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Dear Secretary

I will confine my “Objection” to the proposed Electoral boundaries in Queensland to the eight (8) ‘Country’ Divisions along the Queensland coast from the Torres Strait Islands (proposed Division of Leichhardt) to Noosa (proposed Division of Wide Bay) and the two (2) inland proposed Divisions of Groom and Maranoa

As the Redistribution Committee said on Page 25 of its report (Item 68) *As such, the Redistribution has adopted an approach by which minimal alterations to electoral division boundaries are proposed.*

This approach leaves limited scope for controversy and therefore “Objections”.

I have however made a number of comments on the issues raised in the 'Report' and have suggested changes to some of the proposed boundaries.

Population and Enrolment Growth

As I referred to in my 'Suggestion' on May 19th, 2017 The projection of enrolments as at 27th September 2012, as supplied by the Redistribution Committee differ substantially from the projection enrolments as at 29th August, 2023 as used by the Queensland Redistribution Commission in their recent redistribution, especially in the area around Ipswich

Also in my local area around Cairns, there are subdivisions occurring in the Mount Pater area, and multi tower residential developments in the CBD which is not reflected in the figures provided in this redistribution.

On Page 16 Item 48 of the Redistribution Committee's Report it states: - *The population in the Divisions of Groom and Herbert grew at the slowest rate.*

I do not believe that this slow rate of growth will continue in the Townsville Region (Division of Herbert).

The area has seen lean times in the recent past, with the closure of the nickel refinery and the downturn in the mining industry, however its location as a Government and private service centre for North Queensland, together with the Defence commitment to the area, and its large port, I believe its growth will return to above the average for regional Queensland in the foreseeable future.

I trust that the Redistribution Committee projections are reliable and this redistribution ‘goes a full term’ of seven (7) years, and that the subsection of the Electoral Act that requires *a redistribution if a third (1/3) of the electoral divisions in a State deviate from the average by over ten (10) percent for a period of two (2) months* is not required to be invoked.

Unite Regional Cities

In by “Suggestions’ and ‘Comments” I attempted to unite regional Cities in one Division, except Cairns (Divisions of Leichhardt/Kennedy).

On Page 31 of the Committee’s Report it states:-

Item 87 Suggestions and comments on suggestions dealing with specific regions sought to unite split local government areas, or areas with a recognisable community of interest. In its deliberations, the Redistribution committee noted that those suggestions and comments on suggestions advocating altered electoral divisional boundaries for specific regions would need to be considered in the broader context of their impact on the state as a whole.

Item 88 Suggestions and comments on suggestions that addressed the state as a whole broadly advocated for either as an approach which attempted to centre electoral divisions on regional cities, or an approach which recognised existing communities of interest and sought to minimise elector movement between electoral divisions. These submissions proposed the movement of approximately 2.59 per cent to 26.85 of electors between electoral Divisions.

Item 89 *Following the modelling and analysis of submission, the Redistribution Committee formed the opinion that attempts to unify cities in a single electoral division could not be achieved at this time. A combination of factors such as the variances in elector density, growth rates, and distribution of electors throughout Queensland results in significant electoral divisional boundary changes which would cause disruption to established communities of interest across most of regional and rural Queensland if this approach were adopted. For these reasons the Redistribution Committee has proposed boundary alterations that maintain established communities of interest as reflected by the current electoral divisional boundaries.*

I note the above comments and am not surprised by the stance taken by the Redistribution Committee on this issue; however I consider the last sentence of Item 88. *For these reasons the Redistribution Committee has proposed boundary alterations that maintain established communities of interest as reflected by the current electoral divisional boundaries* raises the issue of what is ‘community of interest’

I believe if you asked a resident of Annandale in Townsville what community of interest they have with a resident of North Mackay. The answer would be ‘other than living country Queensland and possibly family, very little’.

I do recognise that my suggestion ‘was a bit rough on the edges’ and divisions such as Riordan had to stretch further than I would have liked to ‘get the numbers’, however, to take the ‘minimums position’ which the Redistribution Committee and previous Committees have done, will over time see the Division of Dawson being the second Townsville seat with a rural component, and Division of Capricornia being based on the City of Mackay nowhere near the geographical position of the Tropic of Capricorn from which the Division was named

I have no problem with the Division of Dawson moving into Townsville and the area between Townsville and Mackay, just as the Division of Oxley has moved east and the Division of Blair is now the Division containing the Ipswich CBD.

On its creation at the 1948 Redistribution the Division of Dawson went inland around Rockhampton (Division of Capricornia) and as far south as the Burnett River including parts of North Bundaberg.

It was at the 1968 redistribution it moved north to take in the Burdekin.

The Division of Capricornia moving north into Mackay is another matter.

It is named after a geographical position, The Tropic of Capricorn at 23 1/2 degrees south.

It has a special place in Australian Political History, being an original Division at the time of Federation.

While very little or if any of the proposed or current Division is on or below the Tropic of Capricorn, the City of Rockhampton is classed as being on the Tropic of Capricorn, and is still the major centre of the current and proposed Division of Capricornia.

If in future redistributions the Division moves north to take in most of the City of Mackay, and very little or any of Rockhampton, what happens to the name 'Capricornia'?

Does it disappear of the 'political map'?

Does it become irrelevant to the geographical feature it is named after?

Does it take over the Division which takes in the City of Rockhampton, which most probably would be Division of Flynn?

This is a matter a future a Redistribution Committee will have to address, if the current 'minimums position' is maintained at future Redistributions and the divisions are allowed 'to drift northwards'.

While on the 'minimums position' I believe it services no purpose 'skirting around the edges' of the regional cities.

If the whole area cannot be unified then, if there is a need to divide the inner suburbs, then do so, as I have done in my suggested changes to the proposed Divisions of Dawson and Capricornia.

I also believe that in some areas, particularly north of Bundaberg, the area south of the Kolan River could united with Hinkler if the strict 'minimal alterations' had been relaxed in the proposed divisions further north.

I will detail my suggested changes in this area when I discuss individual divisions.

Enrolment size of the Proposed Divisions.

Table 'A' of this submission shows the ten (10) Divisions from the 'north to south' of your proposed divisions with the projected enrolments as at 27/9/2021 and the percentage of the projected quota.

It can be seen from this table:-

- The proposed northern Divisions of Leichhardt, Kennedy and Hebert are well above the projected quota, but still within the allowable variance of 3.5%

- The proposed Divisions, further south, of Capricornia, Flynn, Hinkler and Wide Bay are well below the projected quota, but still within the allowable variance of 3.5%

In raw electoral numbers the proposed Division of Leichhardt with a projected enrolment 112,943 will be over 6,000 electors larger than the proposed Division of Hinkler with a projected enrolment of 106,930.

The area of the proposed Division of Leichhardt is 148,559 kms², while the area of the proposed Division of Hinkler is 3,818 kms².

The proposed Division of Herbert, while small in area, only 941 kms², is 1,325 kilometres from Brisbane, has a projected enrolment of 6,096 larger than the proposed Division of Wide Bay which is approximately 260 kilometres from Brisbane.

While the distance from the 'seat of power' is not part of the terms of reference in a Federal redistribution, *community interest*, and *means of travel* are.

With the Redistribution Committee's proposed boundaries the further away from the 'seat of power' (Brisbane or Canberra) the larger the electorate in enrolments and in some cases size in kms².

My suggested changes to the proposed boundaries have attempted to address this imbalance, as shown in Table A.

I believe this imbalance has been brought about by:-

- The creation of the Division of Flynn at the 2006 Redistribution.

- The preoccupation of successive Redistribution Committees to make the bare minimum adjustments to bring the Divisions within the 3.5% half way through the redistribution cycle, which has meant Divisions like Leichhardt are well over quota or projected quota each time there is a redistribution.

At the time this current redistribution commenced the three (3) northern Divisions of Leichhardt, Kennedy and Herbert were amongst the States largest (in enrolment) and Capricornia and Flynn amongst the states lowest (in enrolment).

Names of Proposed Divisions

I have no 'objection' to maintaining the current thirty (30) names for the proposed Divisions.

I only suggested the name 'Riordan' as I was creating a new suggested Division south of Townsville, and eliminating the Division of Flynn based on Gladstone.

I thought it would cause confusion to transfer that name to a Division which had very little of the current Division of Flynn in it.

Individual Proposed Divisions

Proposed Division of Leichhardt

I congratulate the Redistribution Committee for rejecting the 'suggestion' from the LNP to transfer areas north of Cairns (Cape York Peninsula, and the Torres Strait Islands) as well as the Douglas Shire to the Division of Kennedy and create a Division (Leichhardt) based on the Cairns Regional Council area.

There 'suggestion' would have made access to their Members Office virtually impossible for those electors in remote areas, such as Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands as there principal means of transport is by air through the Cairns Airport.

On arrival in Cairns, they would have to find additional transport to be able to visit their local Member's Office, currently in Innisfail, and there is very little public transport available between Cairns and Innisfail.

The Liberal Party (as distinct from the Nationals) have been trying to excise the area (Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands) from the Division of Leichhardt since the 1984 Redistribution when the size of the Federal Parliament was increased.

Attachment A shows the maps that appeared in the Cairns Post at that time showing the three (3) Parties suggested Division of Leichhardt.

Since then, the current Member for Leichhardt Mr. Warren Entsch (who sits as a Liberal in the Coalition Party room) has continuously pushed such a proposition, in the local press, both at the 2009 Redistribution and the current one.

He was reported in the 'Cairns Post' on Wednesday 4th October, 2017 saying in relation to the current redistribution: - *Mr Entsch said he would accept the Australian Electoral Commission's new boundaries but warned eventually Cairns must become a seat of its own*

'It will probably happen at the next redistribution' he said.

Who is he warning?

- Is it the people on the Cape York Peninsula and the Torres Strait Islands that if he gets his way it will be virtually impossible to visit the local Federal member's Office, if such a need arose?
- Is it the independence of future Redistribution Committees that if they do not follow his wishes he will use his influence as a Member of Parliament to scuttle the Redistribution?

The power of Federal Parliament to reject a proposed redistribution of boundaries was removed from the Electoral Act when it was overhauled following the 1983 Federal election of the Hawke Government, but there is nothing to stop a future Government changing it again so if some of their Members don't like the proposed redistribution they can 'reject it'

Prior to 1983 a number of proposed redistributions were rejected by the Federal Parliament.

