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Summary

The Australian Labor Party, State of Queensland (ALP) is pleased to endorse the following submission to the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) Redistribution Committee for Queensland's consideration.

The ALP acknowledge the criteria within subsections (2), (3) and (4) of section 66 of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Act) and submits that the criteria can be met with relatively minimal change.

The ALP notes the earlier projection time adopted by the AEC due to the reasonable belief that Queensland's entitlement to the number of members of the House of Representatives may change at the next determination. The ALP submits this further supports a guiding principle to undertake this redistribution limiting changes to the divisional boundaries established in 2018 and providing stability to as many Queensland electors as possible.

The ALP acknowledges that changes to the boundaries are required in 20 of 30 divisions. The ALP submits that changes can be made whilst maintaining the integrity of existing divisions and therefore minimising elector displacement, especially where electoral divisions are already within the permissible tolerance from quota.

In making this submission, the ALP acknowledges and has considered desirable movements of electors in order to first achieve the population targets that the AEC must address, followed by requirements of communities of interest, means of communication and travel, physical features and, where possible, adherence to the boundaries of existing divisions, including local government and other established divisional boundaries.

In seeking to present a submission that addresses these issues, the ALP first took the approach of a logical and minimally disruptive adjustment to areas of comparative lower growth, including the regional divisions between Dawson and Flynn, and suburban metropolitan areas in the south east, with a need to balance enrolments with areas of more significant population expansion through South East Queensland's growth corridors.

In broad terms, this necessarily required a southward shift of under quota regional divisions, and an outward shift of under quota suburban divisions to reduce enrolment pressure on growth areas. The suggestions below manage this, while seeking to be responsive to and strengthen established communities of interest and unify population centres, using established administrative, natural and physical boundaries.

At this time, the ALP does not seek to make submissions on the naming of divisions and leaves this for the AEC to consider.

The ALP has welcomed the opportunity to make a submission for consideration, and it is hoped the suggestions contained here assist the work of the AEC.

The ALP also looks forward to the opportunity to make further comments once the various suggestions and comments are made available for public inspection.

Matters for Consideration

The AEC must, as far as practicable, endeavour to ensure that Queensland electoral divisions would not fall outside 3.5% of the projected average divisional enrolment at the projection time (27 August 2028).

In addition to achieving electoral divisions within a 3.5% range of the average divisional enrolment at the projection time, the Redistribution Committee shall give due consideration, in relation to each proposed electoral division, to:

- communities of interests within the proposed electoral division, including economic, social and regional interests;
- means of communication and travel within the proposed electoral division;
- the physical features and area of the proposed electoral division; and
- the boundaries of existing divisions.

While only 5 of 30 existing divisions fall outside the 10% tolerance outlined in section 66(3) of the Act, 20 of 30 existing divisions are projected to have enrolments that fall outside 3.5% of the projected quota and require adjustment.

General Principles

In addition to the matters expressly required in the Act, the ALP has endeavoured to present a submission for the Redistribution Committee's consideration that adheres to the following general principles.

Minimal Change

As mentioned previously, the ALP believe it important to provide stability to electors, especially given the AEC's reasonable belief a more substantive change is likely to occur in the short term.

Undertaking a more substantive redraw now, and again in the next parliament, risks causing unnecessary disruption to electors. Our submission sets out a pathway to avoid undue or double disruption.

Accordingly, the ALP recommend the Redistribution Committee preserves, as far as practicable, existing boundaries.

The ALP notes that while 20 divisions require some level of adjustment, it is unavoidable that some of the remaining 10 that do not will need to undergo minor changes in order to manage pressures around them.

Preservation of North and South of the Brisbane River

When determining electoral boundaries in metropolitan Brisbane, it is useful to broadly segment the metropolitan region into 'northside' and 'southside' to capture communities of interest, ensure feasible means of communication, and achieve adequate road/rail connections for travel within each electoral division.

The Brisbane River is a clear physical divider of two distinct parts of metropolitan Brisbane, particularly in areas closer to the central business district.

Unification of Population Centres

Where practicable, major population centres and directly linked satellite communities should be contained within a single electoral division. This is particularly relevant in the determination of divisional boundaries in Regional Queensland.

Local Government Areas as Communities of Interest

The use of Local Government Area (LGA) boundaries, while not explicitly stated in section 66 of the Act, often represent areas of shared economic, social and servicing interests. This is particularly relevant in Regional Queensland.

Where appropriate, and particularly in regional areas, LGA boundaries should be considered as part of divisional boundaries.

Proposed Division Boundary Changes

1. Southwest Queensland

1.1 Blair, Groom & Maranoa

ALP Proposed Boundary	Current Enrolment (28/07/2026)		Projected Enrolment (27/08/2028)	
	Electors	Quota Variation	Electors	Quota Variation
Blair	123,478	-2.97%	131,312	-0.92%
Groom	127,759	+0.39%	133,046	+0.39%
Maranoa	132,396	+4.04%	135,756	+2.44%

Blair

Significant growth in Ipswich has seen Blair well over quota and projected to continue growing. Blair is very much an Ipswich-based seat and the requirement for Blair to contract presents a clear opportunity to strengthen existing communities of interest within Ipswich by using the Ipswich LGA boundary to entirely comprise its northern, western and southern boundaries.

Under this proposal, Blair would comprise only the City of Ipswich:

- The Somerset Region transfers to Maranoa.
- The Brisbane City localities of Karana Downs, Mount Crosby and Kholo transfer to Ryan.
- Blair's boundary with Oxley would be unchanged.

This would also return the Blair-Ryan boundary to the previous divisional boundary, using the established Ipswich-Brisbane LGA boundary. The ALP notes the many objections made to the AEC by community members during the last redistribution when this boundary was broken by the AEC at that time.

This change also completes the work that the AEC has started with previous redistributions, focusing the seat of Blair on the growing Ipswich region, and aligns the division not just with LGA boundaries, but with the state electoral districts based on the City of Ipswich (Ipswich, Ipswich West, Redbank and Springfield), distinct from the districts covering the surrounding regional areas (Nanango and Lockyer).

Maranoa

Maranoa is projected to fall further under quota and needs to grow. As an electorate predominantly based in rural Southern Queensland, the ALP believe that Maranoa taking the excess from Blair, namely the Somerset LGA, will unite rural communities around Kingaroy, Nanango, Kilcoy, Esk and Fernvale in one division.

The Somerset Region is a rural shire with a distinct community of interest. It is comprised of country towns and farmland stretching from Fernvale and Lowood in the south to Kilcoy, Toogoolawah and Linville in the north. These communities have more in common with the rural shires to their north and west than with Ipswich's suburbs. The D'Aguilar Highway carries traffic from Kilcoy across the Great Dividing Range to Yarraman, Nanango and Kingaroy, linking Somerset's northern towns directly to the South Burnett. The Brisbane Valley Rail Trail runs through Somerset's townships to Linville, Blackbutt and Yarraman, connecting the upper Brisbane Valley with the communities beyond the range. Transferring Somerset entirely to Maranoa would keep the shire within a single division, alongside the rural communities it most resembles. Blair would then become a division focused entirely on Ipswich.

These changes alone leave Maranoa over quota and so areas will need to be transferred to Groom.

Groom

Groom is also under quota and projected to remain below quota, and an opportunity arises to unite more of the Toowoomba LGA within Groom. The ALP propose that the locality of Clifton and surrounds be transferred into Groom from Maranoa. In addition, propose that the town of Crows Nest and its surrounds be transferred from Maranoa into Groom. Secondary school students in Crows Nest attend Highfields State Secondary College, and transport links are predominantly oriented towards Highfields and Toowoomba.

With these changes, Groom would sit within quota tolerance at projection time, and around 97% of the Toowoomba Region's electors would be within Groom. Millmerran and Yarraman would remain in Maranoa. Including them would leave Groom close to the upper limit of the permissible tolerance, and Yarraman shares close connections with Nanango and the South Burnett.

2. South of the Brisbane River

ALP Proposed Boundary	Current Enrolment (28/07/2026)		Projected Enrolment (27/08/2028)	
	Electors	Quota Variation	Electors	Quota Variation
Bonner	126,605	-0.51%	129,866	-2.01%
Bowman	127,241	-0.01%	130,510	-1.52%
Forde	122,239	-3.94%	134,693	+1.64%
Griffith	123,805	-2.71%	129,263	-2.46%
Moreton	123,805	-2.71%	128,146	-3.31%
Oxley	124,590	-2.10%	129,623	-2.19%
Rankin	124,764	-1.96%	128,600	-2.96%
Wright	130,355	+2.43%	136,718	+3.16%

2.1 Bonner, Griffith, Moreton & Oxley

Bonner

Bonner is projected to fall below quota and must gain electors. Moreton is the most under quota division in Queensland and must also gain a substantial number of electors. Griffith is within quota but is the most sensible division with which Bonner can make an exchange.

Bonner's other neighbours do not present viable alternatives. Bowman has a low capacity within quota to lose electors and would still require Bonner to gain electors from Griffith. The boundary between Bonner and Bowman is Tingalpa Creek, which is a clear physical boundary and also serves as the LGA boundary between Brisbane City and Redland City.

The suburbs of Murarrie, Cannon Hill and Carina are currently split between the divisions of Griffith and Bonner. The need for Bonner to grow presents an opportunity to unite these suburbs within one division. Consequentially, the ALP submits the balance of these suburbs in Griffith be transferred to Bonner.

The ALP notes and further references the local administrative boundary in making this submission, namely the Brisbane City Council's Doboy Ward.

Griffith

As a result, Griffith needs to gain electors. The ALP notes past redistributions have seen frequent adjustments to the Griffith-Moreton divisional boundary, particularly around the suburbs of Annerley and Tarragindi. In recent redistribution processes, the AEC has managed the quota requirements of Griffith and Moreton through various arrangements of this boundary (2003, 2006 and 2018 redistributions).

The ALP submits the AEC adopt a version of these previous boundaries, but in this instance use the rail corridor to pick up the previous divisional boundary along and including Villa Street, Cracknell Road and Toohey Road, with a small but logical extension along Toohey Road to include a slightly larger balance of Tarragindi.

Moreton

Moreton, already under quota, is then required to gain electors. All of Moreton's other neighbouring divisions are themselves at or below quota.

The ALP submits a small and logical exchange from Oxley to unite a portion of Pallara, contained within the Stockland residential estate south of Brookbent Road. Pallara is already divided between Oxley and Moreton, however the current boundary in this location splits a residential estate that has undergone further development subsequent to the last redrawing of divisional boundaries. This is a very minor change and enhances a community of interest recognising the new shopping and local service precinct recently completed in the existing part of the estate in Moreton.

Following this minor adjustment, Oxley remains comfortably within quota and does not require any further change.

With Moreton still needing additional electors, Rankin's suburbs within Brisbane LGA are therefore the most practicable source of electors, and the least disruptive means to bring Moreton back into quota.

The ALP submits that the suburbs of Calamvale, Parkinson, Algester and Stretton be transferred from Rankin to Moreton. These suburbs share established north-south travel connections with

Moreton's existing communities of Sunnybank and Sunnybank Hills, including bus routes along the Beaudesert Road and Gowan Road to the South East Busway.

2.2 Forde, Rankin, Wright, Bowman

Rankin is under quota and projected to remain so. To its south, Forde and Wright are both well above quota, driven by rapid growth across Logan's southern and western corridors.

The ALP's submission addresses these pressures together. Rankin becomes a division of Logan's established northern suburbs, and Forde becomes a division of Logan's south and west, wholly within Logan LGA. Wright is consolidated around the Scenic Rim and northern Gold Coast where it already has an established Gold Coast hinterland footprint, and Bowman takes in the small locality of Carbrook.

Rankin

Rankin is under quota and following the transfer of portions of its Brisbane City suburbs to Moreton, must gain electors. Forde and Wright are both significantly over quota and must reduce in size.

Logan City is projected to hold almost exactly two divisions worth of electors. This redistribution presents an opportunity to resolve the enrolment requirements of all three divisions while strengthening communities of interest within established local boundaries. Logan City would be predominantly represented by two Logan-based divisions:

- Rankin, centred on the established suburbs of northern Logan
- Forde, centred on Logan's south and west

Logan's established northern urban area is closely connected to Rankin's existing centres at Springwood, Kingston, Logan Central and Browns Plains. Loganholme station acts as a hub linking the transferred suburbs with Rankin's existing communities.

The ALP submits that the Logan River form Rankin's new southern boundary. It provides a clear and well-understood boundary between the established suburbs to its north and the communities south including Bethania, Edens Landing, Holmview and Beenleigh.

Forde

Forde is significantly over quota, projected to exceed the average by 12.5%, driven by sustained growth across Logan's southern and western corridors. Forde should transfer its northern suburbs to Rankin, its Gold Coast City areas to Wright, and the locality of Carbrook to Bowman.

Consistent with the position taken throughout this submission, it is proposed to base new Federal boundaries on existing LGAs, as much as possible. Consequently, the ALP submits that the seats that currently cross the Logan-Gold Coast City Council boundaries are realigned. The result would be that Forde would become a wholly Logan-based seat, with Wright adding to its existing share of the Gold Coast.

The ALP submits that Forde gain the suburbs of Greenbank, Jimboomba, Flagstone, Yarrabilba, New Beith, Logan Village, North Maclean, South Maclean, Munruben and Park Ridge South from Wright. The Mount Lindesay Highway and Waterford-Tamborine Road provide clear north-south spines connecting these growth communities with Park Ridge, Logan Reserve, Chambers Flat and Waterford, and are heavily used by commuters.

Greenbank, North Maclean, Munruben and Park Ridge South are currently divided between Forde and Wright, and this transfer unites each within Forde.

As a result, Forde would be comprised wholly of Logan City, centred on the communities in Logan's central, southern and western areas. It would sit comfortably within quota with these changes.

Bowman

The ALP submits that the locality of Carbrook be transferred from Forde to Bowman. Bowman is within quota and does not otherwise require adjustment. This small transfer keeps Bowman comfortably within the permissible tolerance (-1.52% at the projection time) and is more reflective of Carbrook's community of interest than alternative options.

Although this transfer crosses the Logan-Redland LGA boundary, Carbrook's established connections run north and east towards the Redlands. Mount Cotton Road links Carbrook directly with Mount Cotton, and Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road provides a direct connection to Redland Bay.

