

# **APPENDIX C**

**Suggestions Notice &  
Public Submissions**

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

## Divisional Boundary Review of Scenic Rim Regional Council

The Scenic Rim Regional Council has advised its electoral divisions no longer meet the voter enrolment requirements set down in the *Local Government Act 2009*. As a result, the Minister for Local Government has referred the matter to the Change Commission for independent assessment.

### **Enrolment Requirements**

Each division of the Council is required to have relatively the same number of voters (quota) to ensure each person's vote has the same value. The quota for each division of the Scenic Rim Regional local government area is 4,887 with a lower limit of 4,398 (-10%) and an upper limit of 5,376 (+10%).

For more information and enrolment statistics please see the Electoral Commission of Queensland's website: [www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/lg-reviews/DBRs](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/lg-reviews/DBRs) or phone 1300 881 665.

### **INVITATION FOR WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS**

The Change Commission now invites suggestions regarding the divisional boundaries for the Scenic Rim Regional Council. Submissions will be accepted until 5pm on 13 May 2019. Late submissions cannot be considered.

### **Submissions can be lodged through:**

**- Online Form (*preferred*)**

[www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/lg-reviews/DBRs](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/lg-reviews/DBRs)

**- Email**

[LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au)

**- Personal Delivery** (Mon - Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm)

Electoral Commission of Queensland  
Level 20, 1 Eagle Street  
BRISBANE QLD 4000

**- Post**

Local Government Change Commission  
GPO Box 1393  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

**Submissions will be made available for public inspection.** To discuss any privacy concerns, please phone 1300 881 665.

Pat Vidgen PSM

**Electoral Commissioner**

**List of Public Suggestions**  
**Divisional Boundary Review of Scenic Rim Regional Council**

<b>Suggestion</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>
1	Scenic Rim Regional Council
2	Sharon Rae
3	Julliette Jones
4	Wendy & Brian Harris, Scenic Rim Adventure Park
5	Amanda Hay, Treasurer, Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc.
6	Margaret Campbell, Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc.
7	President TMCCI

Enquiries:  
Trevor Green  
Phone: 07 [REDACTED]  
File Ref: 13/07/001



26 March 2019

The Hon Stirling Hinchliffe  
Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs  
PO Box 15009  
CITY EAST QLD 4002

Sent by email only [LGRMA@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:LGRMA@ministerial.qld.gov.au)

Dear Minister

### **REVIEW OF DIVISIONS OF SCENIC RIM REGIONAL COUNCIL**

I refer to my previous correspondence of 26 February 2019 (Review of Divisions of Scenic Rim Regional Council) in which I advised,

1. Division 2 (5,500 electors) does not have a reasonable proportion of electors, in that it has 630 electors (+12.9%) above the mean number of 4870 electors;
2. Division 5 (4,448 electors) is close to not having a reasonable proportion of electors, in that it has 422 electors (-8.7%) below the mean;
3. Council wishes to maintain its six divisions for Councillor representation; and
4. Council will commence a process to review the divisional changes needed to produce a balanced number of electors in each division and will provide the Minister and Electoral Commissioner its recommended changes.

I now advise that Council has since conducted this review and can now recommend changes which would produce a balanced number of electors in each division of the Scenic Rim Region.

In accordance with Council's resolution of the Ordinary Meeting of 25 March 2019, I advise that Council recommends:

- a. The movement of the boundary between divisions 2 & 4, so that SA1 3130519 is fully within Division 4 (transfer of 246 electors). See Attachment 1. Currently SA1 3130519 is partially in both divisions, with the separation being along the Mount Lindsay Highway.
- b. The movement of the boundary between divisions 3 & 5, so that:
  - I. SA1 3130529 is fully within Division 5 (transfer of 61 electors) See Attachment 2. Currently SA1 3130529 is partially in both divisions, with the separation being along the Mount Lindsay Highway; and
  - II. SA1 3130525 is within Division 5 (transfer of 134 electors). See Attachment 2.