It would appear that Mr Entsch would sooner be in New York than on Cape York or in TI (Thursday Island)

He is currently in New York as part of the Australian delegation to the United Nations.

Suggested Changes to Proposed Division of Leichhardt

I have suggested the enrolment of the proposed Division of Leichhardt be reduced by 3,012 electors as 6/1/2017 (3,360 as at 27/9/2021) by shifting the proposed boundary further north to Foster Road, Mount Sheridan, from the proposed boundary at Skelton Creek.

The reason for this change is to bring the projected enrolment as at 27/9/2021 closed to projected quota at that date, and also to allow the area south of the Kolan River to be included in the proposed Division of Hinkler.

Foster Road is a clear boundary and was the boundary between the State Electoral Districts of Cairns and Mulgrave until the last redistribution.

It is also the boundary of the existing Divisions of 2 & 3 of the Cairns City Council.

Suggested Boundary:-

Commencing in Smith's Creek (Trinity Inlet) by that creek up stream to Skelton Creek, by that creek upstream to the (Bruce Highway (or North Coast Railway) by that highway north to Foster Road, hence by that that road westwards to the existing (and proposed) boundary in the Lamb range, by the existing (and Proposed) boundary to the point of commencement.

Map 1 shows the suggested 'changed boundary' from the proposed boundary between the Divisions of Leichhardt and Kennedy.

Proposed Division of Herbert

My suggested changes to the proposed boundaries for the Division of Herbert are:-

- Shifting the proposed northern boundary (existing boundary) northward from Sleeper Log Creek to the northern boundary of the Townsville City Council.

This involves transferring 2,876 electors (3,117 projected) to the proposed Division of Kennedy

The SA2's involved (some in part) are Northern Beaches, Kelso, Bohle Plains and Condon-Rasmussen.

- Transferring 5,019 electors (5,427 projected), south of the Ross River to the proposed Division of Dawson.

The SA2's involved are Annandale (part) and Douglas.

- I have included 3 electors (3 projected) from the Ingham Region to be transferred to the proposed Division of Kennedy, however on reflection these three electors could be in the Coral Sea and be necessary to be in the Division of Herbert to have a clear boundary to include Palm Island in the Division of Herbert.

If they are on the mainland and there is no good reason for them to be in the proposed Division of Herbert I suggest they be transferred to the proposed Division of Kennedy.

The reasons I suggest these changes are:-

- I believe that the proposed Division is close to the upper limit of projected enrolment as at 27/9/2021 and the Division will be over that limit at that date and certainly at the next redistribution in seven (7) years with anything like normal growth for the City of Townsville.
- As stated earlier in this submission:-
 - (a) To bring the proposed Northern Divisions of Leichhardt, Herbert, and Kennedy closer to the projected quota as at 27/9/2021.
 - (b) To allow the area south of the Kolan River to be included in the Division of Hinkler.

Suggested Boundary

Commencing where the outer limit of the Great Barrier Reef meets the southern boundary of the City of Townsville in the Coral Sea, by that southern boundary westwards to the shoreline, by the shoreline in a generally northerly direction to the mouth of Ross River, by that river and Central Creek upstream to the western boundary of SA1 3148614 (Black River) by that boundary in a southerly direction to the southern boundary of that SA1, by the southern boundary of that SA1 in a westerly direction to the western boundary of the City of Townsville, by the western boundary in a generally northerly direction to the southern boundary of the Shire of Hinchinbrook, by that boundary until it reaches the shoreline, by the shoreline in a generally northerly direction to the northern boundary of that Shire, by the northern boundary in a generally eastwards direction to the outer limit of the Great barrier Reef, by the outer limit in a generally south easterly direction to the point of commencement.

Changes to the Proposed Division of Kennedy

As I have suggested changes to the proposed Divisions of Leichardt and Herbert I have had to make changes to the proposed Division of Kennedy as it borders both of those proposed divisions.

I suggest that the proposed Division of Kennedy be altered accordingly:-

- To the proposed Division of Maranoa

SA2 Barcaldine-Blackall

Electors 0

Projected Electors 0

If there is no good reason for not following the SA2 boundary, such as a river or main road I suggest that this boundary follow the SA2 boundary.

- To the proposed Division of Herbert

SA2's (some in part) Bohle Plains, Condon-Rasmussen, Kelso, and Northern Beaches

Electors 2,876

Projected Electors 3,117

- To the proposed Division of Dawson

SA2's (some in part) Burdekin, Douglas, Townsville-South, Wulguru-Roseneath

Electors 1,562

Projected Electors 1,636

- From the Proposed Division of Leichhardt

SA2 Mount Sheridan (part)

Electors 3,012

Projected Electors 3,360

- From the Proposed Division of Herbert

SA2 Ingham Region

Electors 3

Projected Electors 3

I suggest that a total of 4,438 electors (4,753 projected) be transferred into other divisions while I suggest that 3,015 electors (3,363 projected) be transferred into the proposed Division, giving the proposed division 103,789 electors (100.57% of a quota).

The projected enrolment as at 27/9/2021 would be 110,292 which is 100.15% of the projected quota.

This is slightly less than the Redistribution Committee proposed enrolment of 105,212 (100.95%) and a projected enrolment of 111,682 (101.41%).

I note that the Redistribution Committee has left the Boulia Shire SA2 Far Central West in the proposed Division of Kennedy.

At this stage I am not objecting to this.

I will leave that to the Boulia Shire Council to respond as they did in the recent State Redistribution.

The reason I have suggested these changes are:-

- To bring the other North Queensland Divisions of Leichhardt and Herbert closer to the projected quota.
- To allow the area south of the Kolan River to be included in the Division of Hinkler.

Suggested boundary:

Commencing at the outer limits of the Great Barrier Reef at the northern boundary of the Hinchinbrook Shire, by that boundary in a generally southerly direction to the northern boundary of the City of Townsville, by that boundary in a generally westerly direction until it reaches the eastern boundary of the Charters Towers Regional Council, by the western and southern boundaries of that council in a generally southerly, then westerly direction to the southern boundary of the Shire of Flinders, by the southern boundaries of the shires of Flinders, Richmond, McKinlay, Cloncurry, and Boulia, in a generally westerly direction to the western boundary of the State of Queensland, by that boundary in a northerly direction to a line of Latitude 16 degrees south, by that line in a generally easterly direction to the shoreline in the Gulf of Carpentaria, by the shoreline in a generally northerly direction to the Nassau River, by that river and Teatree Creek upstream, to the boundary of the Parish of Cobham, by that boundary in a generally easterly

direction to the Mitchell River, by that River and the McLeod river upstream to the western boundary of the Shire of Mareeba, by that boundary, Black Mountain Road, Mona Mona Road, Armstrong Road, Oak Forest Road in a generally southerly direction to the Barron River, by that river upstream to the Clohesy River, by that river and Shoteel Creek, upstream to the western boundary of the Cairns Regional Council, by that boundary in a generally southerly direction until it reaches a line due west of Foster Road, by that line and Foster road in a generally easterly direction to the Bruce Highway, by that highway in a generally southerly direction until it meets Skelton Creek, by that creek down stream to Trinity Inlet (Smith's Creek), by that inlet downstream to Cape Grafton, by a line eastwards to the outer limits of the Great Barrier Reef, by the outer limits of that reef in a generally south easterly direction to the point of commencement.

Changes to the Proposed Division of Dawson

As I have suggested changes to the proposed Divisions further north I have had to make changes to the proposed Division of Dawson.

I suggest that the proposed Division of Dawson be altered accordingly:-

- To the proposed Division of Capricornia

SA2's (some in part) Ooralea-Bakers Creek, South Mackay and East Mackay

Electors 6,311

Projected Electors 6,711

- From the proposed Division of Kennedy

SA2's (some in part) Burdekin, Douglas, Townsville-South, and Wulguru-Roseneath.

Electors 1,562

Projected Electors 1,636

- From the proposed Division of Herbert

SA2's (some in part) Annandale, and Douglas

Electors 5,019

Projected Electors 5,427

I suggest that a total of 6,311 electors (6,711 projected) be transferred into the Division of Capricornia.

I suggest that a total of 5,019 elected (5,427 projected) be transferred into the proposed division giving the proposed division 103,088 electors (99.89% of a quota).

The projected enrolment is 109,829 which is 99.73% of a quota.

This is slightly more than the Redistribution Committee proposed enrolment of 103,203 (99.63%) and a projected enrolment of 109,477 (99.41%)

The reason I have suggested these changes are:-

- To bring the northern Divisions of Leichhardt and Herbert closer to the projected quota
- To allow the area south of the Kolan River to be included in the Division of Hinkler.

Suggested Boundary:

Commencing at the point where the existing boundary meets the outer limit of the Great Barrier Reef, by the existing boundary to the shore line, by the shore line in a generally northerly direction to a line east of Evan Street, East Mackay, by that line to Evan St, by Evan, George, Longair, Paradise and Archibald Streets, to the existing boundary in the suburb of Paget, by the existing (and proposed boundary) in a generally north westerly direction until it reaches the western boundary of the Shire of Burdekin, by that boundary in generally northerly direction until it reaches the western boundary of the City of Townsville, by that boundary in a generally northerly direction until it reaches the southern boundary of SA1 3148614 (Black River) by the boundaries of that SA1 until it reaches Central Creek, by that creek and the Ross River downstream to the existing boundary (and proposed boundary) by that boundary to the point of commencement.

Changes to proposed Division of Capricornia

As I have suggested changes to the proposed Divisions further north I have had to make changes to the proposed Division of Capricornia.

I suggest that the proposed Division of Capricornia be altered accordingly:-

- To the proposed Division of Flynn

SA2's (some in part) Rockhampton West, Rockhampton City, The Range-Allenstown

Electors 5,823

Projected Electors 6,038

- From the proposed Division of Dawson

SA2's (some in part) Ooralea-Bakers Creek, South Mackay, East Mackay.

Electors 6,311

Projected Electors 6,711

- From the proposed Division of Flynn

SA2's (part) Broadsound-Nebo, Clermont

Electors 2

Projected Electors 2

This suggested transfer is to do a bit 'of housekeeping'.