These connections are reinforced by local schools such as Kimberley College, shared community facilities, the Redlands Satellite Hospital and the continued growth of Shoreline towards Carbrook.

This submission further supports a recent determination made by the Queensland Redistribution Commission in June 2026, to transfer Carbrook to the Redlands state electoral district to its east.

Wright

Wright is projected to exceed quota by 19.9%, and the ALP therefore submits Wright should transfer its Logan City areas to Forde, and the suburb of Forestdale that is otherwise separated from the existing division by the Greenbank Military Training Reserve, to Rankin.

The Gold Coast City suburbs proposed for transfer from Forde to Wright adjoin Wright's existing Gold Coast communities of Oxenford, Maudsland and Wongawallan, and the transfer unites Wongawallan within Wright. The Albert River would form a clear boundary between Wright and Forde in this area, separating the Gold Coast's northern suburbs from Logan City.

Wright would retain the rural localities around Woodhill and Cedar Vale, which adjoin its existing Scenic Rim communities around Beaudesert.

Following these transfers, Wright remains marginally above the permissible tolerance at the projection time. To resolve this, the ALP submits that a small portion of Tallai, comprising approximately 1,100 electors, be transferred from Wright to McPherson. These are cul-de-sac communities whose road access runs through McPherson, and most residents cannot reach the rest of Wright without first travelling through McPherson. Including them in McPherson better reflects their means of communication and travel, and brings Wright within quota.

3. Gold Coast

ALP Proposed Boundary	Current Enrolment (28/07/2026)		Projected Enrolment (27/08/2028)	
	Electors	Quota Variation	Electors	Quota Variation
Fadden	129,194	+1.52%	136,172	+2.75%
McPherson	131,573	+3.39%	136,215	+2.78%
Moncrieff	129,948	+2.11%	135,953	+2.59%

3.1 Fadden, McPherson & Moncrieff

The Gold Coast LGA – presently containing 449,128 electors and projected to grow to 470,173 – has quota for 3.5 seats. As submitted above, and with Wright already established in Scenic Rim and parts of the Gold Coast hinterland, Wright would effectively be the fourth Gold Coast seat with the three coastal seats Fadden, McPherson and Moncrieff retained entirely in the Gold Coast LGA, such that Wright takes all remaining inland portions of the Gold Coast.

The composition of Gold Coast electorates in this way highlights the strong connection between hinterland Gold Coast communities along the LGA boundary with Scenic Rim, including Tamborine, Eagle Heights and Canungra, and the routes of communication these communities have to the broader Gold Coast area via Tamborine-Oxenford Road, Henri Robert Drive and Beaudesert-Nerang Road.

When considering the three coastal Gold Coast divisions Fadden, McPherson and Moncrieff, both Fadden (over quota and projected to continue growing) and McPherson (projected under quota) require adjustment.

Recognising the established communities of interest along coastal areas within the Gold Coast, the ALP submits that the abovementioned quota constraints can be resolved with two targeted exchanges while retaining three coastal Gold Coast divisions:

- Fadden transferring a portion of Labrador, using Biggera Creek and Whiting Street as the boundary, to Moncrieff.
- Moncrieff transferring the suburb of Miami, and the portion of Mermaid Waters containing Miami State School, west of Sunshine Boulevard and south of Dunlop Canal to McPherson.

4. North & Central Queensland

ALP Proposed Boundary	Current Enrolment (28/07/2026)		Projected Enrolment (27/08/2028)	
	Electors	Quota Variation	Electors	Quota Variation
Capricornia	125,422	-1.44%	129,916	-1.97%
Dawson	131,145	+3.05%	135,897	+2.54%
Flynn	126,274	-0.77%	130,620	-1.44%
Herbert	131,386	+3.24%	136,347	+2.88%
Hinkler	124,667	-2.04%	129,469	-2.31%
Kennedy	131,849	+3.61%	135,879	+2.53%
Leichhardt*	125,528	-1.36%	130,809	-1.30%

Queensland's Central and Northern regions face a declining share of enrolment quota where the population growth in key regional hubs is outpaced by the high sustained population growth in South East Queensland.

With the AEC required to adjust several divisions in Regional Queensland, the ALP submit there is an opportunity to unite satellite communities of regional cities such as those around Mackay and Rockhampton within the same electorate. This reflects our general principle that LGAs in Regional Queensland provide clear communities of interest, and should be considered as division boundaries where enrolment allows.

Leichhardt meets numerical requirements, both current and projected, and requires no change to its boundary.

4.1 Dawson, Herbert & Kennedy

The ALP submits there is an opportunity for more of Townsville's established urban areas to be included in the Townsville-based Herbert with two targeted exchanges.

Kennedy's boundary with Herbert would follow Black River from the coast until Rangewood's locality boundary, such that Rangewood is transferred to Kennedy. This change recognises the existing inclusion of coastal and satellite communities consistent with its profile along the coast until south of Cairns, including for example, the locality of Alice River.

Herbert can then include a greater portion of the southern suburbs of Townsville, south of the Ross River and west of Abbott Street, from Dawson. This would result in the vast majority of urban Townsville being represented in a single electoral division, rather than being split between Herbert and Dawson.

This change facilitates a series of changes in Queensland's regions centred on enhancing logical and established communities of interest around key regional hubs, employment and other services, and local administrative LGA boundaries.

The ALP submits that this change further allows the logical transfer of the balance of Mackay Regional Council from Capricornia to Dawson. This unites communities to the south and south-west of Mackay in a Mackay-based electorate and unites all of urban Mackay in a single electoral division.

4.2 Capricornia, Flynn & Hinkler

After Capricornia transfers the balance of Mackay Regional Council to Dawson, it can take in the balance of Rockhampton Regional Council from Flynn.

As with the logical transfers in Dawson, the inclusion of the remaining portions of the Rockhampton LGA in Capricornia also unites satellite communities with the urban centre that services them for employment, health and other services (e.g. Gracemere, Mount Morgan, Alton Downs).

The electors from Rockhampton Regional Council alone are not enough to satisfy Capricornia quota requirements. The ALP submits that Central Highlands Regional Council, inclusive of the Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire within it, also be transferred from Flynn to Capricornia.

Emerald and other communities along the Capricorn Highway including Blackwater, Bluff and Duaringa, are inherently connected to Rockhampton via the Capricorn Highway, and indeed these communities are closer in geography and travel to Rockhampton in Capricornia as an urban and service base than they are to Gladstone in Flynn.

Additionally, communities across the Central Highlands have long established transport, economic and employment connections with regions to the north, particularly the Isaac region, which have been placed in Capricornia by Redistribution Committees for decades.

Flynn, already needing to gain electors and continuing to balance enrolment requirements from the north then needs to grow southward.

Hinkler, despite not requiring change when considered in isolation, must be included in the transfer of electors from neighbouring districts to ease the enrolment pressures faced both around the Sunshine Coast and Regional Queensland.

Acknowledging this, the ALP submits that the urban centre of Bundaberg, as defined by the new state electoral boundary as determined by the Queensland Redistribution Commission in June 2026, be transferred from Hinkler to Flynn.

The ALP notes the significance and strong historical connection with the Hinkler name to the area of Bundaberg and raises this as a matter for the AEC's consideration for the naming of electoral divisions.

As a result of exchanges to the north, the existing Hinkler divisional boundary can grow further south.

The ALP submits that all of Fraser Coast Regional Council is transferred such that Hervey Bay and Maryborough are united in a single electorate. While Maryborough and Hervey Bay have established and distinct identities, their collective employment, service and transport connections continue to provide a close and established link between these communities. Both Maryborough and Hervey Bay have been united in the same federal electoral division historically and the ALP notes submissions provided to previous redistributions, including by the Fraser Coast Regional Council, that support the unification of these communities in a single division.

This exchange alone is not enough given the balance enrolment. The ALP submits that the boundary should extend into the Gympie Regional Council, only as far as necessary to satisfy enrolment, by including localities along the Bruce Highway as far south as Curra and areas around the Tuan State Forest such as Anderleigh, Kia Ora and Neerdie.

5. Brisbane North, Moreton Bay & Sunshine Coast

ALP Proposed Boundary	Current Enrolment (28/07/2026)		Projected Enrolment (27/08/2028)	
	Electors	Quota Variation	Electors	Quota Variation
Brisbane*	127,658	+0.31%	133,341	+0.61%
Dickson	125,437	-1.43%	129,601	-2.21%
Fairfax	129,808	+2.00%	134,962	+1.84%
Fisher	123,777	-2.74%	133,221	+0.52%
Lilley	125,961	-1.02%	129,045	-2.63%
Longman	127,205	-0.04%	134,792	+1.71%
Petrie	131,268	+3.15%	136,646	+3.11%
Ryan	127,430	+0.13%	130,568	-1.48%
Wide Bay	125,192	-1.62%	128,798	-2.81%

The divisions north of Brisbane face two clear enrolment pressures. Electorates covering Brisbane's northern suburbs and the adjoining southern Moreton Bay area are projected to fall below quota. Further north, sustained population growth across Moreton Bay and the Sunshine Coast has left several divisions significantly over quota.

Consistent with the principle of minimal change, the ALP submits that these pressures can be resolved through a small number of targeted exchanges between neighbouring divisions as set out below.

The division of Brisbane is within quota at both the current and projected times. The ALP submits that no change to Brisbane is required, and that the requirements of its neighbouring divisions can be resolved without adjusting it, in alignment with the principle of minimal change.

5.1 Lilley & Petrie

Lilley is projected to fall below quota, at 7.5% under the projected average, and must gain at least 5,317 electors. Its neighbour Petrie is projected to be 8.0% over, and must lose 5,956 electors. Petrie's surplus closely matches Lilley's shortfall, and the two divisions share a long common boundary through Brisbane's outer northern suburbs.

The ALP therefore submits that a targeted exchange between these two electorates alone is sufficient in bringing these two divisions within quota. As such, neither electorate should be adjusted when resolving the enrolment of other neighbouring electorates in an effort to minimise voter disruption.

The ALP submits that the balance of Aspley, and the portion of Carseldine south of Beams Road and east of Ridley Road, be transferred from Petrie to Lilley. This builds on the existing alignment of the Petrie-Lilley boundary around Aspley and Cabbage Tree Creek. The transfer would also include the single SA1 in Bridgeman Downs that lies south of Cabbage Tree Creek, which is currently in Petrie, so that Cabbage Tree Creek forms a consistent boundary in this area.

The ALP submits that this exchange is strongly supported by a community of interest, with the suburb of Aspley being currently divided between Lilley and Petrie. This exchange unites Aspley within a single division, Lilley. More broadly, Aspley and southern Carseldine sit along the Gympie Road corridor, Brisbane's principal northern arterial road. The corridor runs south through Aspley to Chermside, Lilley's major retail, employment and services centre. Chermside is home to Westfield Chermside, one of Queensland's largest shopping centres and a major public transport interchange, and to The Prince Charles Hospital, the principle public hospital serving Brisbane's northern suburbs. Residents of the transferred area rely on the Gympie Road corridor to reach these facilities for shopping, employment, health care and public transport. Their primary connections therefore run south into Lilley rather than north into Petrie.

This new boundary is strongly based on physical features, following Beams Road, a major east-west road, and Cabbage Tree Creek, a clear natural feature. Both are readily identifiable boundaries for electors.

5.2 Dickson & Ryan

The ALP submits that the first logical adjustment the AEC must consider when attempting to bring Ryan within quota is a reversion to the 2009 boundary between Ryan and Blair to include the balance of Brisbane City Council.

Given Petrie and Lilley can resolve quota requirements without involving any other electorate, and Brisbane requires no change, the ALP submits Ryan gain the additional electors required to meet quota through a small transfer from Dickson in Samford Valley, Mount Nebo and surrounds. The ALP notes these communities have been included in Ryan previously.

These localities connect via Mount Nebo Road to The Gap or else via Samford Road to Ferny Grove and Upper Kedron. Indeed, The Gap and the existing areas within Ryan south of Kedron Brook, have a direct connection via Settlement Road that has previously been acknowledged by Redistribution Committees and accounts for the fact that Ferny Grove has been situated within Ryan for the majority of its time since its inception.

The current use of Mount Nebo Road as a divisional boundary is illogical. While, of course, roads can often be used as physical barriers between divisions, in this instance the road is clearly a connector and common way of travel recognising the community of interest with the direct connection between Mount Nebo and The Gap, already in Ryan.

With Dickson already needing to gain electors and noting the above submission, the ALP submits that Dickson gains electors from over quota Longman by simply extending its existing northern Mumford Road boundary further east, using Mackie Road, therefore transferring these areas to Dickson. This also allows for the reunification of Kallangur within one electoral division.

The ALP notes that the importance of Walmsley Street defining the border between electorates in order for Walmsley Park and the Narangba Community Centre within it, to stay in the same electorate as the residential portion of the suburb including Narangba station and Narangba State School.

5.3 Fairfax, Fisher, Longman & Wide Bay

The exchange of electors between these four divisions is the culmination of necessary adjustments in the regions to their north and south. As those divisions grow to meet quota, the effect cascades until it meets the over quota divisions around Moreton Bay, which must reduce in size due to continued population growth.

Fairfax and Fisher have a combined enrolment of 276,957 projected to grow to 292,333. With the permissible maximum number of projected electors for two divisions set at 274,328, it is not possible to draw divisional boundaries within the Sunshine Coast LGA such that it is entirely represented by two divisions.

With this in mind, the ALP submits that Fairfax and Fisher both condense towards the coast, and the existing Wide Bay electorate boundary extend south to capture the Sunshine Coast hinterland region around localities like Kenilworth, Maleny, Mapleton and Peachester, extending as far as necessary to connected communities like Woodford and Wamuran in the Moreton Bay LGA to both satisfy its own enrolment, and ease enrolment pressure on Longman.

After the changes between the existing Hinkler-Wide Bay boundary, this would establish Wide Bay as an electorate centred on Gympie, Noosa and the hinterland region.

In order to balance enrolment between Fairfax and Fisher subsequent to the hinterland exchange with Wide Bay, the ALP submits that Mooloolaba and Alexandra Headland be transferred from Fisher to Fairfax, extending the use of the Mooloolah River as the geographical boundary between electorates.

Appendix

All calculations of current and projected enrolment for the proposed boundary changes use the enrolment data per division per SA1 provided by the AEC.

