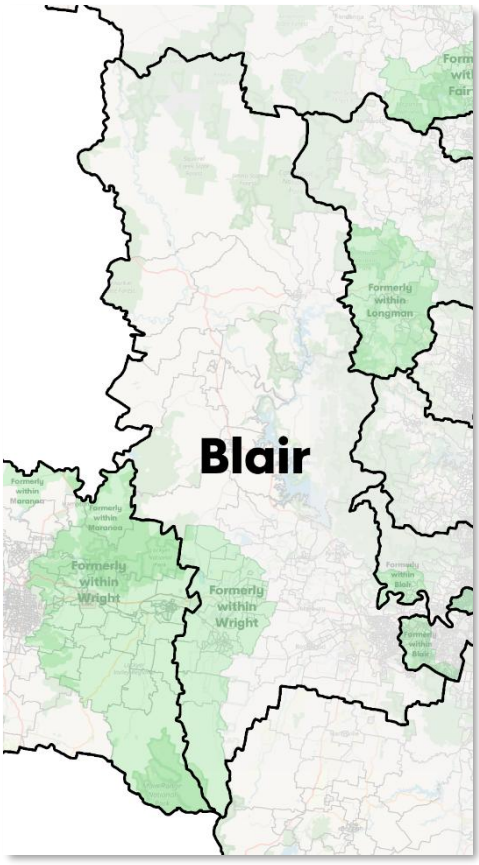
Losses: The suburbs of Springfield Central, Springfield Lakes, Spring Mountain Riverview, Ebbw Vale, Bundamba, Blackstone, Dinmore, New Chum, Swanbank, and the remainder of Redbank Plains, Augustine Heights, and Collingwood Park to *Oxley*. The Karana Downs SA2 to *Ryan*.

New Borders: Starting at the intersection of the Brisbane River and Bremer River, the *Blair* border travels west on Bremer to Bundamba Creek, travelling south to Centenary Highway. Centenary Highway is followed eastwards, before following powerlines south-east to the Ipswich-Logan LGA border. This border is followed west, before then tracing the Ipswich-Scenic Rim border, and tracing the west of the Lockyer Valley East SA2 up to Somerset LGA. *Blair* encompasses the entire Somerset LGA, going south to the Ipswich-Brisbane LGA border, and returning to the Brisbane River.

Explanation:

- *Blair*, under my proposal, undergoes a considerable restructuring. [*Oxley*] consumes a large chunk of *Blair*, being every suburb east of Bundamba Creek, leaving *Blair* with a population deficit. Additionally, [*Ryan*] is to take the Karana Downs SA2 from *Blair*, aligning their mutual border with the Brisbane River.

- To bring *Blair* back into requirements, *Blair* should take the Lockyer Valley East SA2 from *Wright*. The affect of this is that *Blair* and *Groom*, together, are able to take the Lockyer Valley LGA entirely outside of *Wright*. The portions of Lockyer Valley that are more connected with Toowoomba, such as the west, and the town of Gatton, have been ceded to *Groom*. The eastern portions that are more connected to Ipswich and its exurbs like Lowood and Rosewood have been given to *Blair*. Somewhat similarly, this means in affect the exurban parts of the Lockyer Valley have been given to *Blair*, which holds similar exurbs, while the rural parts have been relocated to a seat with a more rural nature, *Groom*. The reason this relocation of Lockyer LGA is so important is mentioned in my [*Wright*] section.



- In sum, *Blair* is removed entirely from the eastern portion of Ipswich, with Bundamba Creek being used as a clean natural border to divide *Blair* and *Oxley*. In response, *Blair* consumes exurban parts of the Lockyer Valley that align with similar communities in the west of the Ipswich LGA.

WRIGHT

Gains: The suburbs of Boronia Heights, Park Ridge, Logan Reserve, Chambers Flat, and the remainder of Park Ridge South, Greenbank, Munruben, and North Maclean have been gained from *Forde*. The suburb of Hillcrest has been gained from *Rankin*.

Losses: The entire Lockyer Valley LGA to *Blair* and *Groom*. The entire *Wright* portion of the Gold Coast to *McPherson*, *Moncrieff*, *Fadden*, and *Forde*.