If there is no good reason for keeping them in Flynn, such as a clear boundary, e.g. main road or river, I believe the SA2 boundary should be followed.

I suggest that a total of 6,313 electors (6,713 projected) be transferred into the Division of Capricornia while I suggest that total of 5,823 electors (6,038 projected) be transferred to the proposed Division of Flynn.

The total enrolment after my suggested changes would be 100,429 (107,247 projected)

This is 97.31% of a quota (97.39% projected)

This is slightly more than the Redistribution Committee proposed enrolment of 99,939 (96.84% of a quota) and a projected enrolment of 106,572 (96.77% of a projected quota).

The reasons I have suggested these changes are:-

- To bring the proposed division closed to the projected quota 110,124 electors.
- To bring the northern Divisions of Leichhardt and Herbert closer to the projected quota.
- To allow the area south of the Kolan River to be included in the Division of Hinkler.

Suggested Boundary:-

Commencing at the point where the existing boundary meets the outer limit of the Great Barrier Reef, by the existing boundary to the shoreline, by the shoreline in a generally northerly direction to a line east of Evan Street, East Mackay, by that line to Evan Street, by Evan, George, Longair, Paradise and Archibald Streets, to the existing boundary in the suburb of Paget, by the existing boundary *1 (and proposed boundary) in a generally north westerly direction, then south westerly, southerly and easterly direction to the Fitzroy River, by that river downstream to the North Coast Railway, by that railway, North, Pennychuck, Denhan, Ann, Penlington, Wentworth, Ward, Agnes, Spencer, Bishop, Brecknely Streets, Dawson Road, Oswald Street, to the North Coast Railway in the suburb of Port Curtis, hence by the North Coast Railway in a north easterly direction to Saleyards Street, by that street, South Street, suburban boundary of suburb of Depot Hill to Campbell Street, by that street, Stanley, Denison and South Street (again) and a line to the Fitzroy River, by that river to the existing boundary, by the existing boundary to the point of commencement.

*1 the existing boundary to deviate to include all of SA2's of Broadsound-Nebo and Clermont

Map 2 shows the suggested 'changed boundary' from the proposed boundary between the Divisions of Dawson and Capricornia.

Map 3 shows the suggested 'changed boundary' from the proposed boundary between the Divisions of Capricornia and Flynn.

Changes to proposed Division of Flynn

As I have suggested changes to the proposed Divisions further north I have had to make changes to the proposed Division of Flynn.

I suggest that the proposed Division of Flynn be altered accordingly:-

- To the proposed Division of Hinkler

SA2's (some in part) Bundaberg-Goorurru, Bundaberg Region-North

Electors 6,347

Projected Electors 6,685

- To the proposed Division of Maranoa

SA2 (part) Roma Region

Electors 0

Projected Electors 0

- To the proposed Division of Capricornia

SA2's (part) Broadsound-Nebo, Clermont

Electors 2

Projected Electors 2

If there is no good reason for keeping the SA2's (i.e. Roma Region, Broadsound-Nebo, and Clermont) in Flynn, such as a clear boundary, e.g. main road or river, I believe the SA2 boundary should be followed.

- From the proposed Division of Capricornia

SA2's (some in part) Rockhampton West, Rockhampton City, The Range-Allenstown

Electors 5,823

Projected Electors 6,038

I suggest that a total of 5,823 electors, (6,038 projected) be transferred into the Division of Flynn, while I suggest that a total of 6,349 electors (6,685 projected) be transferred out of the proposed Division.

The total enrolment after my suggested changes would be 99,710 (106,843 projected).

This is 96.62% of a quota (97.01% projected).

This is slightly less than the Redistribution Committee proposed enrolment of 100,236 (97.13% of a quota) and a projected enrolment of 107,483 (97.65 of a projected quota).

The reason I have suggested these changes are:-

- To bring the northern Divisions of Leichhardt and Herbert closer to the projected quota.
- To allow the area south of the Kolan River to be included in the Division of Hinkler.

Suggested Boundary

Commencing at the junction of the Local Government areas of Gladstone and Bundaberg in the Pacific Ocean, by the existing boundary to the shoreline at the mouth of the Burnett River, by that shoreline northwards to the mouth of the Kolan River, by that river upstream to the eastern boundary of SA2 Gin Gin (previously the Kolan Shire boundary), by that boundary in a generally southerly direction to the existing boundary, by the existing boundary *1 in a generally southerly, westerly, north westerly, north easterly and easterly direction to the Fitzroy River, by that river downstream to the North Coast Railway, by that railway, North, Pennychuck, Denhan, Ann, Penlington, Wentworth, Ward, Agnes, Spencer, Bishop, Brecknely Streets, Dawson Road, Oswald Street, to the North Coast Railway in the suburb of Port Curtis, hence by the North Coast Railway in a north easterly direction to Saleyards Street, by that street, South Street, suburban boundary of suburb of Depot Hill to Campbell Street, by that street, Stanley, Denison and South Street (again) and a line to the Fitzroy River, by that river to the existing boundary, by the existing boundary to the point of commencement.

*1 The existing boundary to deviate to exclude the SA2's of Broadsound-Nebo, Clermont and Roma Region.

Changes Suggested to Proposed Division of Hinkler

As I have had made changes to the proposed divisions further north I have had to make changes to the proposed Division of Hinkler

I have by these changes further north been able to accommodate the area south of the Kolan River in the proposed Division of Hinkler, as requested by a number of residents of Moore Park.

The 'numbers have been done', now it is up to those residents to convince the Augmented Electoral Commission that the change from the Division of Flynn to the Division of Hinkler is desirable.

I suggest that the proposed Division of Hinkler be altered accordingly:-

- From the proposed Division of Flynn.

SA2's (some in part) Bundaberg North-Googurrum,
Bundaberg Region- North.

Electors 6,347

Projected Electors 6,685

- To the proposed Division of Wide Bay

SA2's (in part) Booral-River Heads, Burrum-Fraser.

Electors 1,043

Projected Electors 1,080

I suggest that a total of 6,347 electors, (6,685 projected) be transferred into the Division of Hinkler, while I suggest that a total of 1,043 electors (1,080) be transferred to the proposed Division of Wide Bay.

This would make the existing boundary between the Divisions of Hinkler and Wide Bay the new boundary.

The total enrolment after my suggested changes would be 107,829 (112,535 projected)

This is 104.48% of a quota (102.19% of the projected quota).

This is larger than the Redistribution Committee proposed enrolment of 102,525 (99.345 of a quota) and a projected enrolment of 106,930 (97.1% of a projected quota).

The larger enrolment was necessary to accommodate the area south of the Kolan River in the Division of Hinkler; however it is below the maximum variation of 103.5% as at 27/9/2021.

Also, as the Division is growing slower than the rest of the State it will probably be about quota at the time of the next redistribution.

Suggested Boundary

Commencing at the junction of the Local Government areas of Gladstone and Bundaberg in the Pacific Ocean, by the existing boundary to the shoreline at the mouth of the Burnett River, by the shoreline northwards to the mouth of the Kolan River, by that river upstream to the eastern boundary of SA2 Gin Gin (previously the Kolan Shire boundary), by that boundary in a generally southerly direction to the existing boundary, by the existing boundary in a generally south westerly, south easterly, easterly, and north easterly direction to the point of commencement.

Changes suggested to proposed Division of Wide Bay

The existing Division of Wide Bay is within quota as at 7/1/2017 with 103,790 electors (99.44% of a quota).

It is projected to be within quota as at 27/9/2017 with 108,219 electors (98.27% of a quota).

I suggest that the boundary of proposed Division of Wide Bay be altered back to the existing divisional boundary, with the addition of 1,043 electors (1,080 projected) from the SA2's (part of) Booral- River Heads, Burrum Fraser, as there is no need to transfer electors to the proposed Division of Hinkler, as that division has received them from the Division of Flynn.

Suggested Boundary

Existing Boundary

Changes suggested to the Proposed Division of Maranoa

As the existing Division was within quota as at 7/1/2017 and is projected to be as at 27/9/2021 I concur with the Redistribution Commission that no changes are necessary, except I suggest a bit of 'house keeping' to the boundary, by including those parts of SA2's Barcaldine-Blackall and Roma Region from the proposed divisions of Kennedy and Flynn respectively. There are no electors involved, either as at 7/1/2017 or as at 27/9/2021.

Suggested Boundary

Existing Boundary plus the inclusions mentioned above.

Changes suggested to proposed Division of Groom

As the existing Division was within quota as at 7/1/2017 and is projected to be as at 27/9/2021 I concur with the Redistribution Commission that no changes are necessary.

Suggested Boundary

Existing boundary

Conclusion

I thank the Redistribution Committee for the opportunity to make these 'objections' to their proposed boundaries, and await the release of other 'objections' to make a final contribution to the Redistribution process with 'Comments on objections'.

Yours faithfully

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of R.J. Richardson.