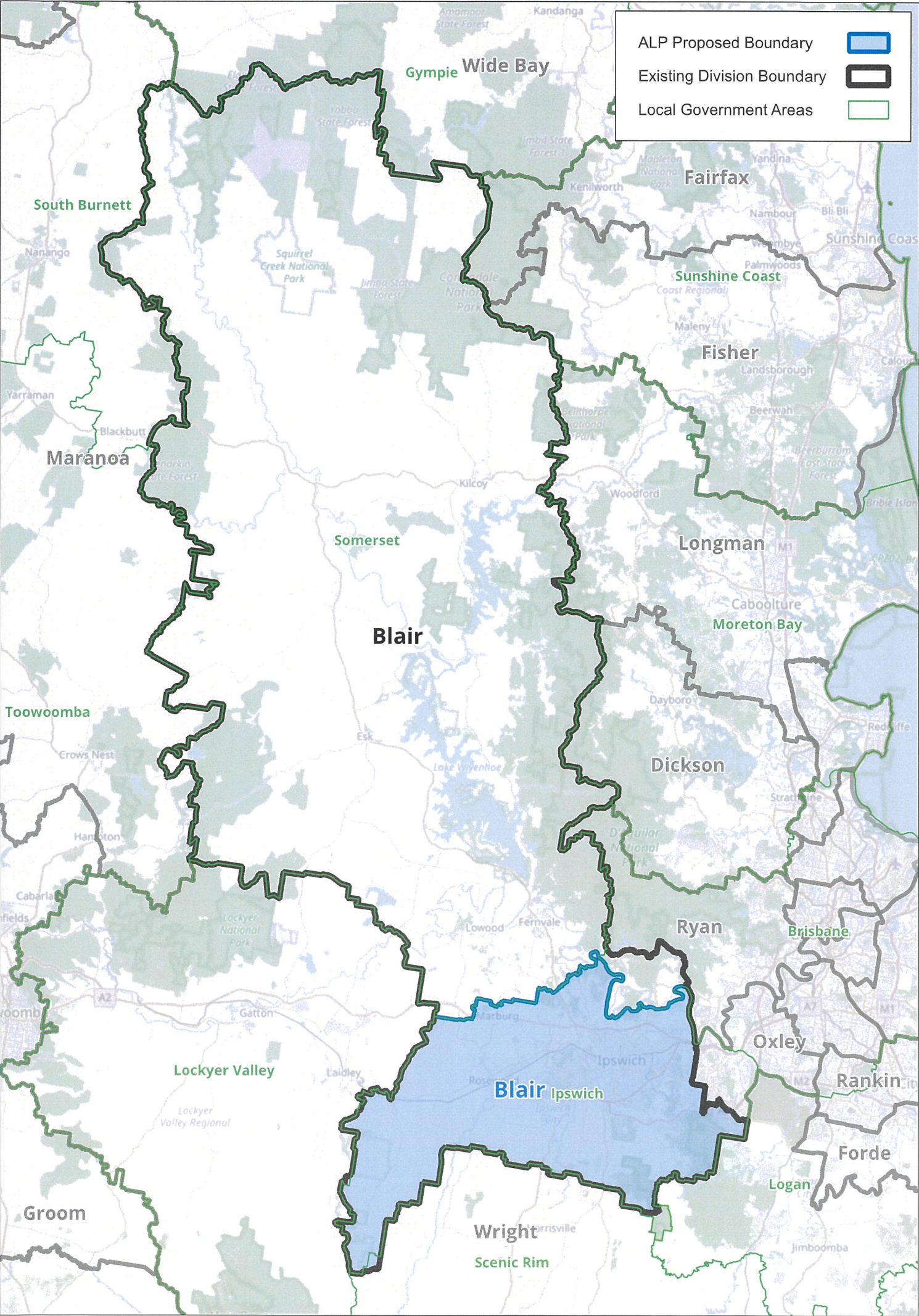
The ALP notes the existence of SA1s split between current and proposed division boundaries. Where the AEC has provided enrolment information for part SA1s, that data has been used to calculate the enrolment of the proposed boundaries. Where the proposed boundaries establish new part SA1s, for which enrolment data was not available, the ALP have assigned the entire SA1 to the division containing the majority of its electors.

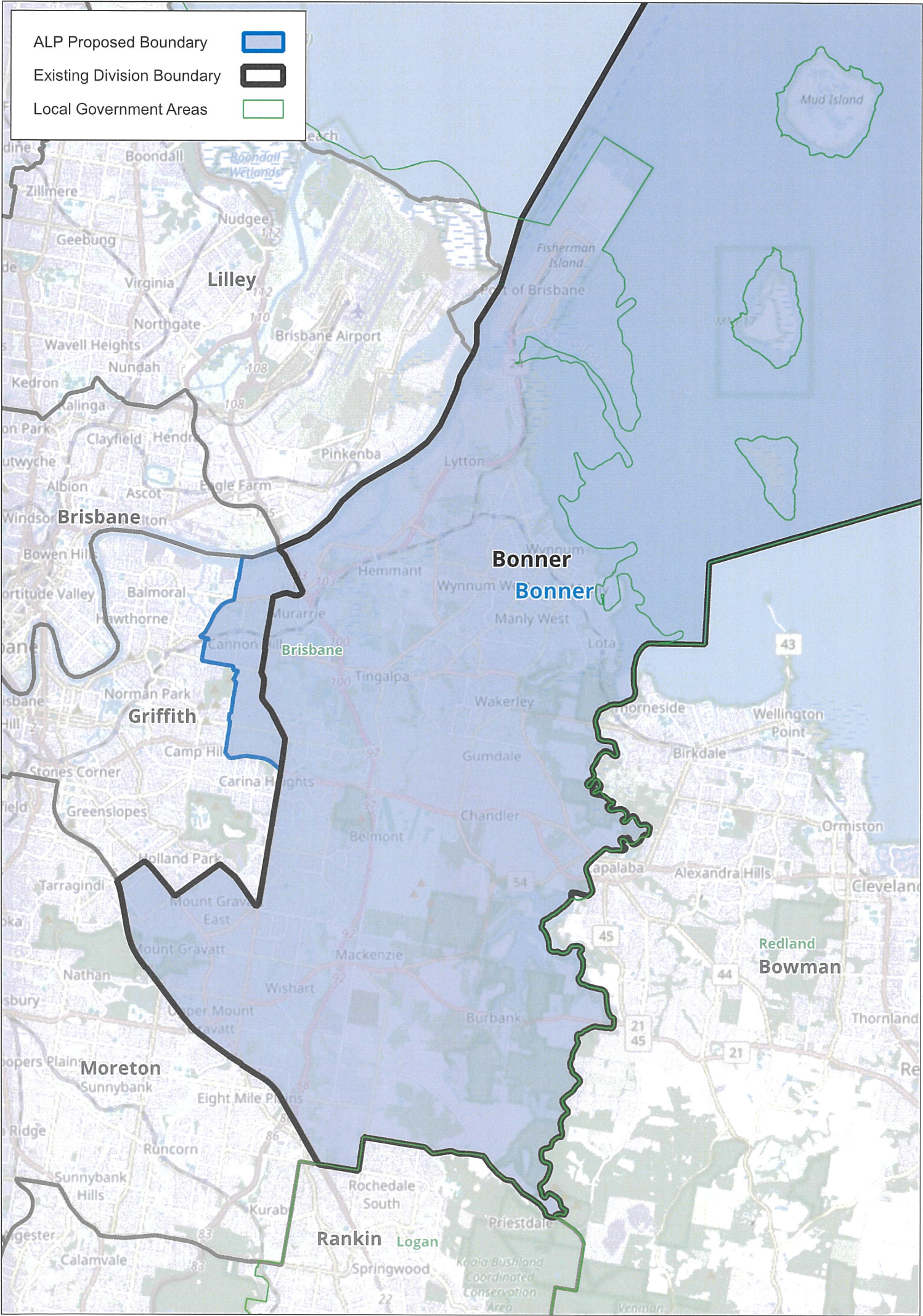
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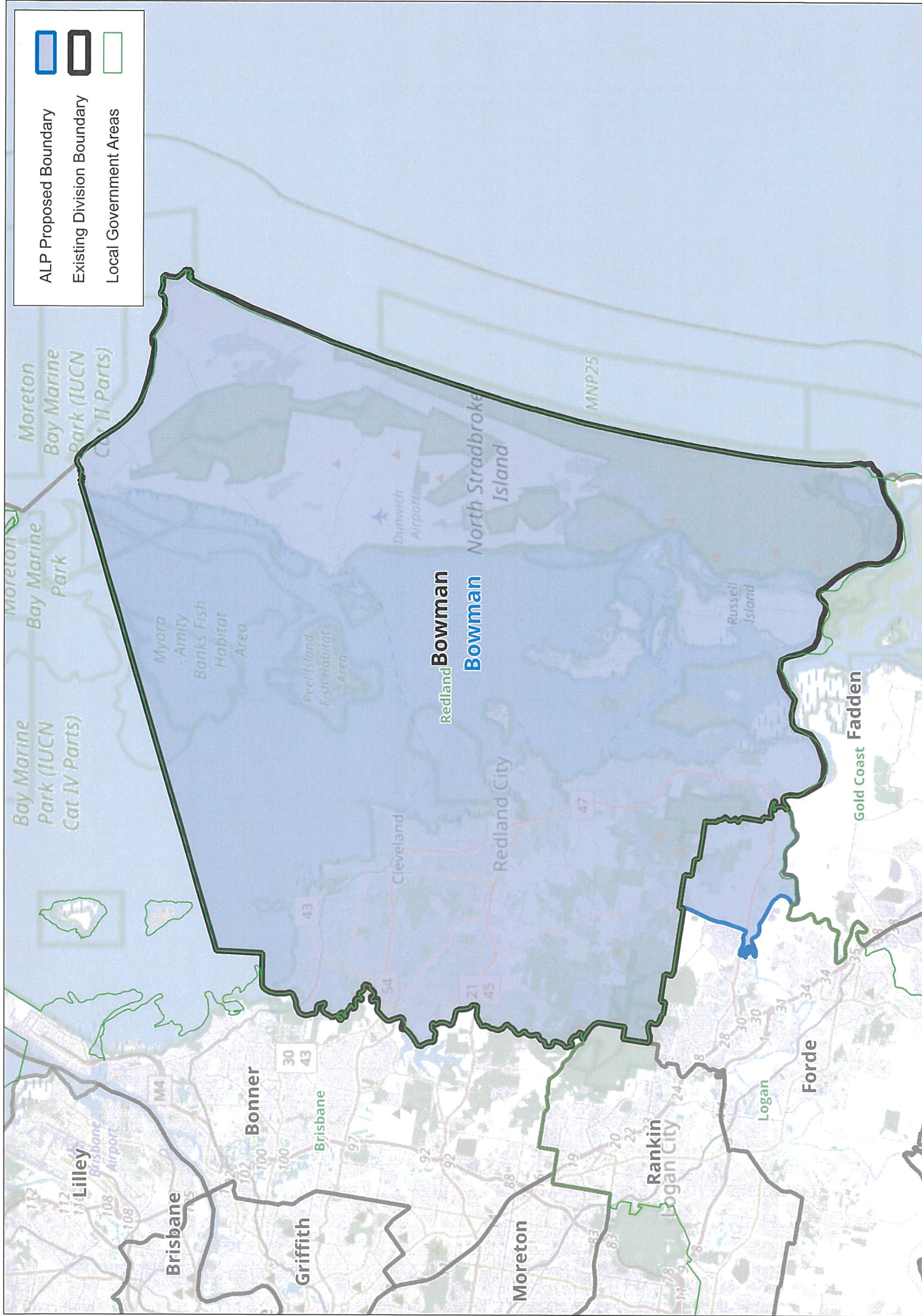
Division	Boundary	Current Enrolment		Projected Enrolment	
		Electors	Quota Variation	Electors	Quota Variation
Blair	Existing	148,790	+16.92%	157,342	+18.73%
	ALP Proposed	123,478	-2.97%	131,312	-0.92%
	Net Change	-25,312		-26,030	
Bonner	Existing	114,688	-9.88%	117,450	-11.38%
	ALP Proposed	126,605	-0.51%	129,866	-2.01%
	Net Change	11,917		12,416	
Bowman	Existing	126,194	-0.84%	129,421	-2.34%
	ALP Proposed	127,241	-0.01%	130,510	-1.52%
	Net Change	1,047		1,089	
Brisbane*	Existing	127,658	0.31%	133,341	0.61%
	ALP Proposed	127,658	0.31%	133,341	0.61%
	Net Change	0		0	
Capricornia	Existing	117,317	-7.81%	121,630	-8.22%
	ALP Proposed	125,422	-1.44%	129,916	-1.97%
	Net Change	8,105		8,286	
Dawson	Existing	117,964	-7.30%	122,150	-7.83%
	ALP Proposed	131,145	3.05%	135,897	2.54%
	Net Change	13,181		13,747	
Dickson	Existing	121,147	-4.80%	124,841	-5.80%
	ALP Proposed	125,437	-1.43%	129,601	-2.21%
	Net Change	4,290		4,760	
Fadden	Existing	138,978	9.21%	146,349	10.43%
	ALP Proposed	129,194	1.52%	136,172	2.75%
	Net Change	-9,784		-10,177	
Fairfax	Existing	133,134	4.62%	138,602	4.58%
	ALP Proposed	129,808	2.00%	134,962	1.84%
	Net Change	-3,326		-3,640	
Fisher	Existing	143,823	13.02%	153,731	16.00%
	ALP Proposed	123,777	-2.74%	133,221	0.52%
	Net Change	-20,046		-20,510	