Explanation:

- At present, I view *Wright* as the most problematic and incohesive seat in Queensland, in desperate need of radical restructuring. It current contains 4 very distinct regions;

1. peri-urban, working class, young, rapidly growing localities in Logan

2. wealthy, elderly people in the Gold Coast hinterland, far separated from the rest of the seat

3. the older, rural Scenic Rim LGA

4. the Lockyer Valley council, which is extremely distant to the rest of the seat, only connected by some potential backroads

- Of priority here for my *Wright* concept is to make sure Lockyer Valley LGA is removed from the seat, given how unconnected it is to anything else in *Wright* (particularly the Gold Coast!), with a secondary priority of keeping *Wright* out of the Gold Coast. I identified 3 potential strategies for this, all of which strongly impacted boundaries for *Blair*, *Oxley*, *Moreton*, *Rankin*, and *Wright*.

1. Remove Lockyer Valley from *Wright* entirely, splitting it between *Groom* and *Blair*. *Wright* does not intersect Ipswich LGA, and is kept only in the LGAs of Scenic Rim and Logan. The effect of this is that *Blair* loses everything east of the Bundamba Creek to *Oxley*. *Moreton* must then take the entire Mount Ommaney area from *Oxley*. *Wright* significantly impedes into Logan LGA, leaving *Rankin* in a similar state to now. The benefits of this is that *Oxley* (not having the affluent Mount Ommaney area), *Wright* (confined to 2 LGAs), and *Blair* (containing west Ipswich and the exurbs around it) are all very cohesive seats, while *Rankin* continues impeding into BCC, meaning the south of the BCC, being the main compact of the Indian minority in Brisbane, as well as a cohesive working-class, multicultural area, is split between *Oxley*, *Moreton*, and *Rankin*.

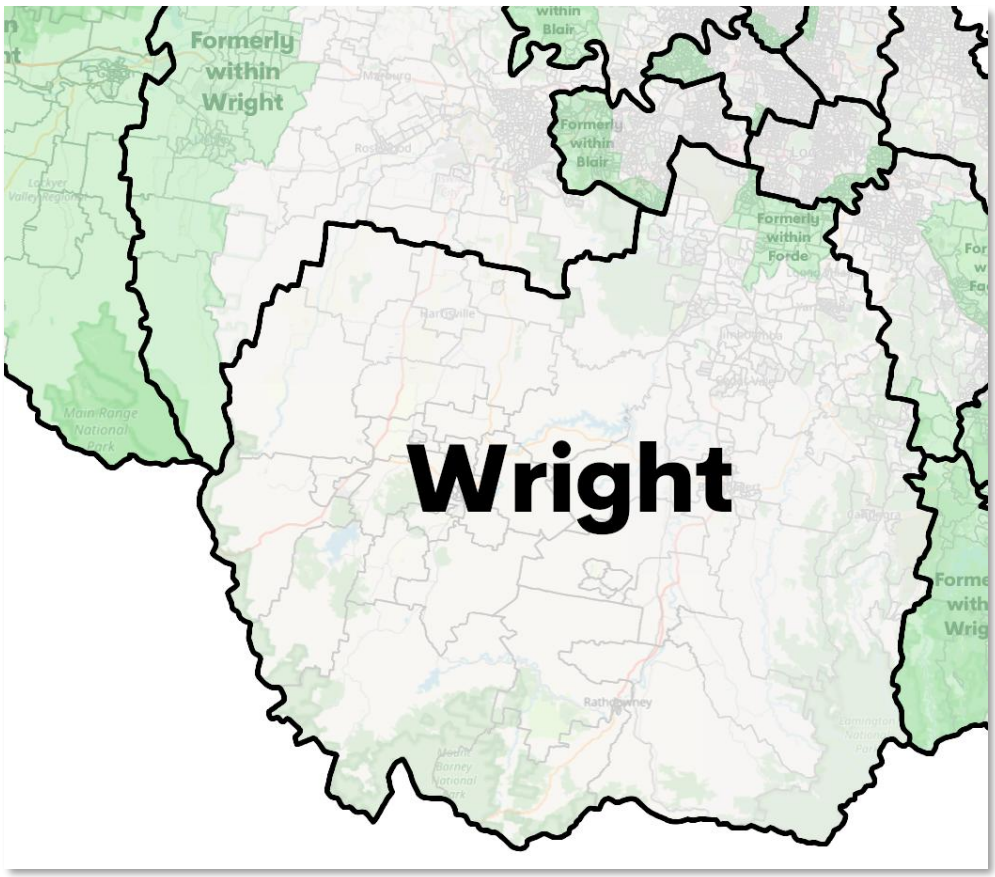
2 Remove Lockyer Valley from *Wright* entirely, splitting it between *Groom* and *Blair*. *Wright* intersects into *Blair* to take in Springfield suburbs currently located in *Blair*, as well as most of the Ripley SA2. The effect of this is that *Blair* must lose some ground to *Oxley*, *Oxley* maintains its current configuration for the most part, *Moreton* is able to take the *Rankin* portion of BCC, and *Wright* and *Rankin* both eat into *Forde*. The benefits of this is that *Oxley* (being geographically compact), *Blair* (Ipswich and surrounds), and especially *Moreton* (unites entire south of Brisbane into 1 electorate, rather than splitting it into 3) are cohesive electorates, alongside *Rankin* moving south from its current state. However, there is significant drawback in