R.J. Richardson

TABLE A

FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION 2017

COMPARISON QLD COUNTRY DIVISIONS

	Proposed Divisions Projected Enrolment 27/09/2022	% of Projected Quota 110,124	Suggested Divisions Projected Enrolment 27/09/2021	% of Projected Quota 110,124
Leichhardt	112,943	102.56	109,583	99.51
Kennedy	111,682	101.41	110,292	100.15
Herbert	113,235	102.82	110,922	100.72
Dawson	109,477	99.41	109,829	99.73
Capricornia	106,572	96.77	107,247	97.39
Flynn	107,483	97.6	106,843	97.01
Hinkler	106,930	97.1	112,535	102.19
Wide Bay	107,139	97.29	108,219	98.27
Maranoa	109,197	99.16	109,197	99.16
Groom	108,463	98.49	108,463	98.49

OBJECTION TO
AEC PROPOSED DIVISION OF
LEICHHARDT

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
Area of proposed Division in sq km	148,559	
Quota	103,203	110,124
% of Quota Proposed Division	101.84	102.56
Enrolment Proposed Division	105,105	112,943
Suggested Changes		
less		
To the proposed Division of Kennedy		

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SA1
Mount Sheridan

3115307	11	11
3115308	195	214
3115309	268	292
3115310	349	397
3115311	208	214
3115312	320	344
3115313	211	243
3115315	272	319
3115316	459	517
3115317	172	182
3115318	209	239
3115319	338	388
Total	3,012	3,360
Total to Proposed Division of Kennedy	3,012	3,360
Total to Proposed Division of Leichhardt	102,093	109,583
% of Quota	98.82	99.51

OBJECTION TO
AEC PROPOSED DIVISION OF
KENNEDY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
Area of proposed Division in sq km	567,377	
Quota	103,203	103,203
% of Quota Proposed Division	101.95	101.41
Enrolment Proposed Division	105,212	111,682
Suggested Changes		
less		
To Proposed Division of Maranoa		
SA2		
Barcaldine - Blackall	0	0

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**To Proposed
Division of
Herbert**

SA2

Bohle Plains	1,729	1,888
Condon - Rasmussen	92	98
Kelso	44	44
Northern Beaches	1,011	1,087
Total to Proposed Division of Herbert	2,876	3,117

**To Proposed
Division of
Dawson**

SA2

Burdekin	128	128
Douglas	1	0
Townsville - South	1,224	1,282
Wulguru - Roseneath	209	226
Total to Proposed Division of Dawson	1,562	1,636

Total to other Proposed Divisions	4,438	4,753
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Remainder in Proposed Division of Kennedy	100,774	106,929
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**To the
Proposed
Division of
Kennedy**

**From the
Proposed
Division of
Leichhardt**

**SA1
Mount Sheridan**

3115307	11	11
3115308	195	214
3115309	268	292
3115310	349	397
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3115318	209	239
3115319	338	388

Total	3,012	3,360
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**from the
Proposed
Division of
Herbert**

SA2

Ingham Region	3	3
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Total to Proposed division of Kennedy	3,015	3,363
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Total Proposed Division of Kennedy	103,789	110,292
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% of Quota	100.57	100.15
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OBJECTION TO
AEC PROPOSED DIVISION OF
HERBERT

	Actual enrolmet as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
Area of proposed Division in sq km	941	
Quota	103,203	110,124
% of Quota Proposed Division	101.82	102.82
Enrolment Proposed Division	105,077	113,235
Suggested Changes		
less		
To Proposed Division of Kennedy		
SA2		
Ingham Region	3	3

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**To Proposed
Division of
Dawson**

SA2

Annandale	456	463
Douglas	4,563	4,964
Townsville - South	0	0

Total to
Proposed
Division of
Dawson

	5,019	5,427
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Total to
other
Proposed
Divisions

	5,022	5,430
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Total
remaining in
Proposed
Division of
Herbert

	100,055	107,805
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**From the
Proposed
Division of
Kennedy**

SA2

Bohle Plains	1,729	1,888
Condon - Rasmussen	92	98
Kelso	44	44
Northern Beaches	1,011	1,087

Total

	2,876	3,117
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**Total
Proposed
Division of
Herbert**

	102,931	110,922
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% of Quota

	99.74	100.72
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OBJECTION TO
AEC PROPOSED DIVISION OF
DAWSON

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
Area of proposed Division in sq km	14,630	
Quota	103,203	110,124
% of Quota Proposed Division	99.63	99.41
Enrolment Proposed Division	102,818	109,477
Suggested Changes		
less		
To Proposed Division of Capricornia		
SA2		
Ooralea - Bakers Creek	199	210
South Mackay	4,739	5,053

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East Mackay

SA1

3134301	184	190
3134302	316	349
3134304	230	234
3134305	176	201
3134311	286	290
3134312	181	184

Total 1,373 1,448

Total to
Proposed
Division of
Capricornia 6,311 6,711

Remainder in
proposed
Division of
Dawson 96,507 102,766

**From the
Proposed
Division of
Kennedy**

SA2

Burdekin 128 128

Douglas 1 0

Townsville - South 1,224 1,282

Wulguru - Roseneath 209 226

Total to
Proposed
Division of
Dawson 1,562 1,636

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**From the
Proposed
Division of
Herbert**

SA2

Annandale	456	463
Douglas	4,563	4,964
Townsville - South	0	0
Total to Proposed Division of Dawson	5,019	5,427
Total Proposed Division of Dawson	103,088	109,829
% of Quota	99.89	99.73

OBJECTION TO
AEC PROPOSED DIVISION OF
CAPRICORNIA

	Actual enrolmet as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
Area of proposed Division in sq km	90,903	
Quota	103,203	110,124
% of Quota Proposed Division	96.84	96.77
Enrolment Proposed Division	99,939	106,572
Suggested Changes		
less		
To the Proposed Division of Flynn		
SA2		
Rockhampton - West	4,294	4,426
SA2		
Rockhampton City		
SA1		
3121701	243	245
3121703	136	141
3121709	257	273
3121710	223	226
Total	859	885

SA2

The Range - Allenstown

SA1

3122207	189	185
3122208	256	299
3122211	225	243
Total	670	727

Total to Proposed Division of Flynn	5,823	6,038
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Total Remaining in proposed Division of Capricornia	94,116	100,534
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**From the
Proposed
Division of
Dawson**

SA2

Ooralea - Bakers Creek	199	210
South Mackay	4,739	5,053

East Mackay

SA1

3134301	184	190
3134302	316	349
3134304	230	234
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Total	1,373	1,448

Total from Proposed Division of Dawson	6,311	6,711
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From the
Proposed
Division of
Flynn

SA2 Broadsound - Nebo	0	0
SA2 Clermont	2	2
Total Proposed Division of Capricornia	100,429	107,247
% of Quota	97.31	97.39

OBJECTION TO
AEC PROPOSED DIVISION OF
FLYNN

	Actual enrolmet as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
Area of proposed Division in sq km	132,824	
Quota	103,203	110,124
% of Quota Proposed Division	97.13	97.6
Enrolment Proposed Division	100,236	107,483
Suggested Changes		
less		
To Proposed Division of Maranoa		
SA2		
Roma Region	0	0
To Proposed Division of Capricornia		
SA2		
Broadsound - Nebo	0	0
SA2		
Clermont	2	2

**To Proposed
Division of
Hinkler**

SA2

Bundaberg North - Googurrum	1,316	1,360
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SA2

Bundaberg Region - North

SA1

3149801	321	354
3149802	679	739
3149803	244	254
3149804	257	258
3149805	269	303
3149806	215	221
3149807	110	124
3149808	306	311
3149809	312	322
3149810	214	214
3149811	196	196
3149812	129	134
3149813	328	344
3149814	357	375
3149819	378	410
3189820	293	303
3149821	183	207
3149822	240	256

Total	5,031	5,325
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Total to Proposed Division of Hinkler	6,347	6,685
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Total to other Proposed Divisions	6,349	6,687
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Total remaining in Proposed District of Flynn	93,887	100,769
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**From the
Proposed
Division of
Capricornia**

SA2

Rockhampton - West	4,294	4,426
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SA2

Rockhampton City

SA1

3121701	243	245
3121703	136	141
3121709	257	273
3121710	223	226

Total	859	885
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SA2

The Range - Allenstown

SA1

3122207	189	185
3122208	256	299
3122211	225	243

Total	670	727
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Total from Proposed Division of Capricornia	5,823	6,038
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Total Proposed Division of Flynn	99,710	106,843
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% of Quota	96.62	97.01
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OBJECTION TO
AEC PROPOSED DIVISION OF
HINKLER

	Actual enrolmet as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
Area of proposed Division in sq km	3,818	
Quota	103,203	110,124
% of Quota Proposed Division	99.34	97.1
Enrolment Proposed Division	102,525	106,930
Suggested Changes		
less		
To the Proposed Division of Wide Bay		
SA2		
Booral - River Heads	135	138
Burrum - Fraser	908	942
Total to Proposed Division of Wide Bay	1,043	1,080
Total remaining in the Proposed Division of Hinkler	101,482	105,850

**From the
Proposed
Division of
Flynn**

SA2

Bundaberg North - Googurrum	1,316	1,360
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SA2

Bundaberg Region - North

SA1

3149801	321	354
3149802	679	739
3149803	244	254
3149804	257	258
3149805	269	303
3149806	215	221
3149807	110	124
3149808	306	311
3149809	312	322
3149810	214	214
3149811	196	196
3149812	129	134
3149813	328	344
3149814	357	375
3149819	378	410
3189820	293	303
3149821	183	207
3149822	240	256
Total	5,031	5,325
Total from Proposed Division of Flynn	6,347	6,685
Total Proposed Division of Hinkler	107,829	112,535
% of Quota	104.48	102.19

OBJECTION TO
AEC PROPOSED DIVISION OF
WIDE BAY

	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
Area of proposed Division in sq km	14,227	
Quota	103,203	110,124
% of Quota Proposed Division	99.55	97.29
Enrolment Proposed Division	102,737	107,139
Suggested Changes		
From the Proposed Division of Hinkler		
SA2		
Booral - River Heads	135	138
Burrum - Fraser	908	942
Total from Proposed Division of Hinkler	1,043	1,080
Total Proposed Division of Wide Bay	103,780	108,219
% of Quota	100.56	98.27