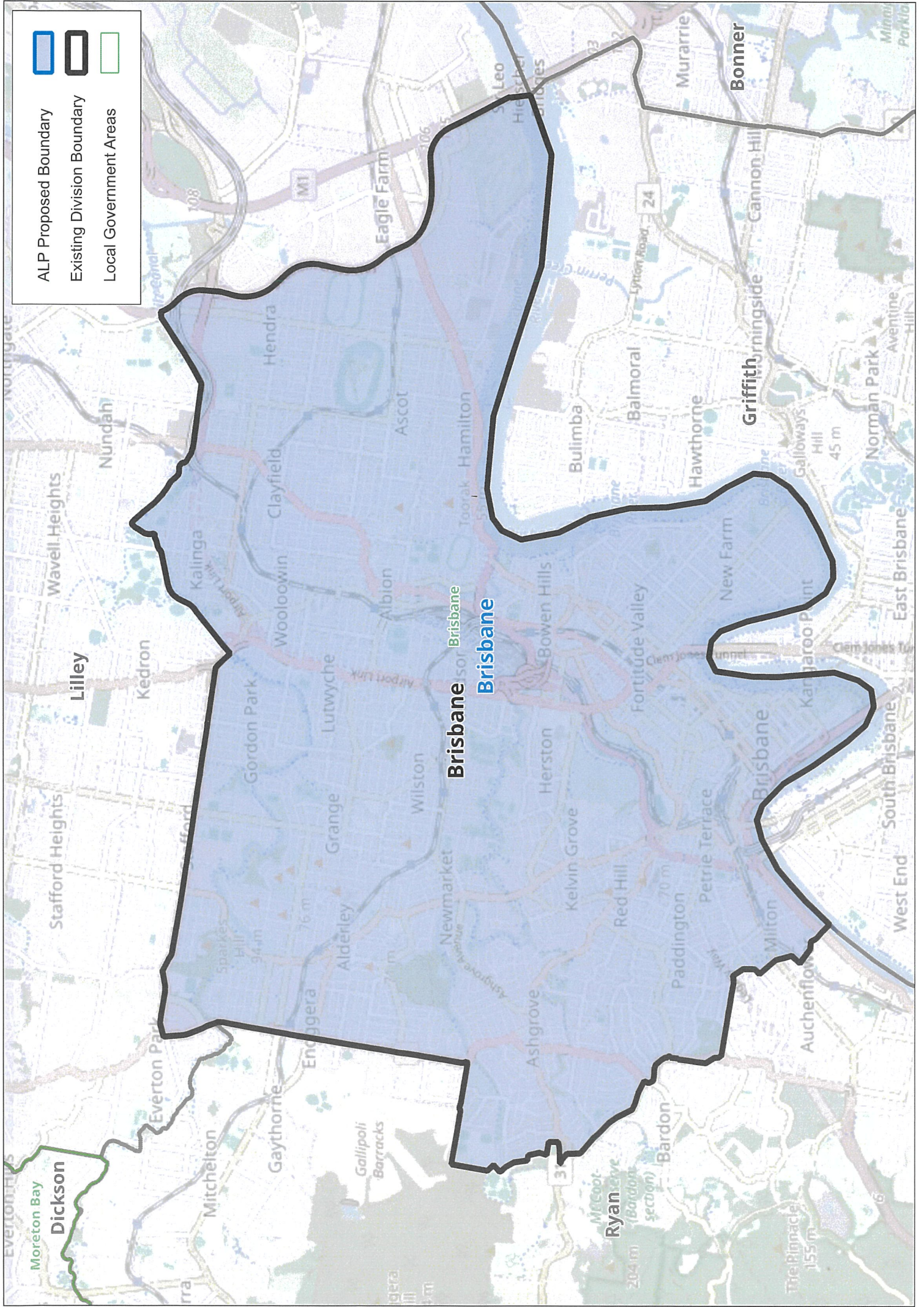
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Division	Boundary	Electors	Quota Variation	Electors	Quota Variation
Flynn	Existing	120,310	-5.46%	124,442	-6.10%
	ALP Proposed	126,274	-0.77%	130,620	-1.44%
	Net Change	5,964		6,178	
Forde	Existing	139,963	9.98%	149,098	12.50%
	ALP Proposed	122,239	-3.94%	134,693	1.64%
	Net Change	-17,724		-14,405	
Griffith	Existing	123,782	-2.73%	129,371	-2.38%
	ALP Proposed	123,805	-2.71%	129,263	-2.46%
	Net Change	23		-108	
Groom	Existing	121,529	-4.50%	126,667	-4.42%
	ALP Proposed	127,759	0.39%	133,046	0.39%
	Net Change	6,230		6,379	
Herbert	Existing	123,471	-2.98%	128,270	-3.21%
	ALP Proposed	131,386	3.24%	136,347	2.88%
	Net Change	7,915		8,077	
Hinkler	Existing	131,120	3.03%	136,398	2.92%
	ALP Proposed	124,667	-2.04%	129,469	-2.31%
	Net Change	-6,453		-6,929	
Kennedy	Existing	126,729	-0.42%	130,523	-1.51%
	ALP Proposed	131,849	3.61%	135,879	2.53%
	Net Change	5,120		5,356	
Leichhardt*	Existing	125,528	-1.36%	130,809	-1.30%
	ALP Proposed	125,528	-1.36%	130,809	-1.30%
	Net Change	0		0	
Lilley	Existing	119,613	-6.01%	122,571	-7.51%
	ALP Proposed	125,961	-1.02%	129,045	-2.63%
	Net Change	6,348		6,474	
Longman	Existing	148,218	16.47%	156,827	18.34%
	ALP Proposed	127,205	-0.04%	134,792	1.71%
	Net Change	-21,013		-22,035	
Maranoa	Existing	117,924	-7.34%	120,748	-8.89%
	ALP Proposed	132,396	+4.04%	135,756	+2.44%
	Net Change	14,472		15,008	
McPherson	Existing	123,297	-3.11%	127,590	-3.72%
	ALP Proposed	131,573	3.39%	136,215	2.78%
	Net Change	8,276		8,625	
Moncrieff	Existing	127,363	0.08%	133,259	0.55%
	ALP Proposed	129,948	2.11%	135,953	2.59%
	Net Change	2,585		2,694	

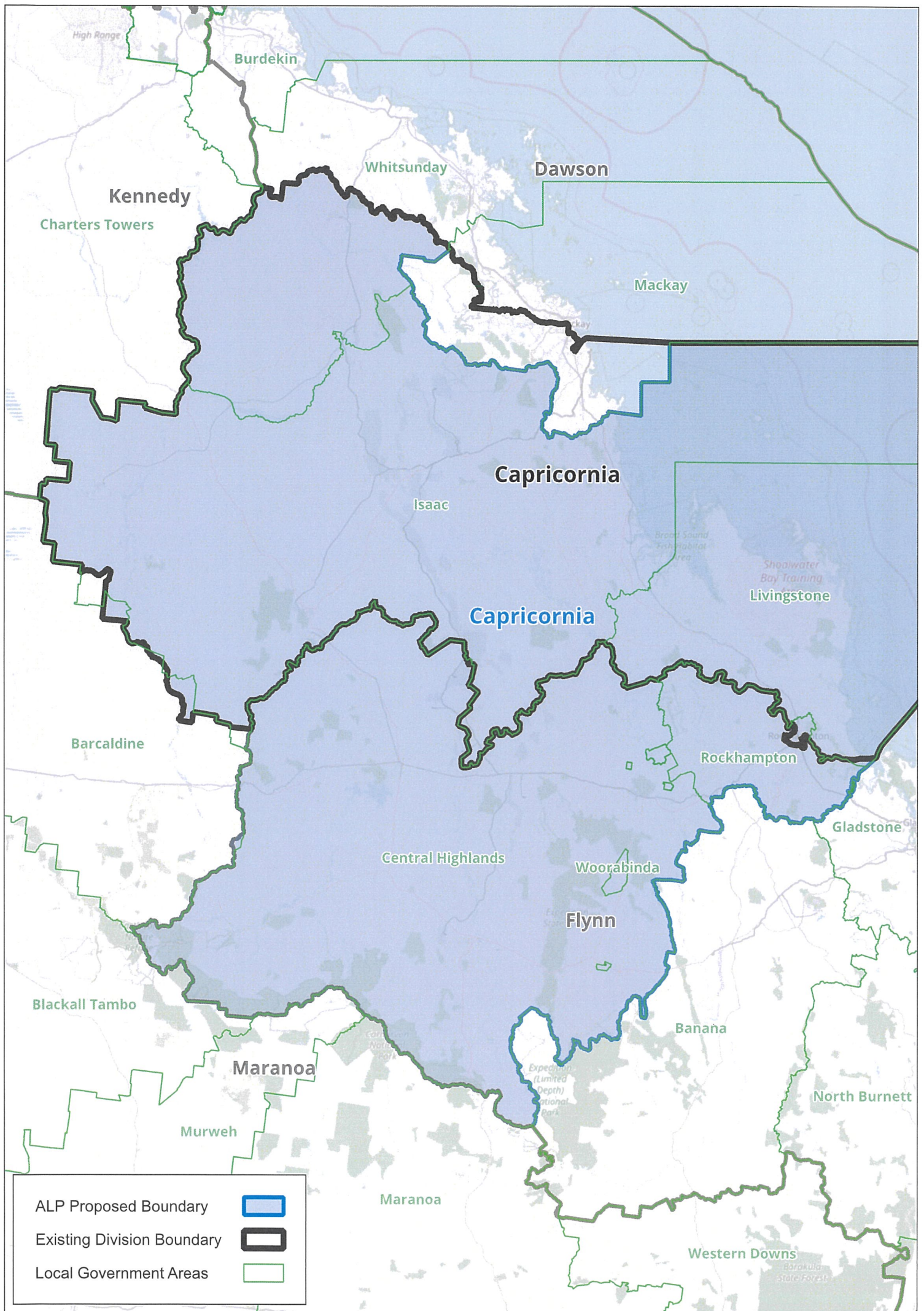
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Moreton	Existing	109,636	-13.85%	113,083	-14.67%
	ALP Proposed	123,805	-2.71%	128,146	-3.31%
	Net Change	14,169		15,063	
Oxley	Existing	124,944	-1.82%	129,999	-1.91%
	ALP Proposed	124,590	-2.10%	129,623	-2.19%
	Net Change	-354		-376	
Petrie	Existing	137,616	8.14%	143,120	7.99%
	ALP Proposed	131,268	3.15%	136,646	3.11%
	Net Change	-6,348		-6,474	
Rankin	Existing	117,298	-7.83%	121,280	-8.49%
	ALP Proposed	124,764	-1.96%	128,600	-2.96%
	Net Change	7,466		7,320	
Ryan	Existing	115,632	-9.14%	118,545	-10.55%
	ALP Proposed	127,430	0.13%	130,568	-1.48%
	Net Change	11,798		12,023	
Wide Bay	Existing	126,117	-0.90%	129,468	-2.31%
	ALP Proposed	125,192	-1.62%	128,798	-2.81%
	Net Change	-925		-670	
Wright	Existing	147,976	16.28%	158,859	19.87%
	ALP Proposed	130,355	2.43%	136,718	3.16%
	Net Change	-17,621		-22,141	