taking Springfield suburbs into *Wright*, giving there isn't a particularly strong geographical connection for them to the rest of the seat, and they are very strongly connected to *Oxley* as a new, booming, young suburban centre, which would now be pulled into a peri-urban seat.

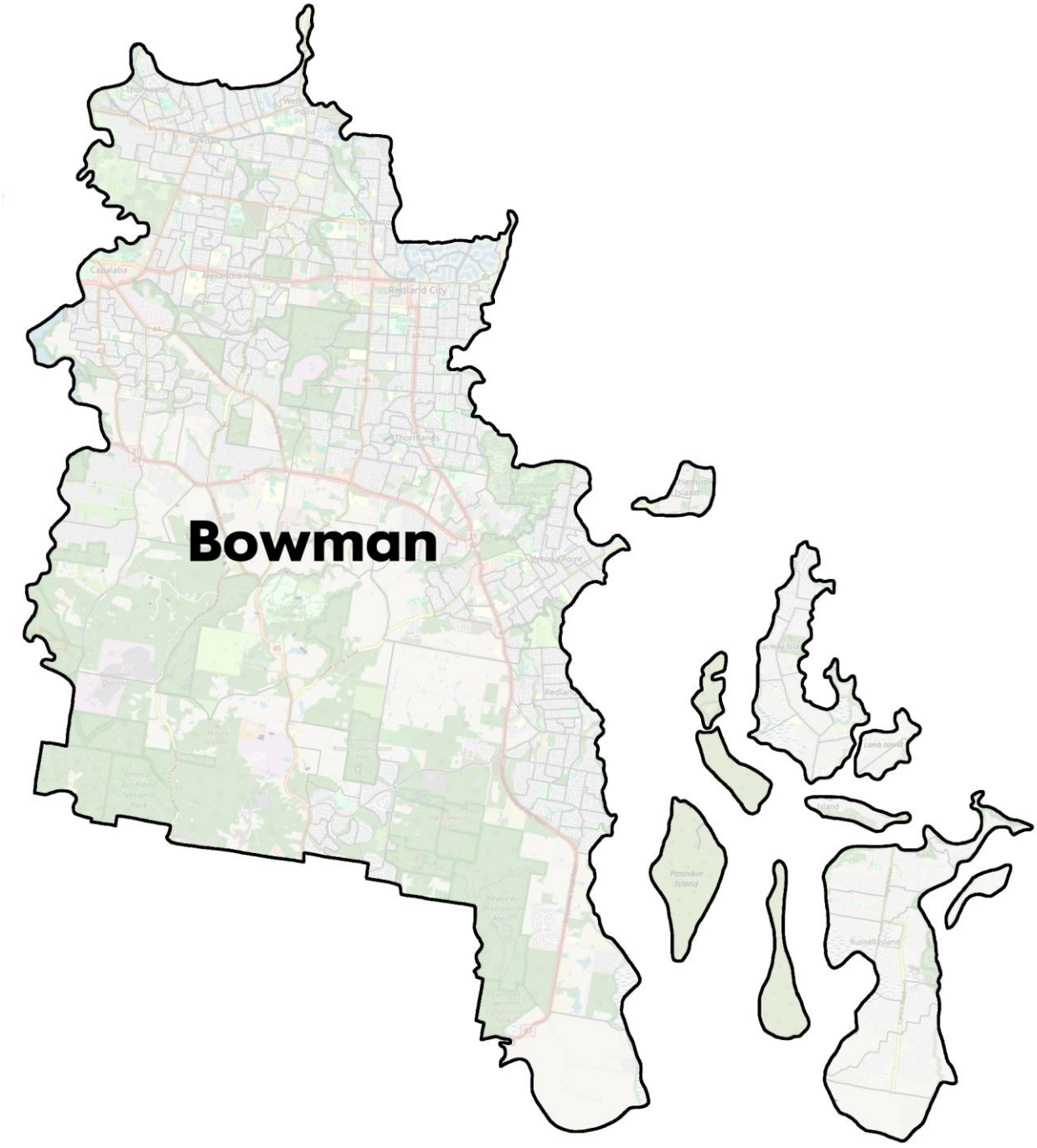
3. Keep eastern Lockyer Valley in *Wright*, and add some of rural Ipswich LGA to *Wright* to strengthen geographical connection. *Blair* keeps its boundary with *Oxley* for the most part, and *Oxley* keeps its configuration. *Moreton* is able to unite the entire south of Brisbane, and *Rankin* eats into *Forde*. The benefits are largely the same as 2., though *Wright* swaps out the very unfavourable Springfield Central with a similarly unfavourable portion of Lockyer Valley, as this continues having little to do with the rest of the seat, despite a bit more transportational connection this time around.