OBJECTION TO
AEC PROPOSED DIVISION OF
MARANOA

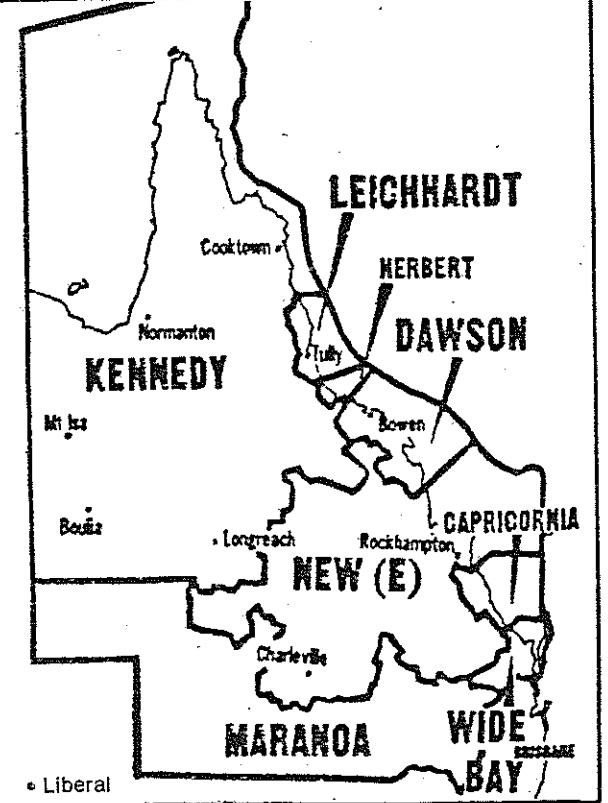
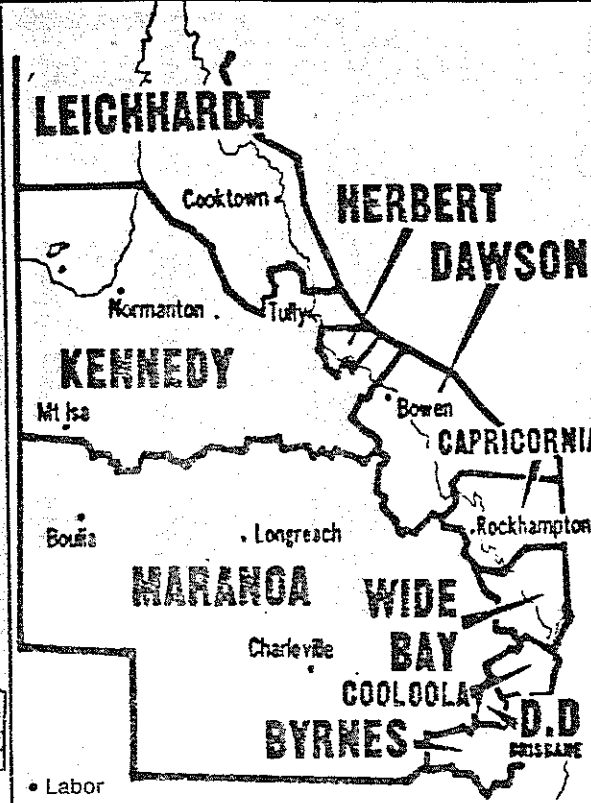
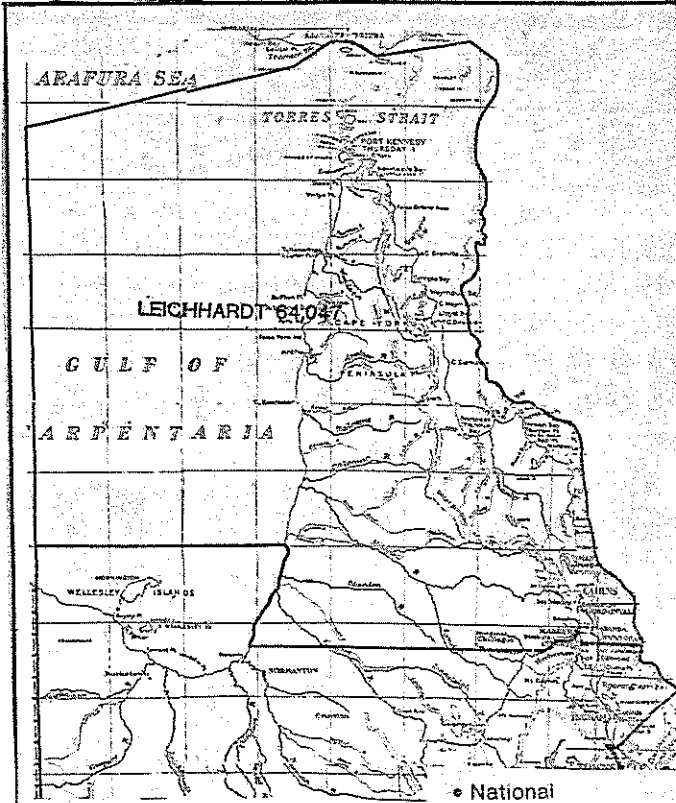
	Actual enrolment as at 6/01/2017	Projected enrolment as at 27/09/2021
Area of proposed Division in sq km	729,897	
Quota	103,203	110,124
% of Quota Proposed Division	99.95	99.16
Enrolment Proposed Division	103,151	109,197
Suggested Changes		
From the Proposed Division of Kennedy		
SA2		
Barcaldine - Blackall	0	0
From the Proposed Division of Flynn		
SA2		
Roma Region	0	0
Total Proposed Division of Maranoa	103,151	109,197

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% of Quota

99.95

99.16



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"My only objection to the Nationals submission is that they use an arbitrary line for the southwestern boundary whereas the Labor Party has based their boundary on geographical features," Mr Gayler said.

Katter in need of city base

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LEICHHARDT MP Warren Entsch says Kennedy MP Bob Katter needs to open a new electorate office in southern Cairns as his seat creeps ever closer to the city centre.

Mr Entsch said he would accept the Australian Electoral Commission's new boundaries but warned eventually Cairns must become a seat of its own.

"It will probably happen at the next redistribution," he said.

The new maps move Bentley Park, Edmonton, Portsmouth, Wrights Creek and part of Mt Sheridan from Mr Entsch's seat of Leichhardt to Kennedy in an effort to evenly allocate population numbers between electorates.

"I don't know whether it is practical. They are cutting Cairns in half," Mr Entsch said.

"The people of the Tablelands already have a problem

getting access to him and I get a lot of those in my office.

"I already get them from the Edmonton and Gordonvale areas too.

"You can't blame Katter for this. He's got populations all over the place which makes it very difficult."

Mr Katter last week welcomed the plan, saying his existing voting booths around Gordonvale and Edmonton were some of his strongest.

"It does mean he needs an office somewhere in southern Cairns," Mr Entsch said.

"The majority of the population of Kennedy is now in that area."

Mr Katter, who could not be reached for comment yesterday, already has offices in Mount Isa, Innisfail and Charters Towers.

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JUST CRUISING: Tourists Ken and Debbie Norbury disembark from P & O cruise ship Pacific Eden.

Picture: JUSTIN BRIERTY

Four more cruises for Eden's season

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CRUISE ship Pacific Eden has four stops remaining on its 2017 schedule while homeporting in Cairns.

The Cairns Cruise Liner Terminal hosted the arrival of

Pacific Eden at 6am yesterday, allowing 1500 passengers returning from Alotou in Papua New Guinea to disembark.

Ports North staff then coordinated the "turnaround" to allow for supplies to be loaded on to the ship, before more than 2000 passengers and

crew set sail for Fraser Island at 3pm.