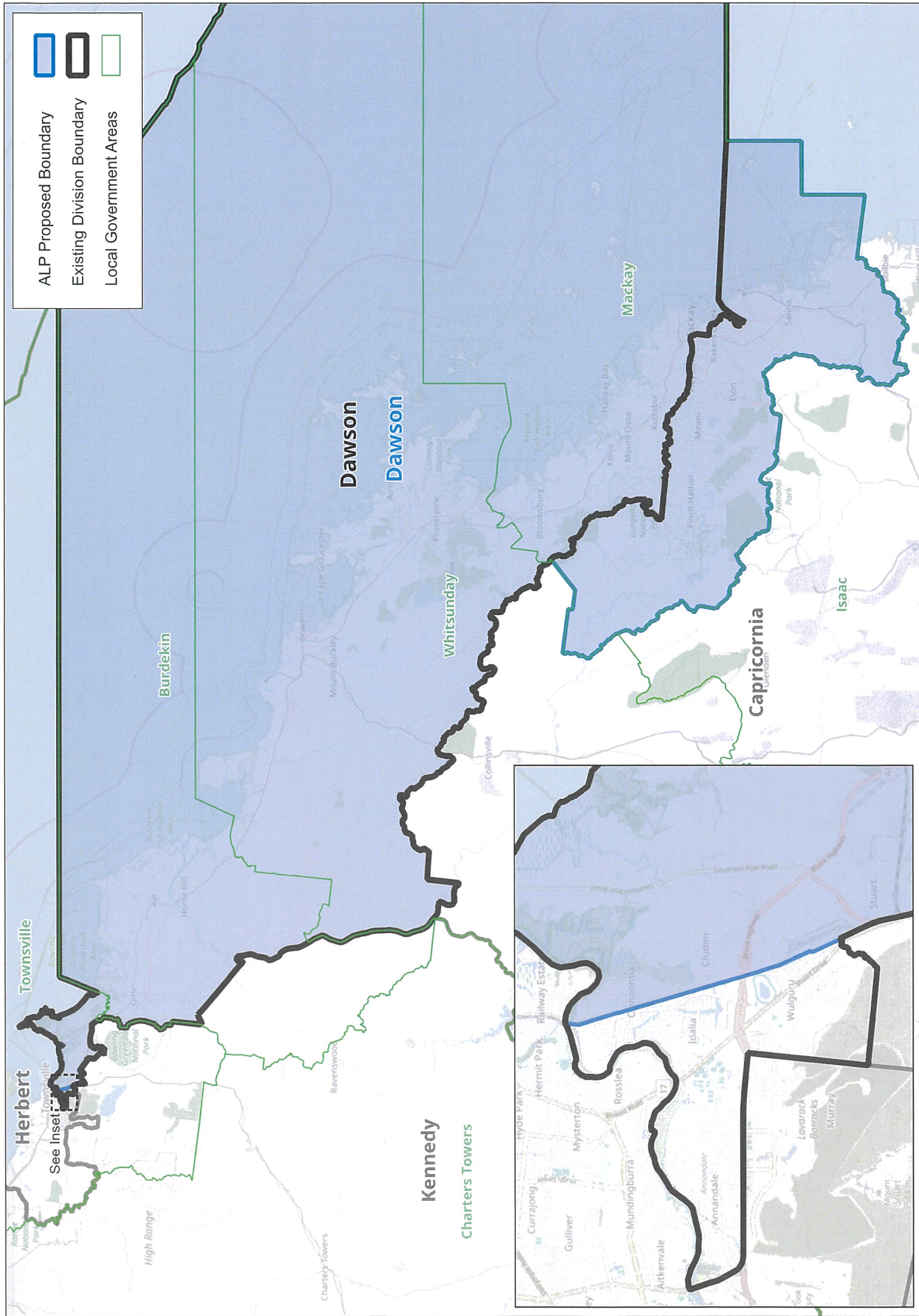


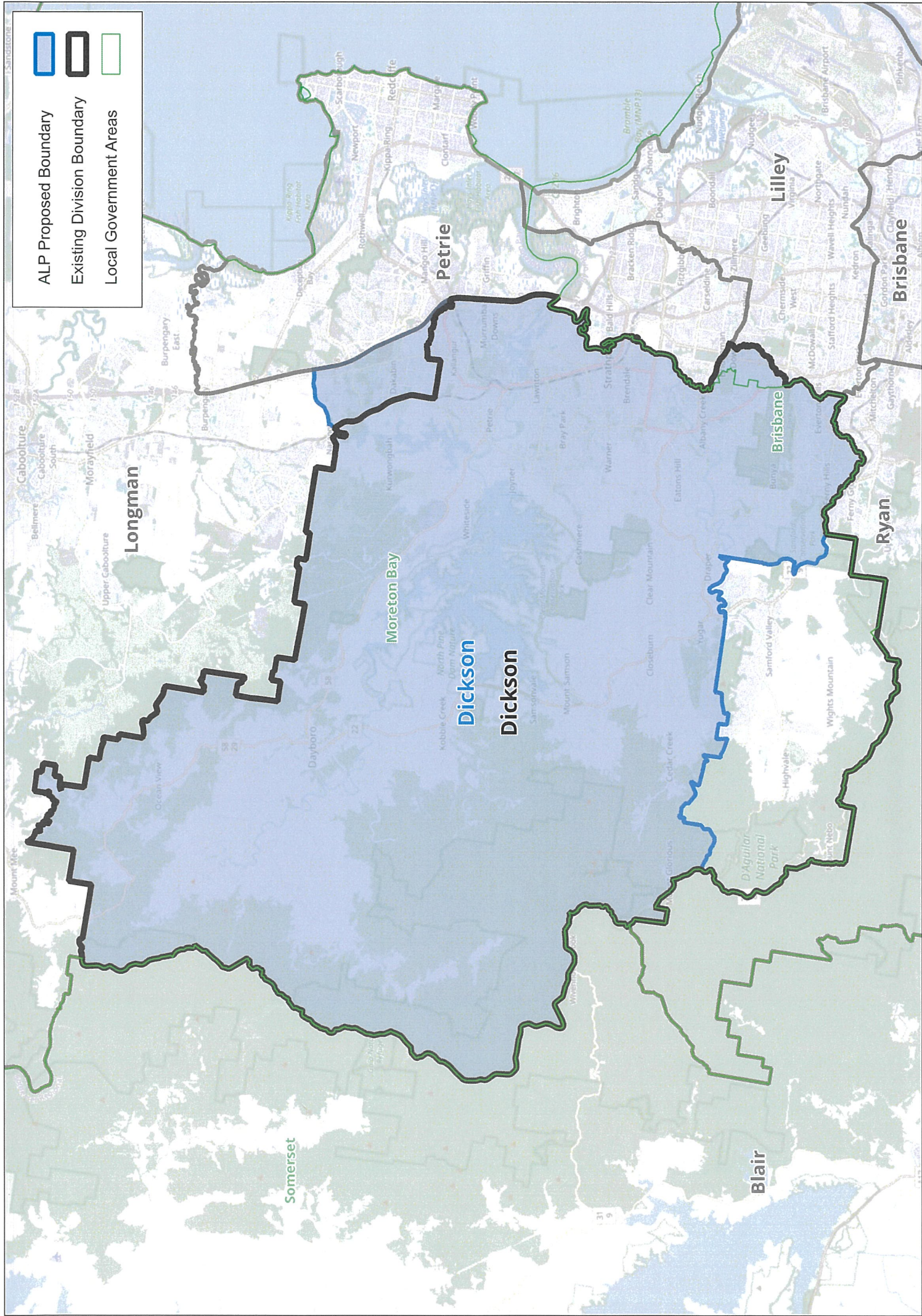












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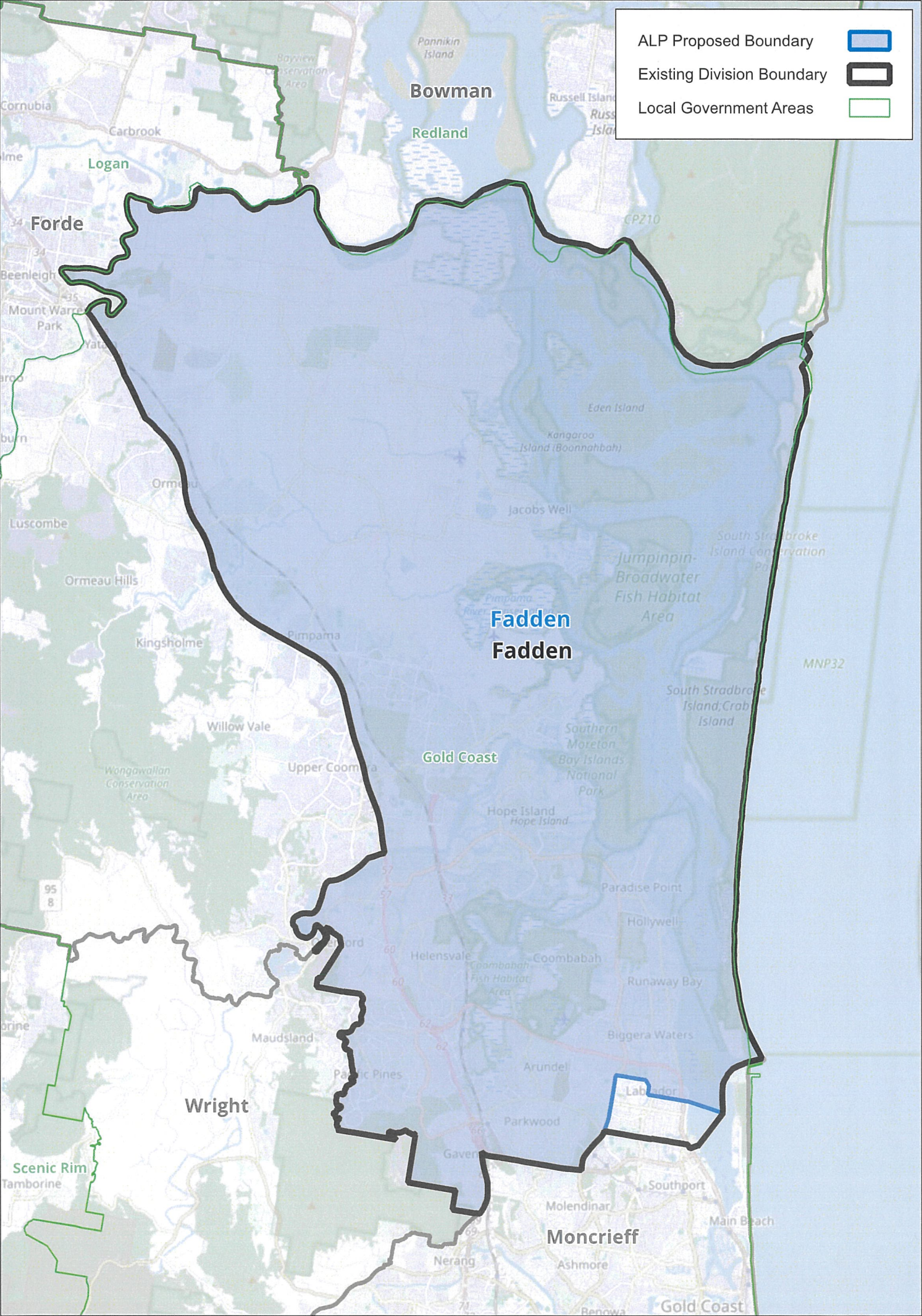
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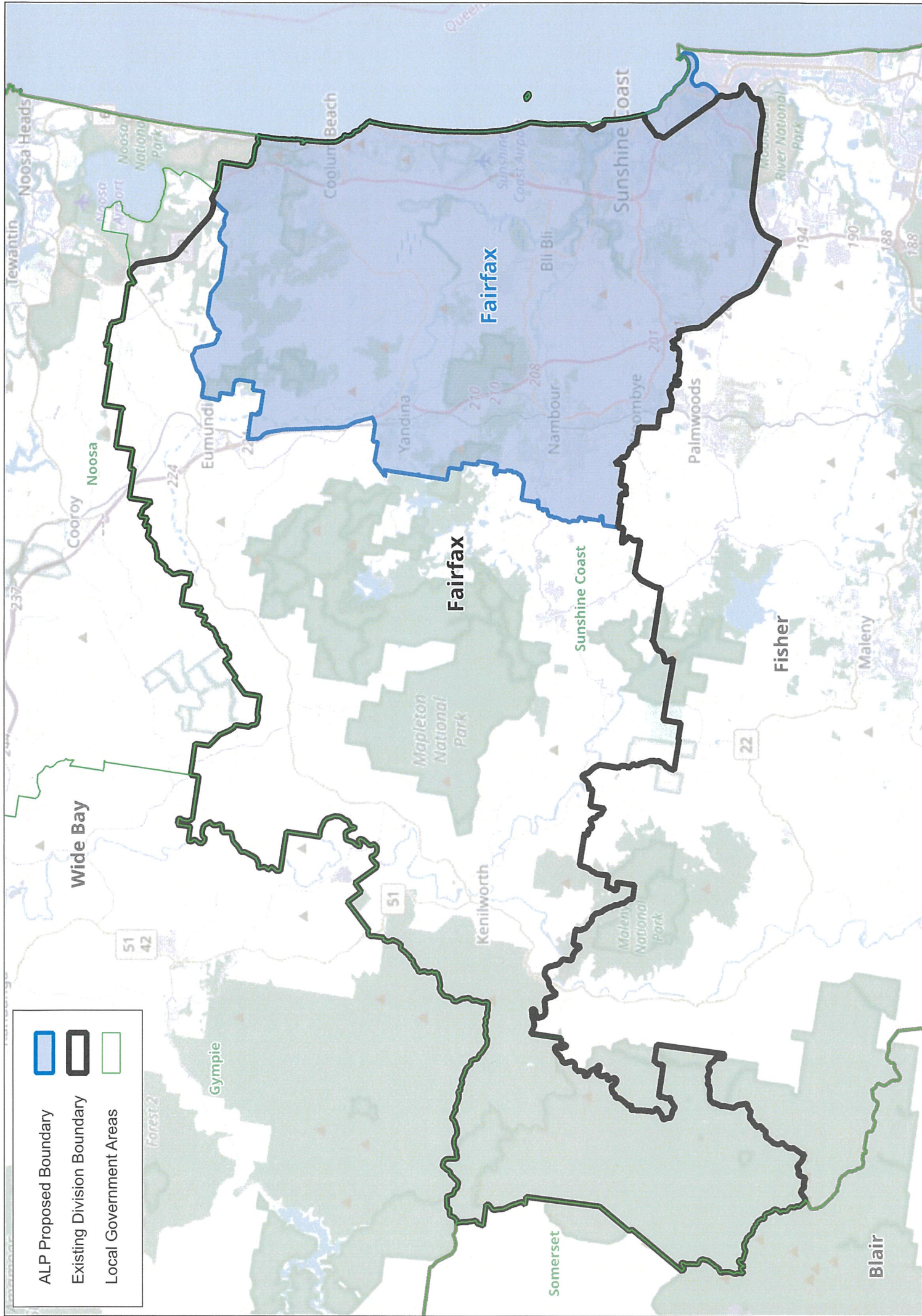