- In the end, I decided on option 1, though I would not mind the AEC choosing any 3 of these options, and I encourage them to take them into consideration (though, maybe everything gets thrown out the window and the AEC crosses the Brisbane River… which I strongly advise against!). I think *Moreton* not containing south Brisbane is a fine trade-off for a very coherent *Wright* and *Blair*, especially given this unites the affluent elderly suburbs in the north of *Moreton* and *Oxley* into 1 seat. I think moving Springfield Central, or East Lockyer Valley, into *Wright*, is less favourable than this.

- In sum, *Wright* undergoes radical changes – I propose it lose all of its Gold Coast territory to all 4 Gold Coast seats. *Wright* also takes in a chunk of localities from *Forde* in Logan. *Wright* then loses Lockyer Valley to both *Groom* and *Blair*. Rather than being a very messy peri-urban/rural seat, *Wright* is now a strictly peri-urban seat only straddling Scenic Rim and Logan.



6.11 REDLANDS (*Bowman*)



– Bowman requires no changes, and I strongly advise against any, as it is a clean, isolated seat entirely situated in the Redlands LGA. Here's my map anyways though!

7. GENERAL BENEFITS AND CONCLUSION

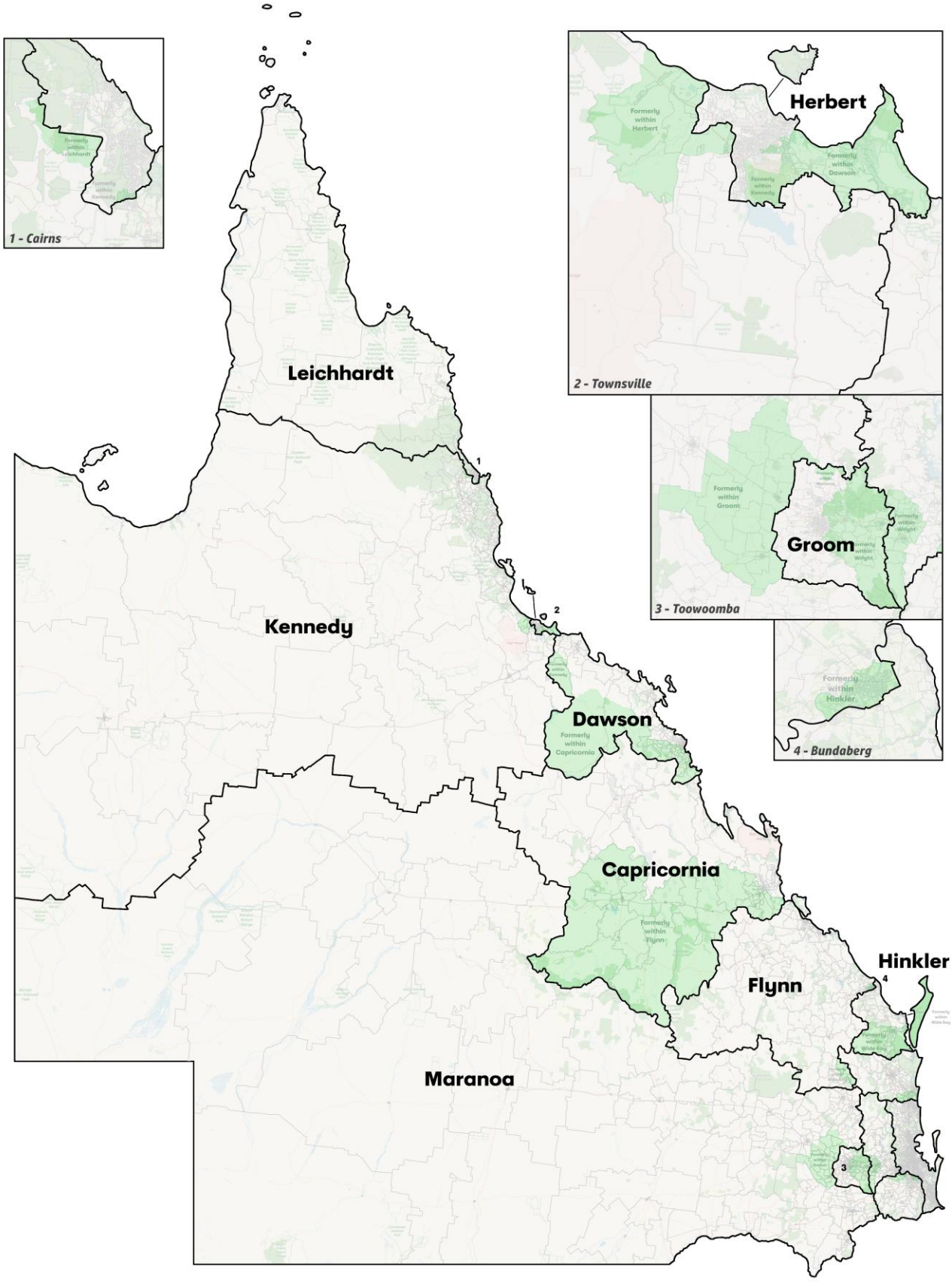
– Outside of seat-isolated benefits, I believe my proposal also carries some more general benefits, more specifically by uniting local government areas, and suburbs.