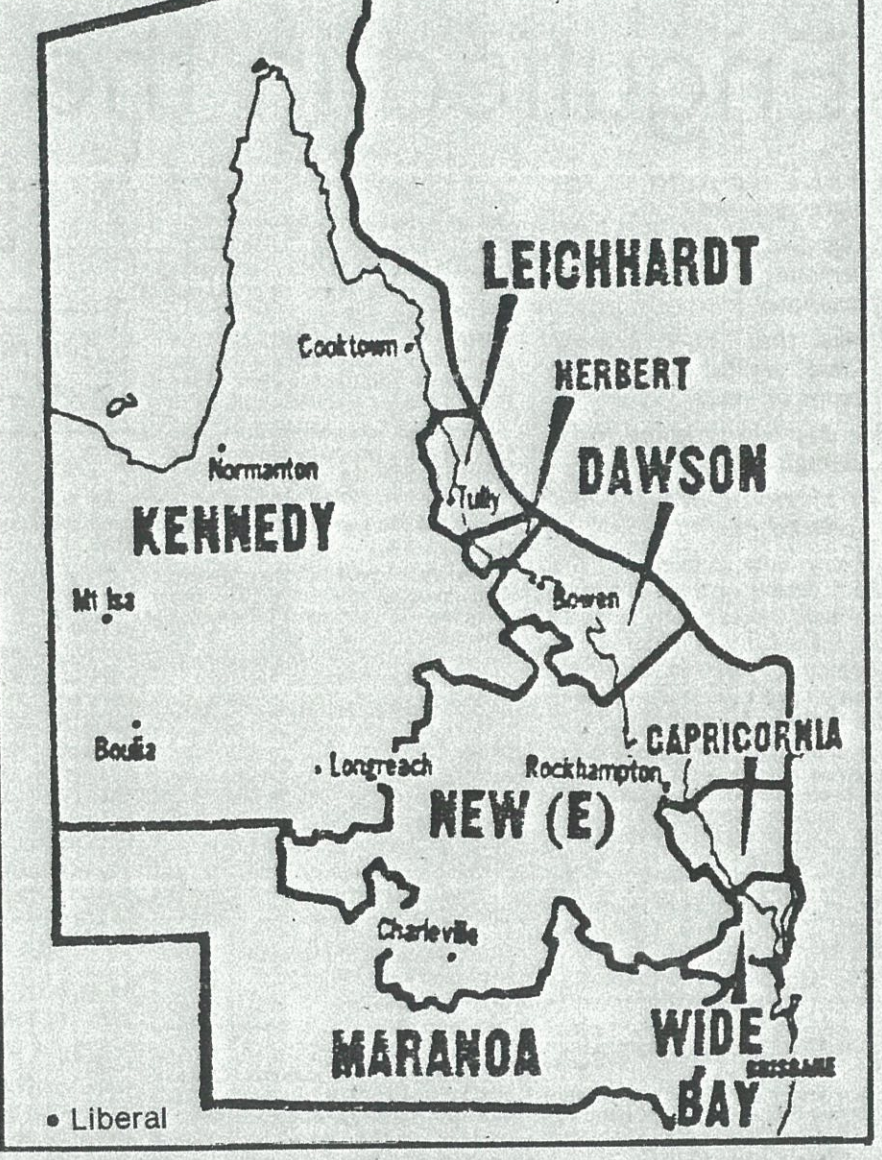
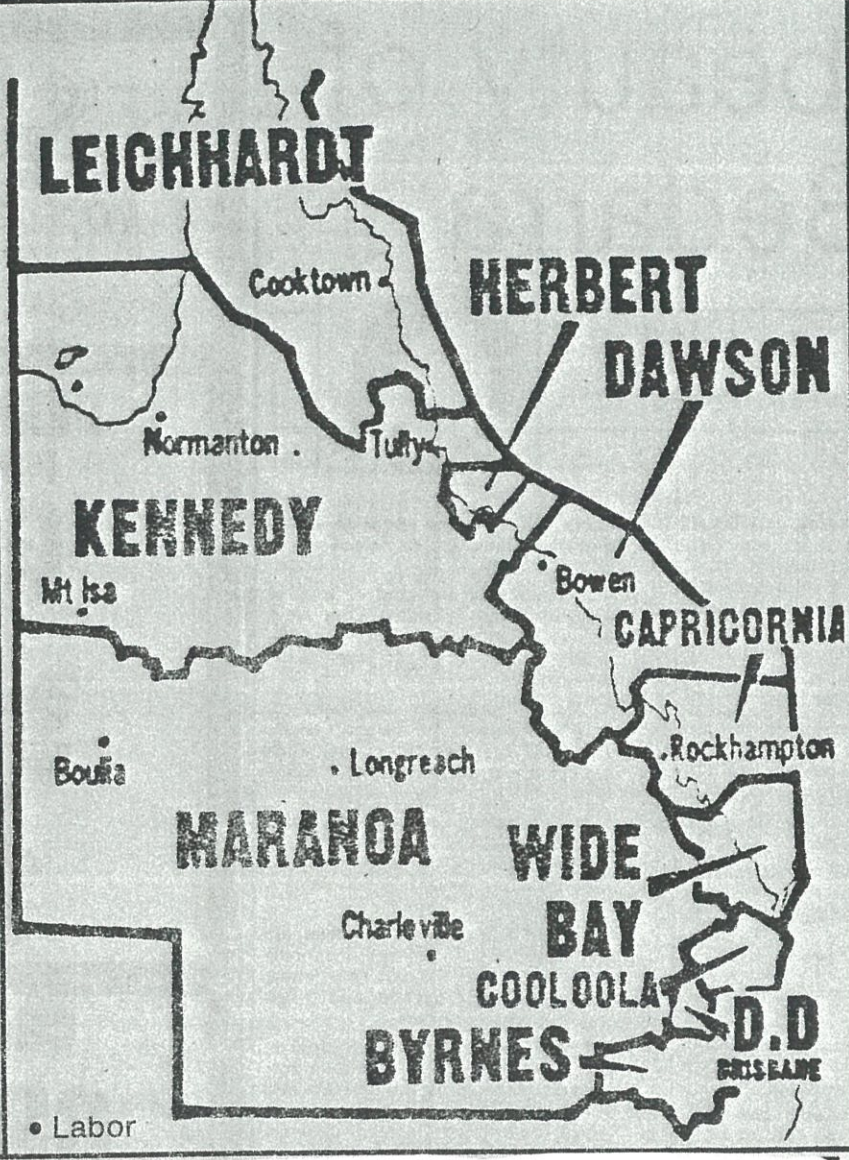
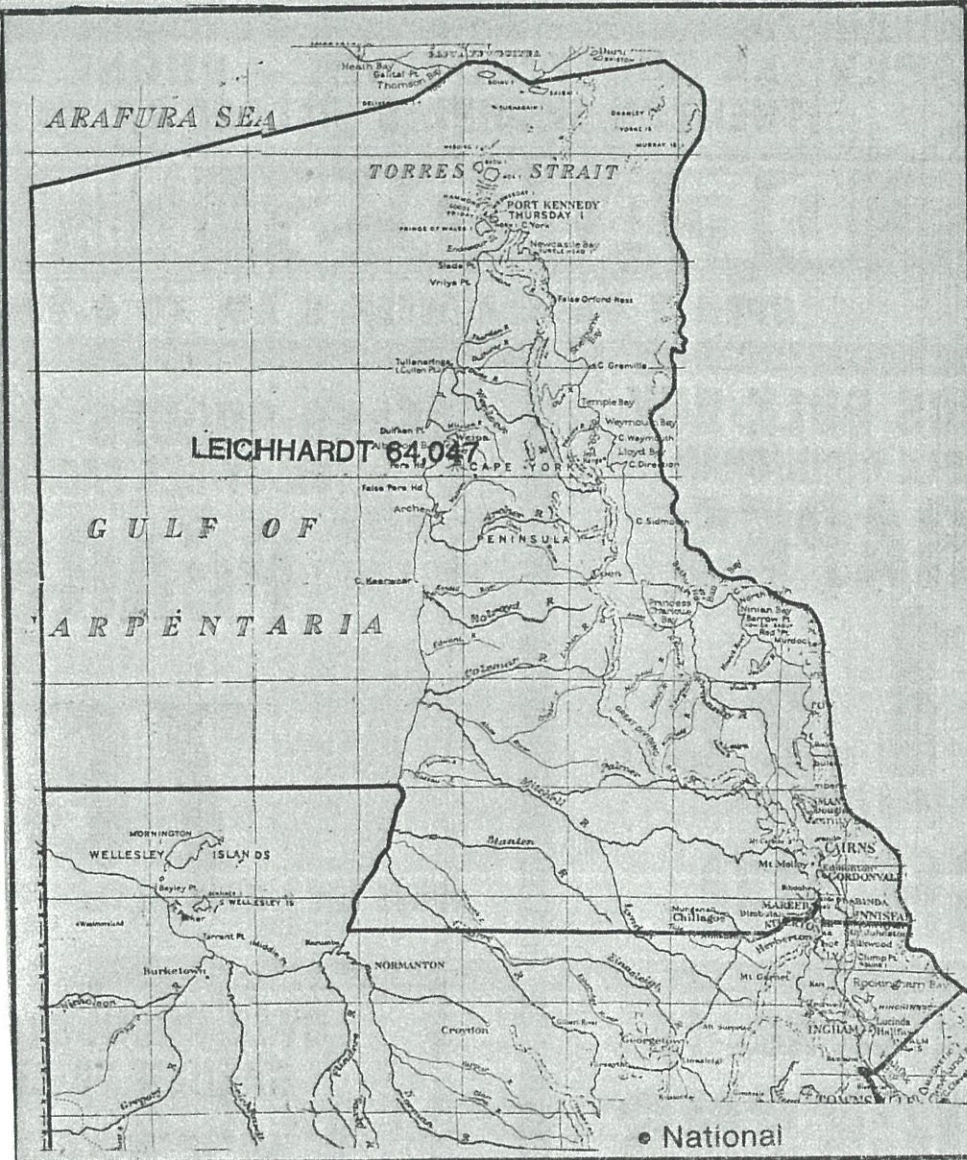
This week's stop was the seventh of 11 visits by Pacific Eden this year.

The ship, which is almost 220m long and has 14 decks, will make four more turnaround calls at the Port of

Cairns, including October 7, 14 and 24 and on November 6 for the final stop.

Ports North communications adviser Andree Stephens said it was the second season P & O's Pacific Eden had homeported at the Far Northern port.





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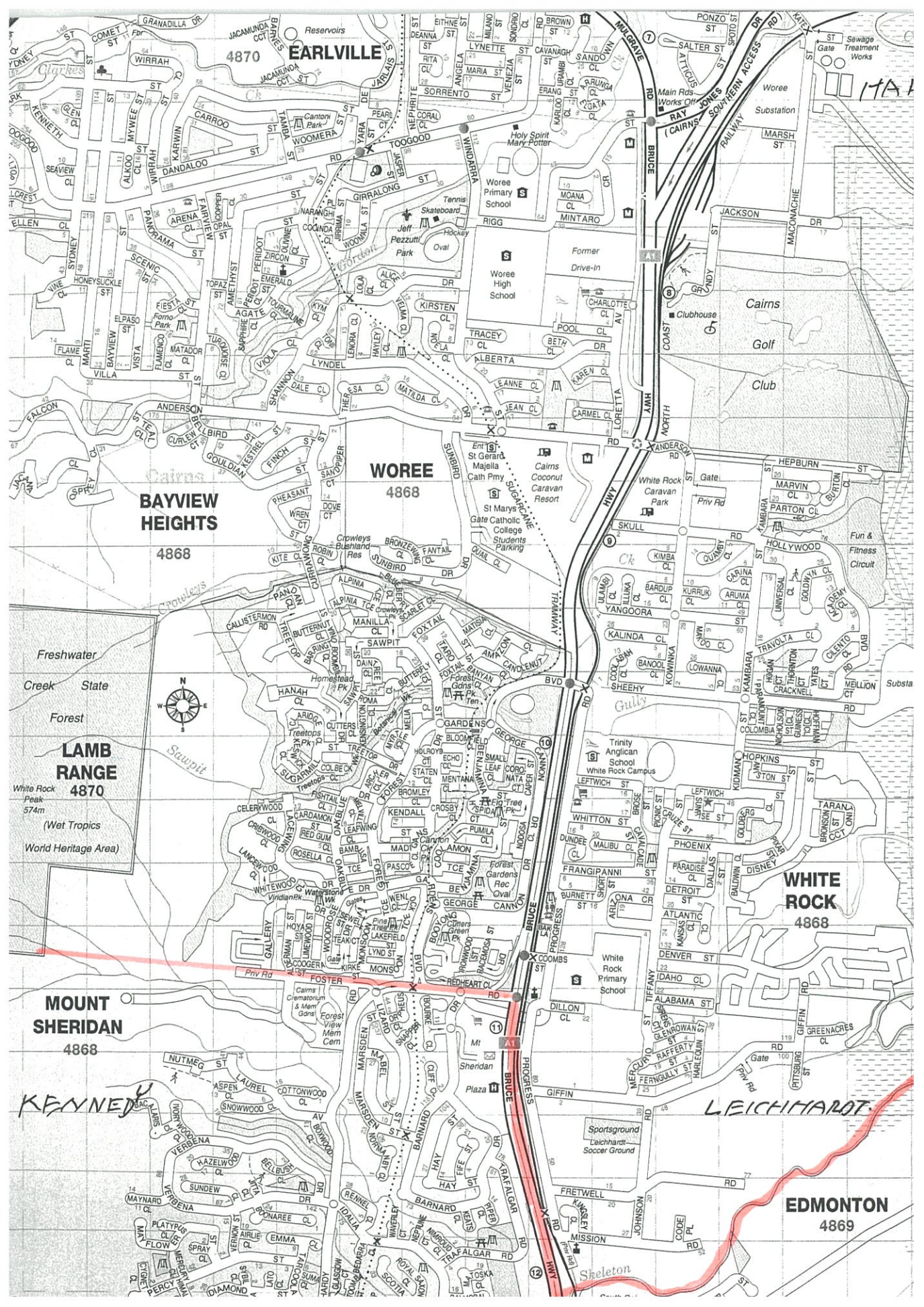
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4870