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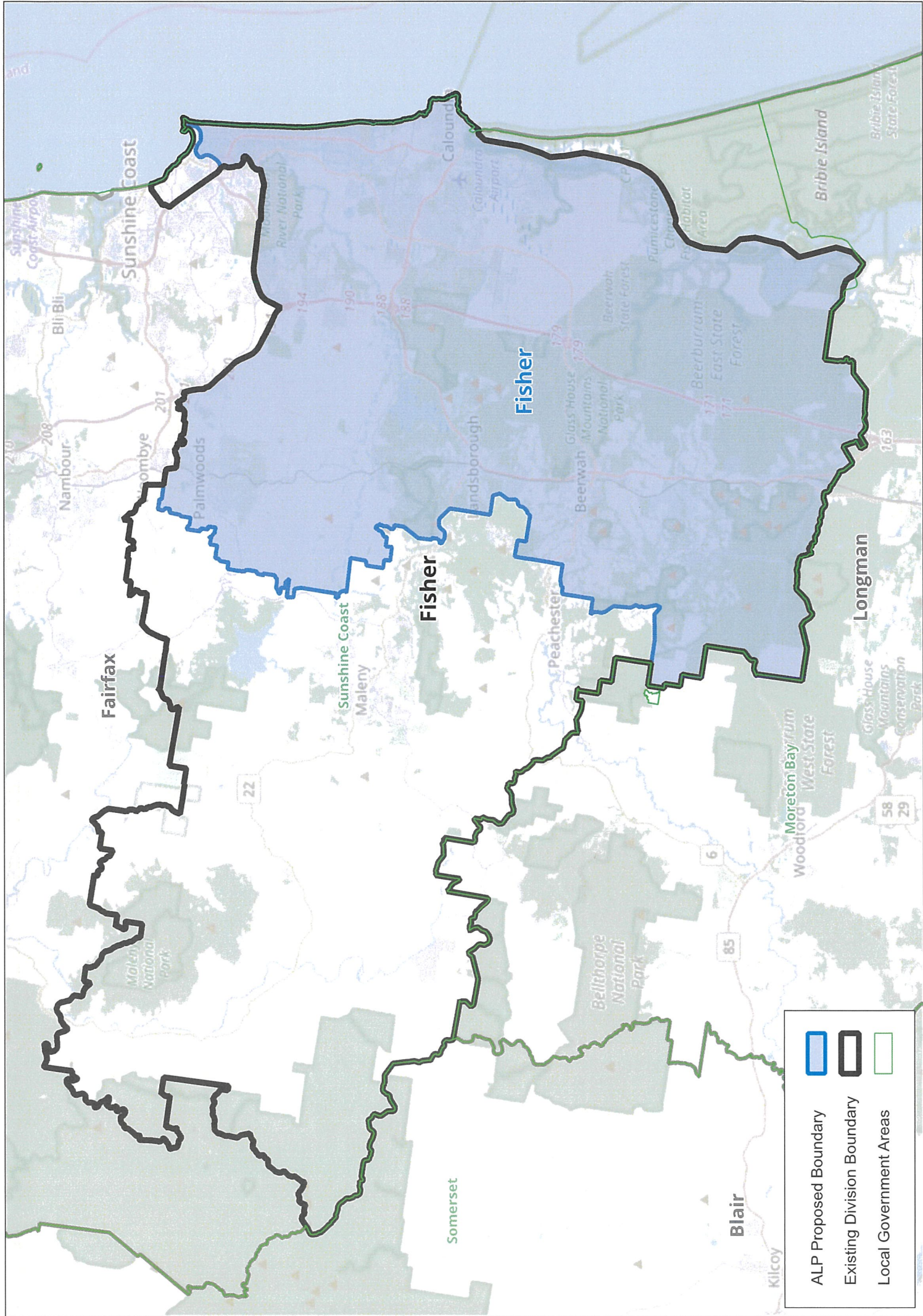
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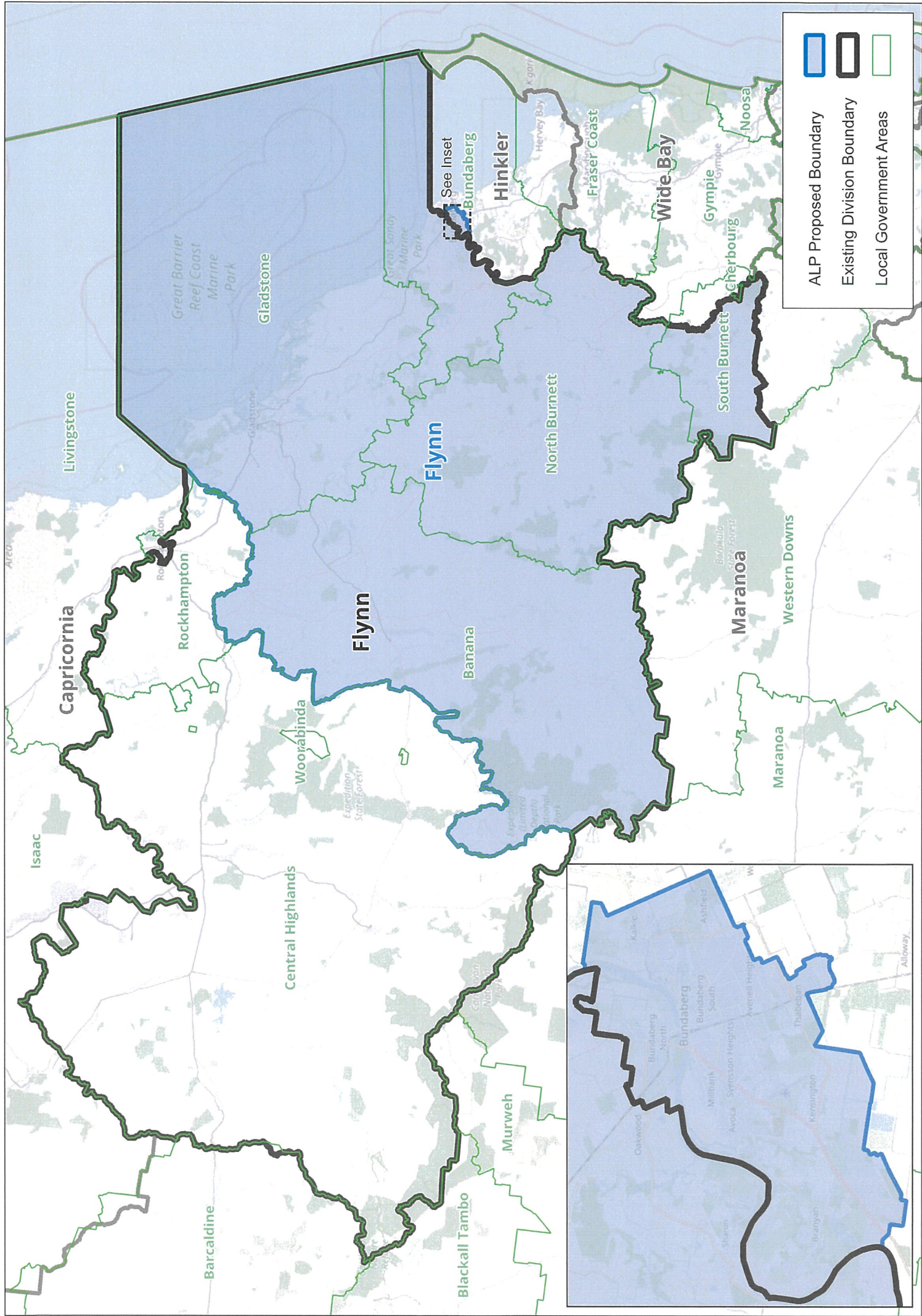
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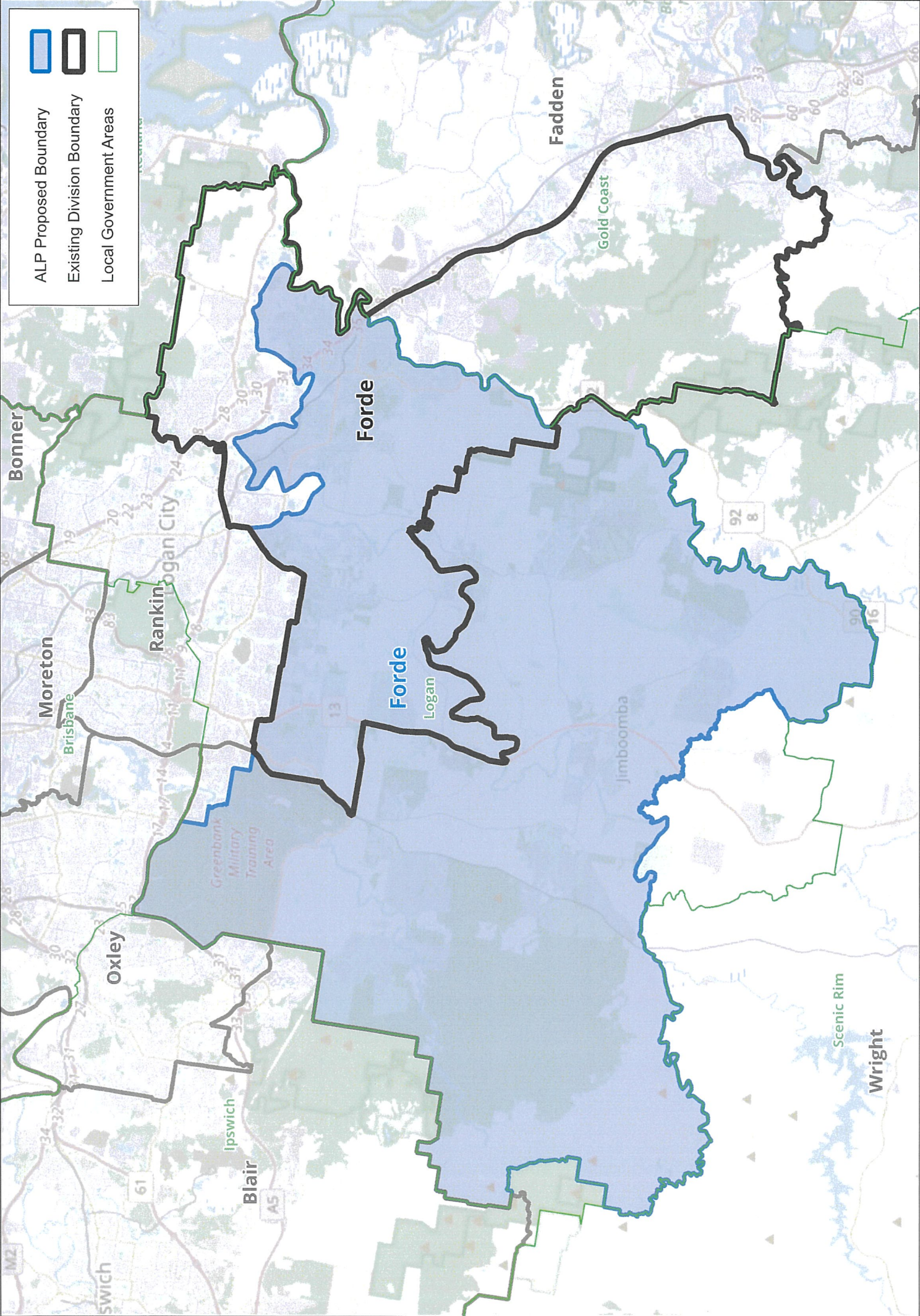