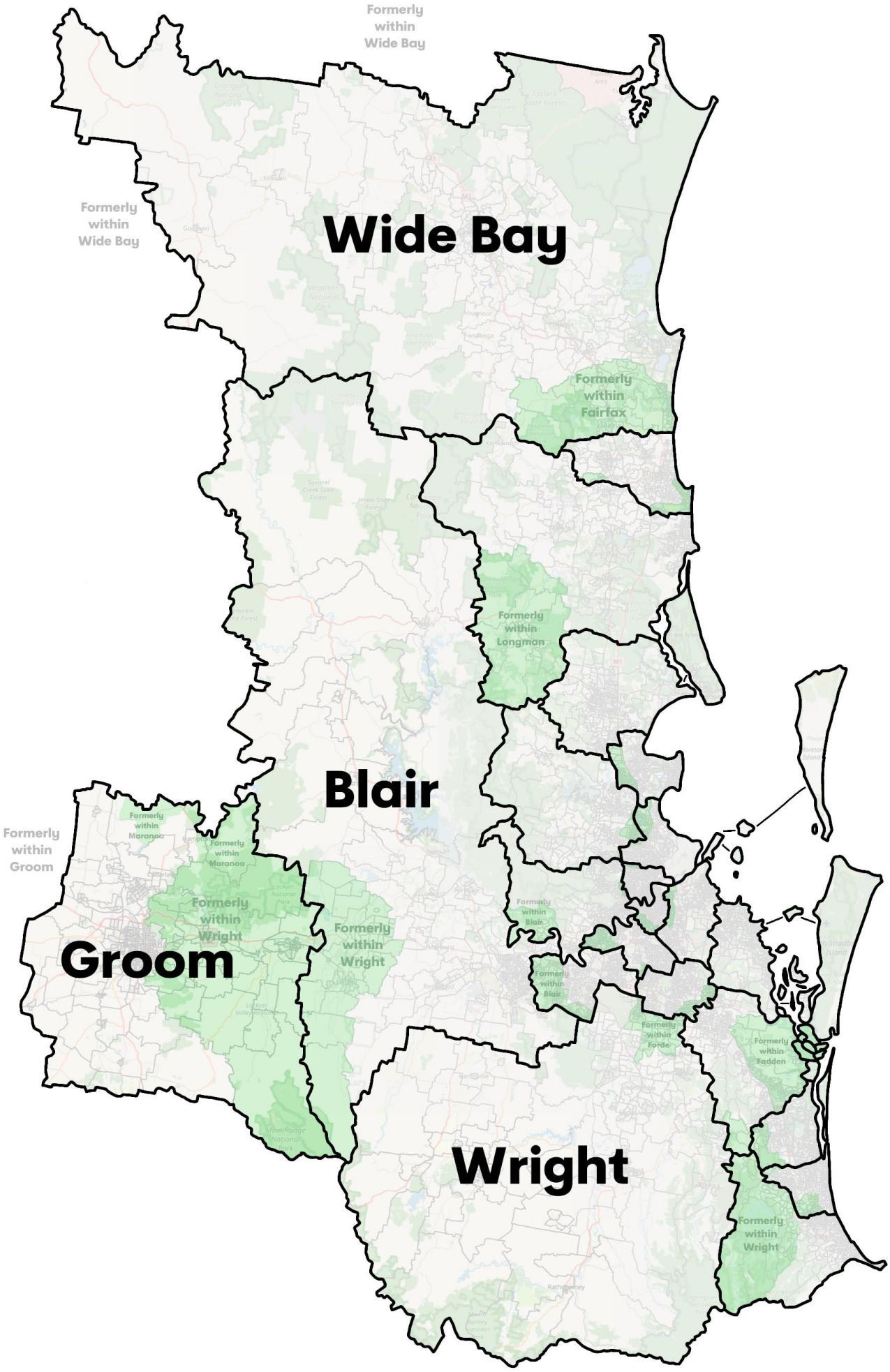
– Brisbane City Council, instead of being split between 11 seats, is only really split between 9, with *Petrie* and *Ryan* retreating from its confines. The Gold Coast LGA is split between 4 seats, with *Wright* retreating. Fraser Coast, South Burnett, Mackay, Whitsunday, Burdekin, and Rockhampton are all LGAs now united in 1 seat. Townsville is also only split between 2 seats, with *Dawson* retreating.

– A number of suburbs and localities are no longer split across the state, uniting these communities of interests is beneficial, and the unity of LGAs and suburbs would make seat boundaries much easier to explain, and much more compact and cohesive.

– Thank you for reading all of this AEC (and other readers!!), sorry if I've waffled or been too formal, I just want to make sure I'm ticking all the right boxes. I've written this all in one day so apologies if things don't make sense – I strongly encourage feedback on this submission during the objections phase, and will enjoy reading it!

8. REGIONAL/SEQ MAPS

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Formerly within Groom
Formerly within Maranoa
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Formerly within Wright
Groom
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Formerly within Blair
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Formerly within Forde
Formerly within Fadden
Wright
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