BAYVIEW HEIGHTS
4868

WOREE
4868

LAMB RANGE
4870
(Wet Tropics
World Heritage Area)

MOUNT SHERIDAN
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WHITE ROCK
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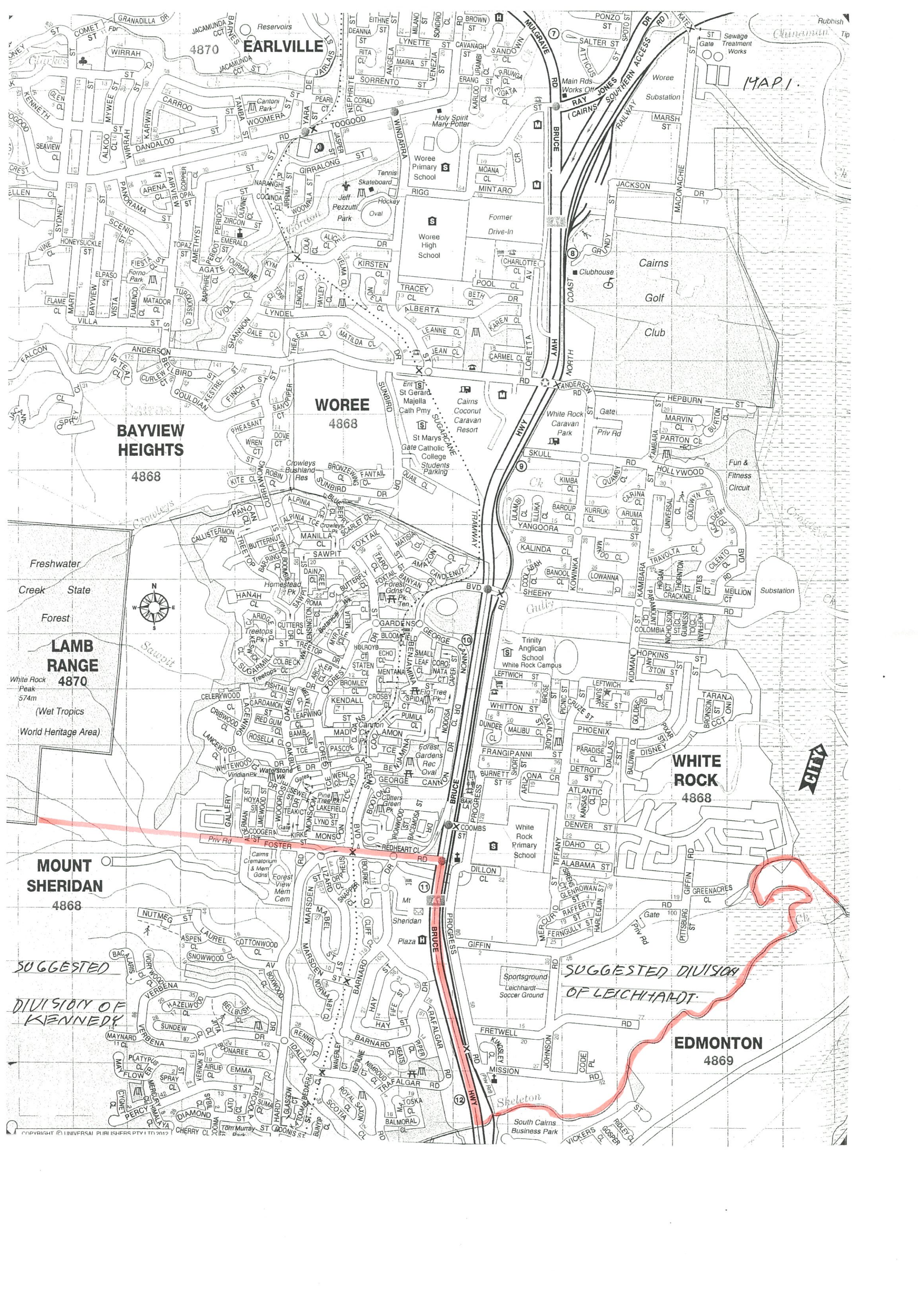
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PLATYCLIFF

PERCIVAL

**Sportsground
Leichhart
Soccer Ground**

Skeleton



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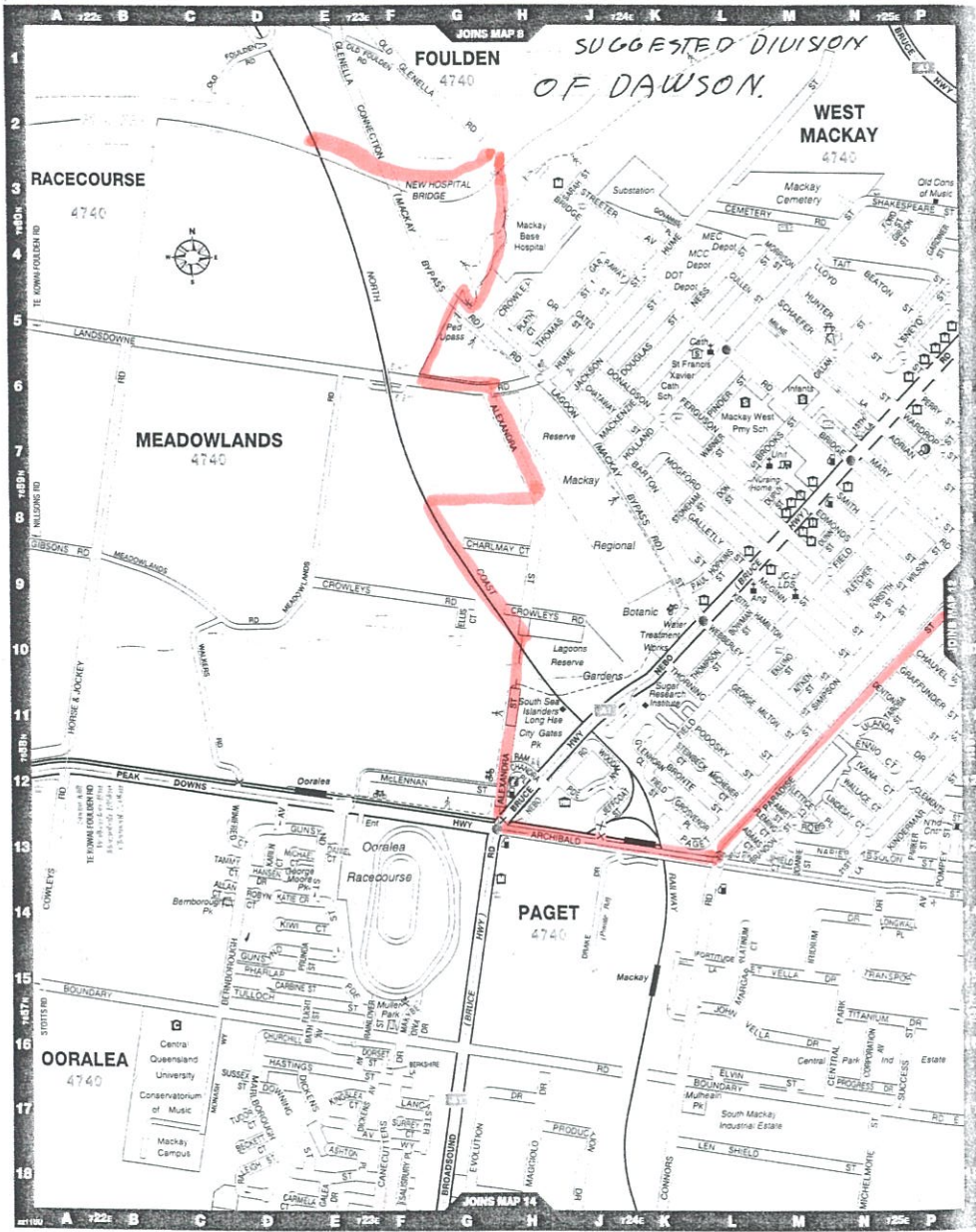
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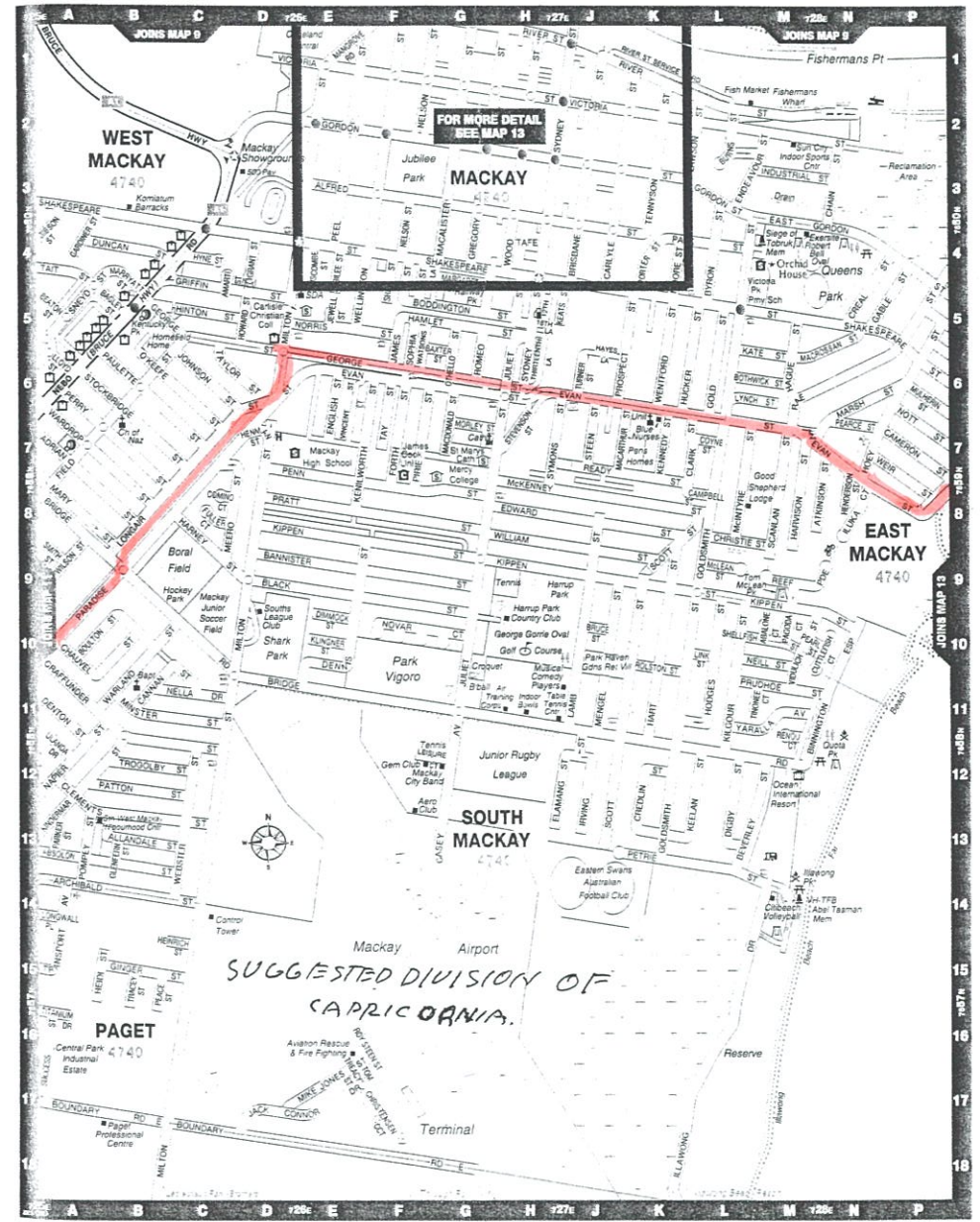
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OF LEICHHARDT