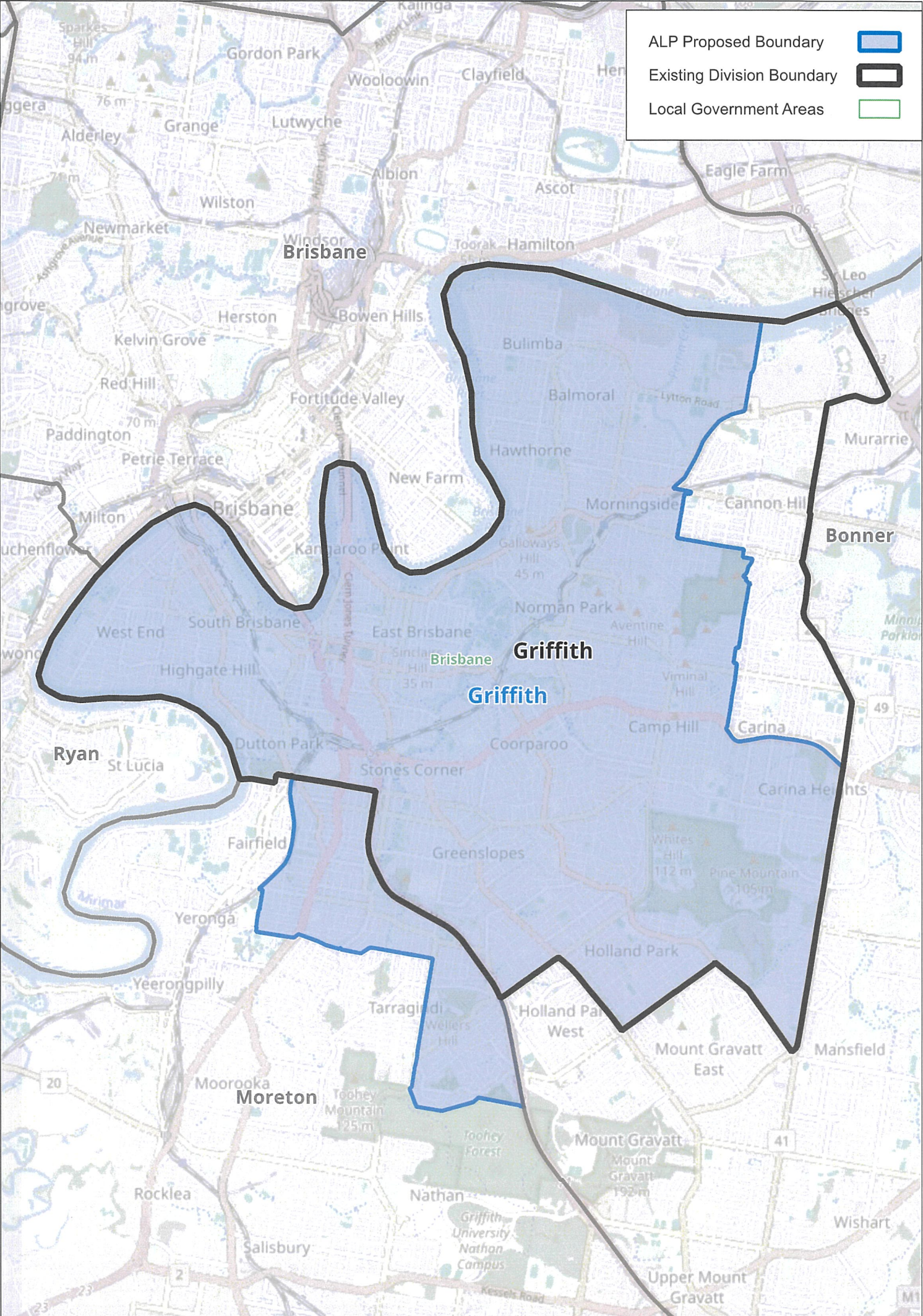


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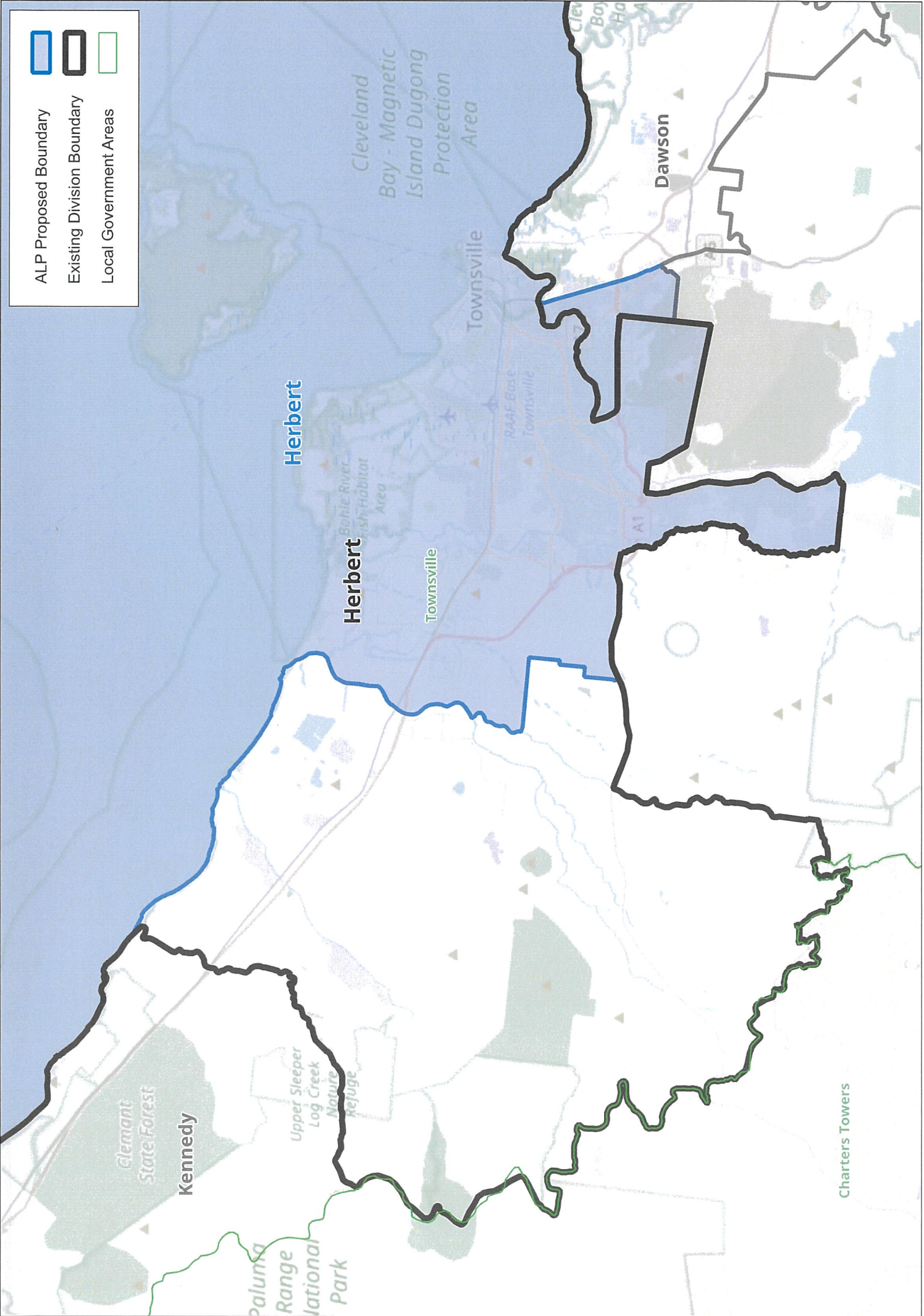


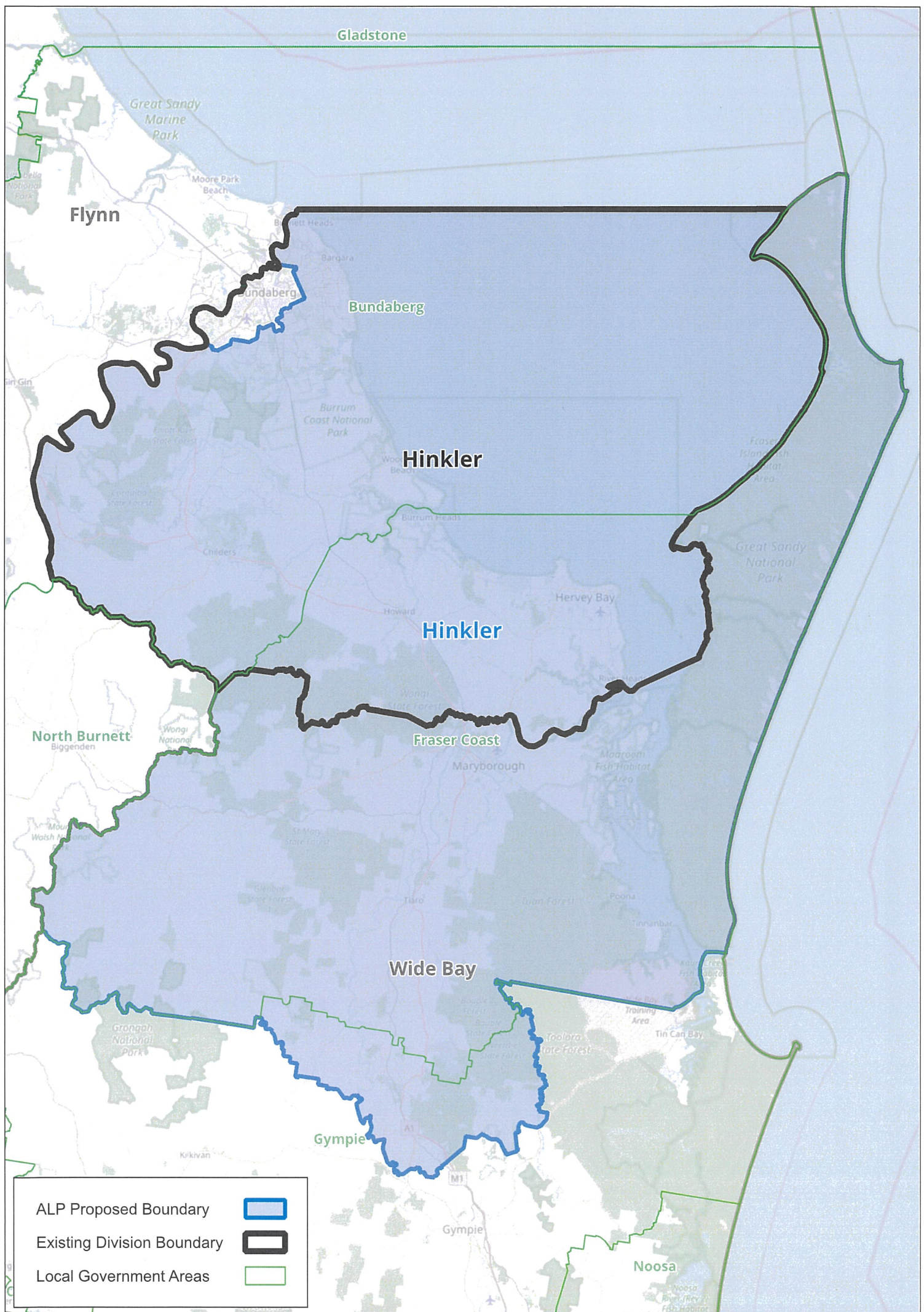


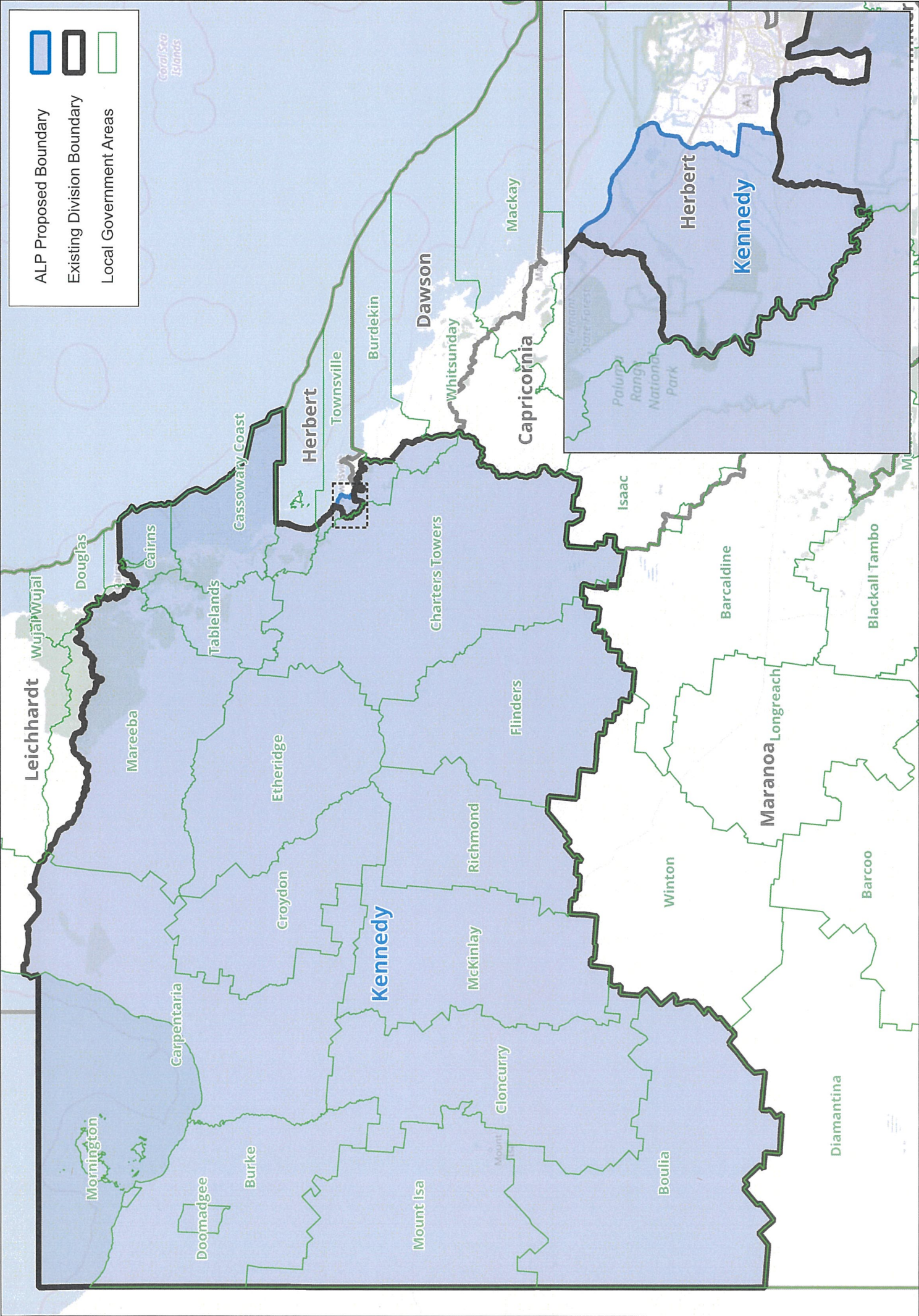


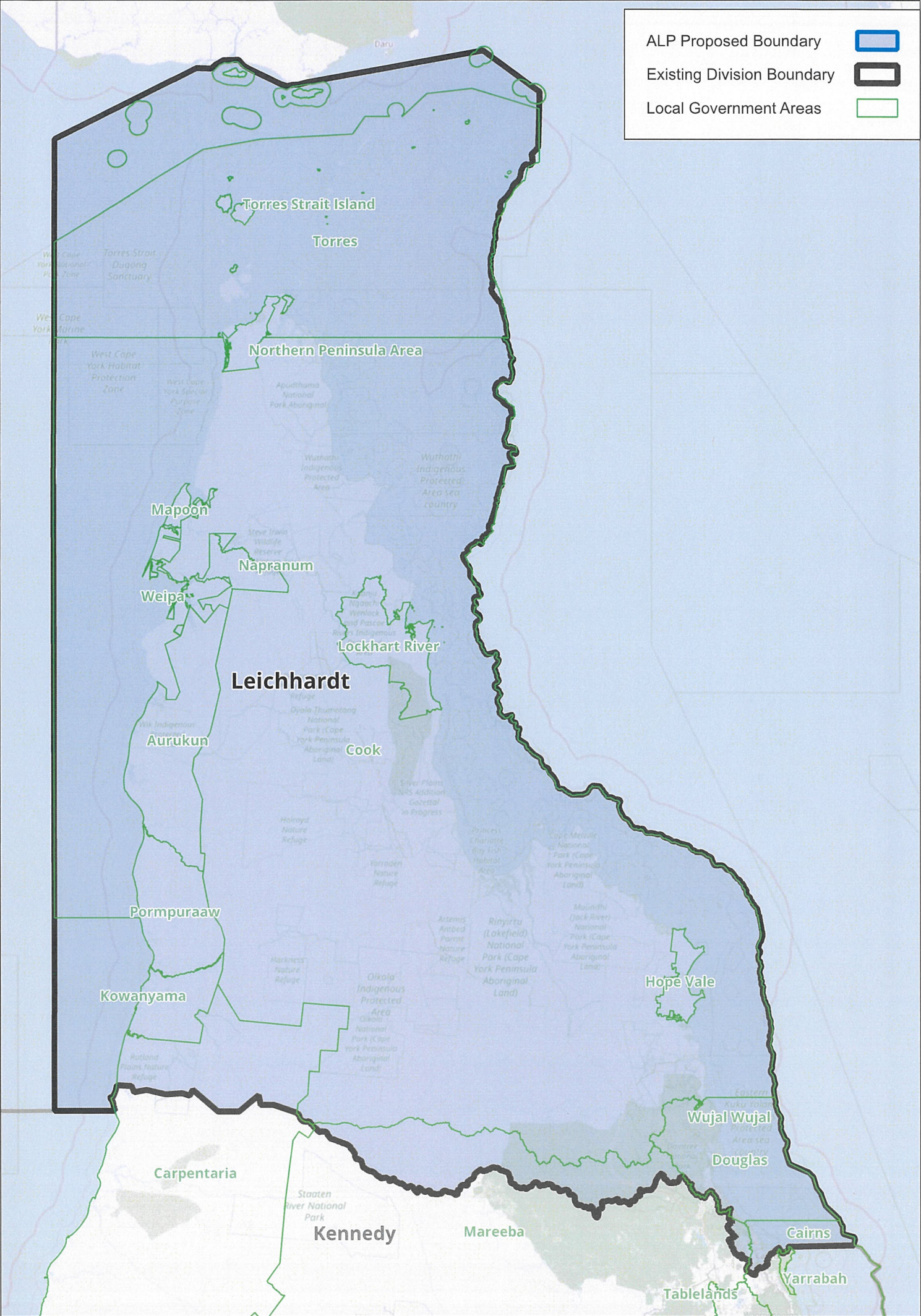


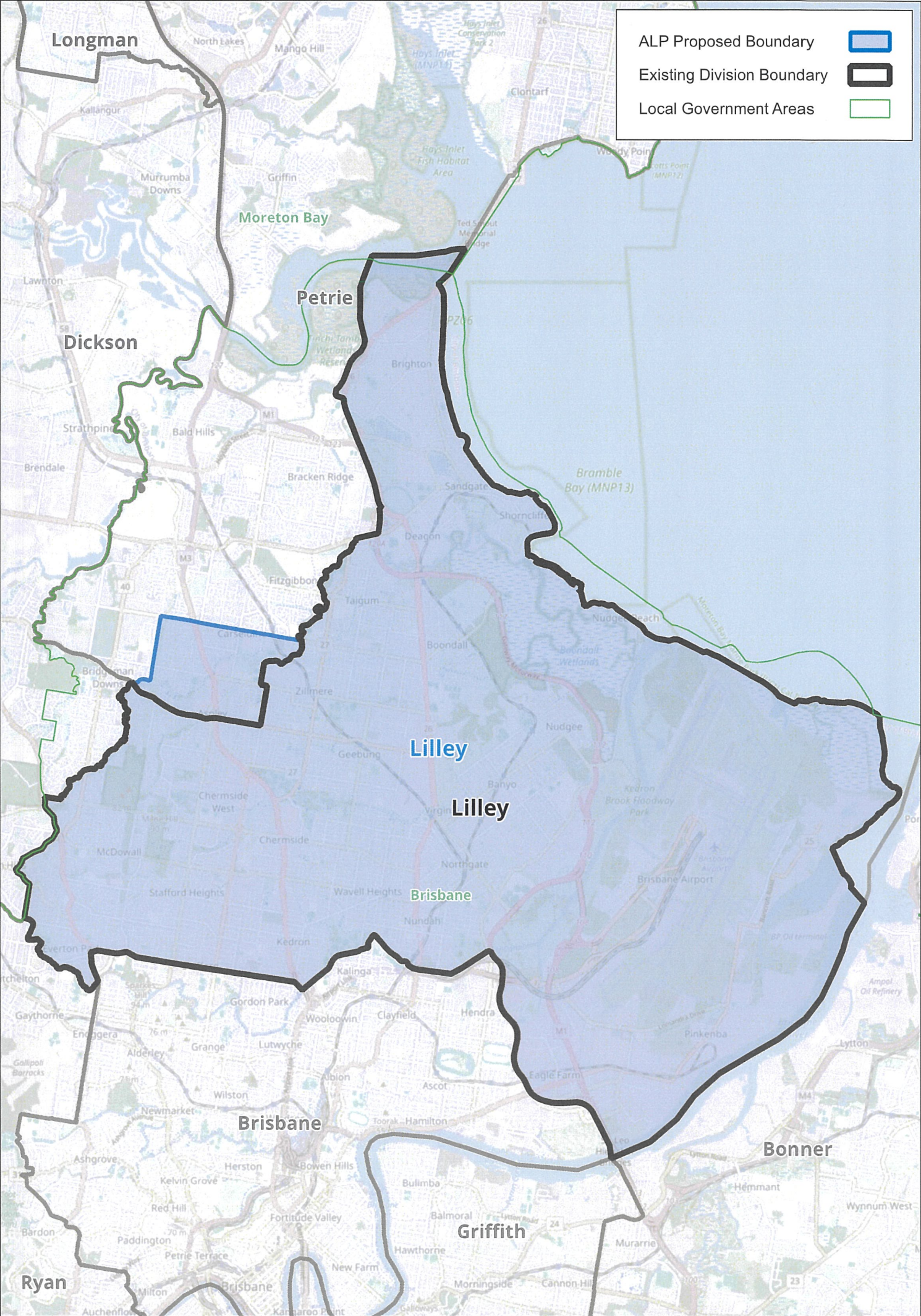


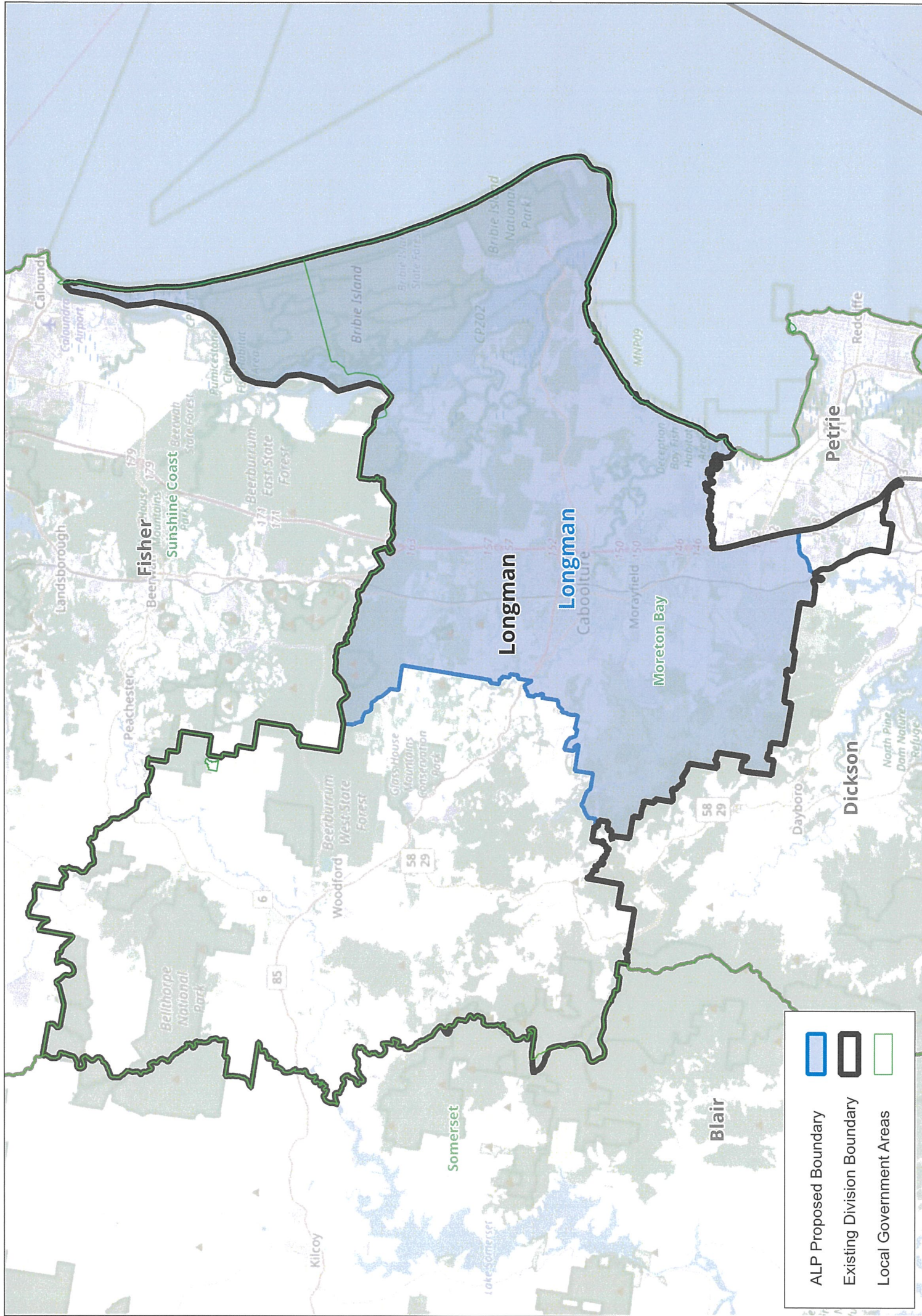




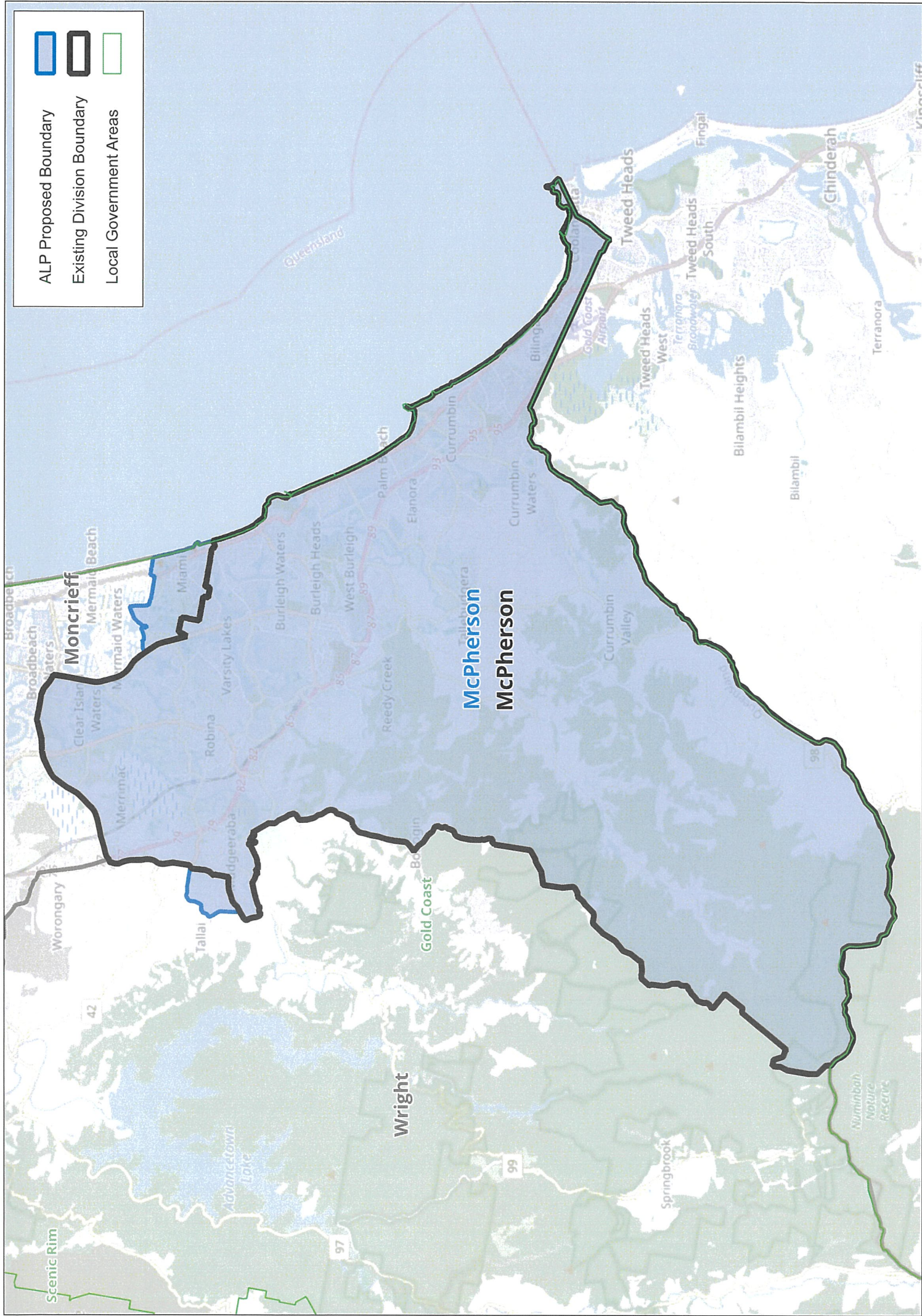




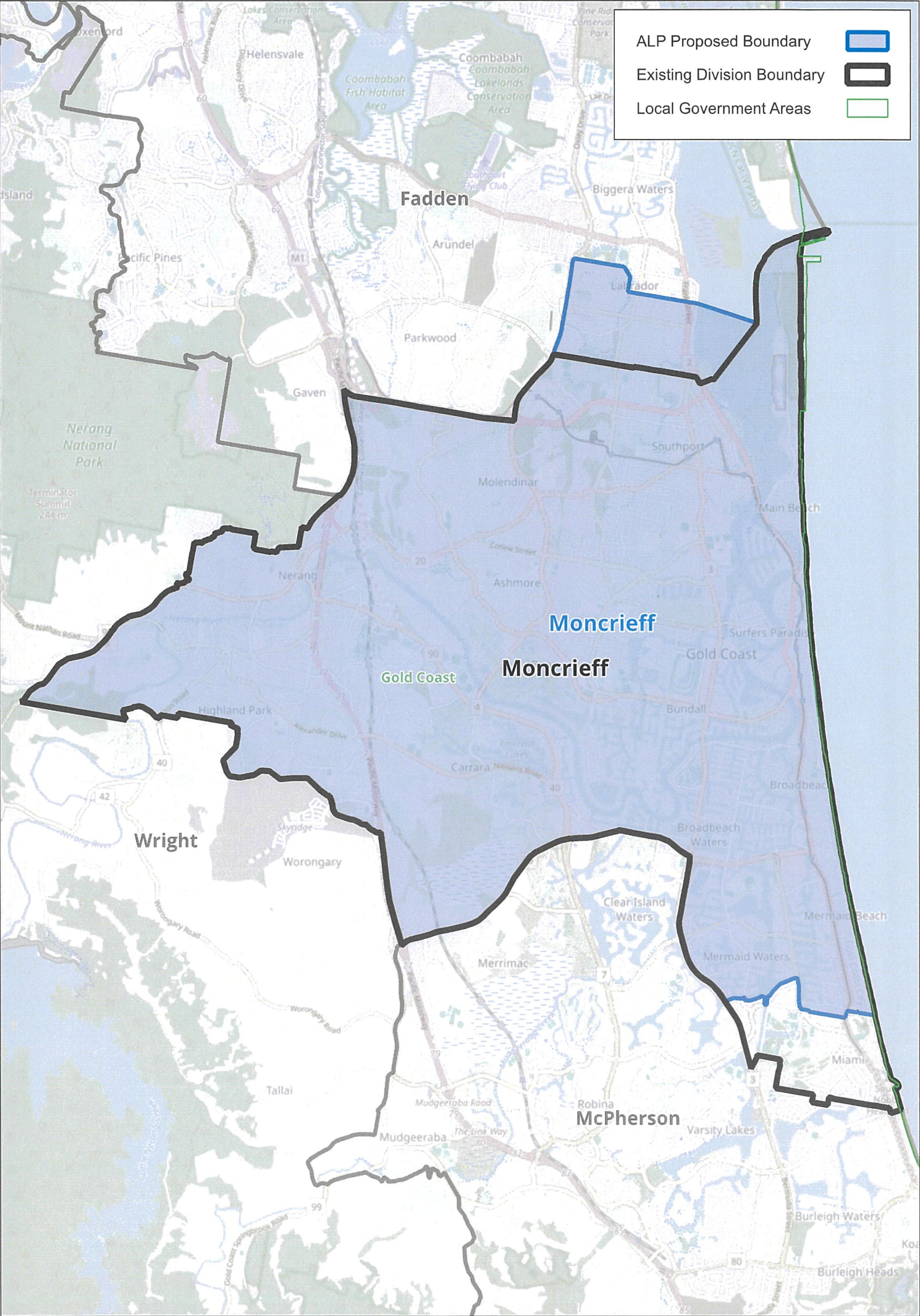




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