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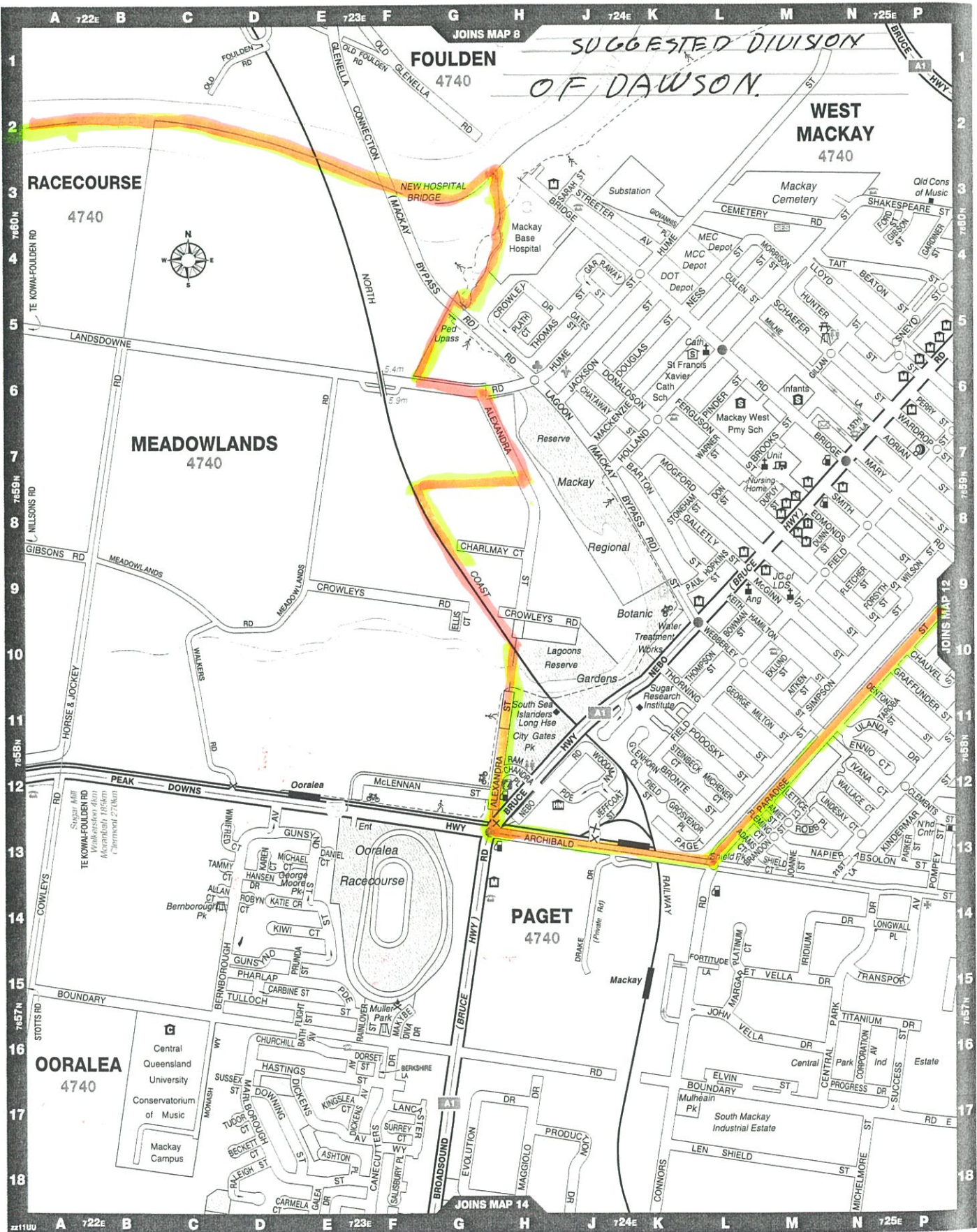


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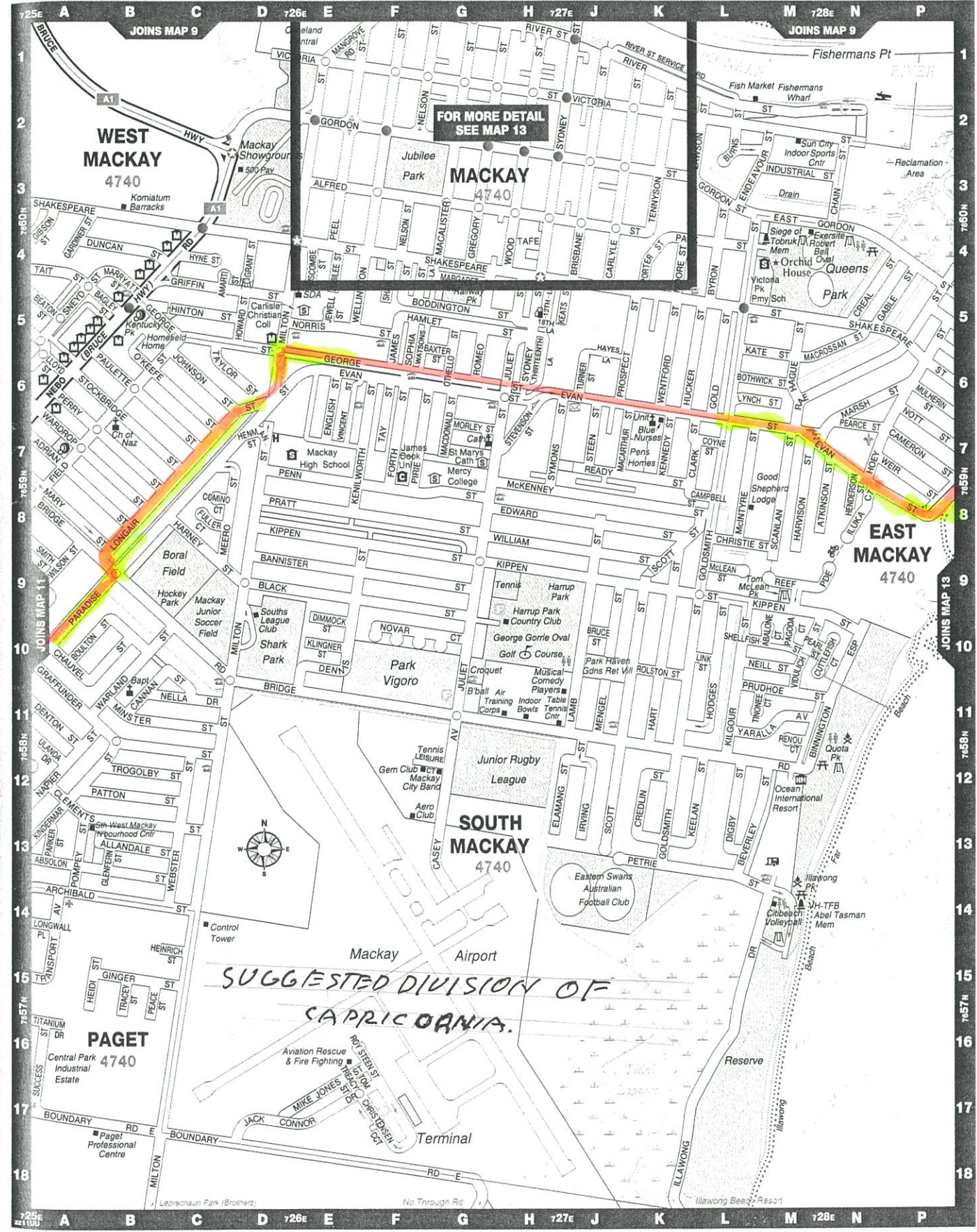


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MAP 3



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ROCKHAMPTON CITY 4700

BERSEKER 4701

THE COMMON 4701

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SUGGESTED DIVISION OF CAPRICORN

701

WEST ROCKHAMPTON 4700

ALLENSTOWN 4700

ROCKHAMPTON CITY 4700

THE RANGE 4700

DEPOT HILL 4700

PORT CURTIS 4700

SUGGESTED DIVISION OF FLYNN

FAIRY BOWER 4700

MAP 3



FAIRY BOWER
4700

SUGGESTED
DIVISION OF FLYNN

SUGGESTED DIVISION
OF CAPRICORN