Division	Adjacent Divisions	Electors Reasonable proportion 4,383 - 5,357	Current % Variance from Mean 4870	Options Movement	Outcome % Variance from Mean 4870	Revised Electors Reasonable proportion 4,383 - 5,357
1	2 & 3	4,791	- 1.6%		-1.6%	4,791
2	1, 3 & 4	5,500	+ 12.9%	5.0% (246 electors)	+7.9%	5,254
3	1, 2 & 4	5,031	+ 3.3%		-0.7%	4,836
4	2, 3, 5 & 6	4,659	- 4.3%	4.0% (195 electors)	+7.1%	4,905
5	4, 3 & 6	4,448	- 8.7%		-4.7%	4,643
6	4 & 5	4,788	- 1.7%		-1.7%	4,788

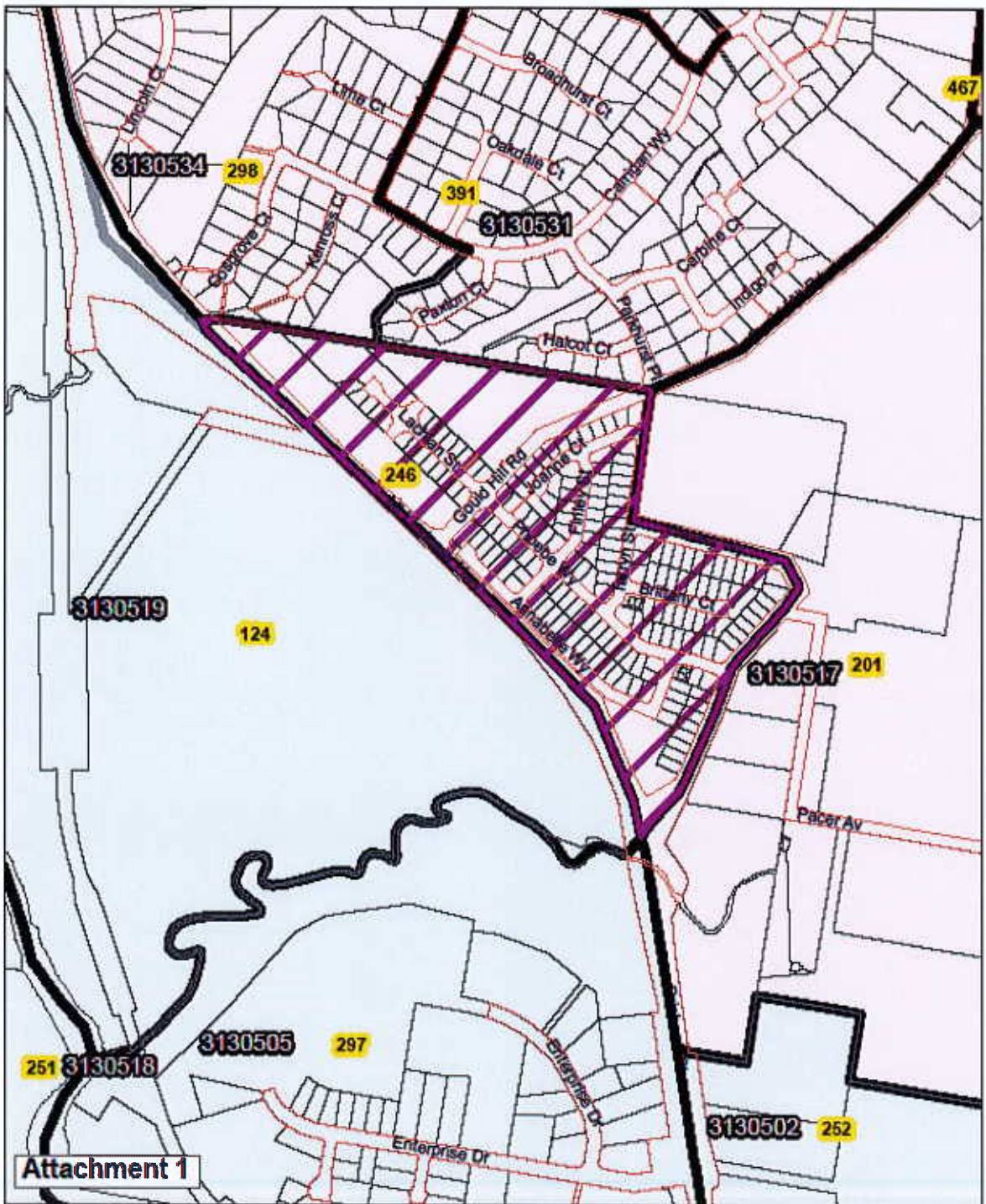
Should you require further clarification or wish to discuss, please contact me or Council's Senior Governance Officer Trevor Green, on 07 [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully

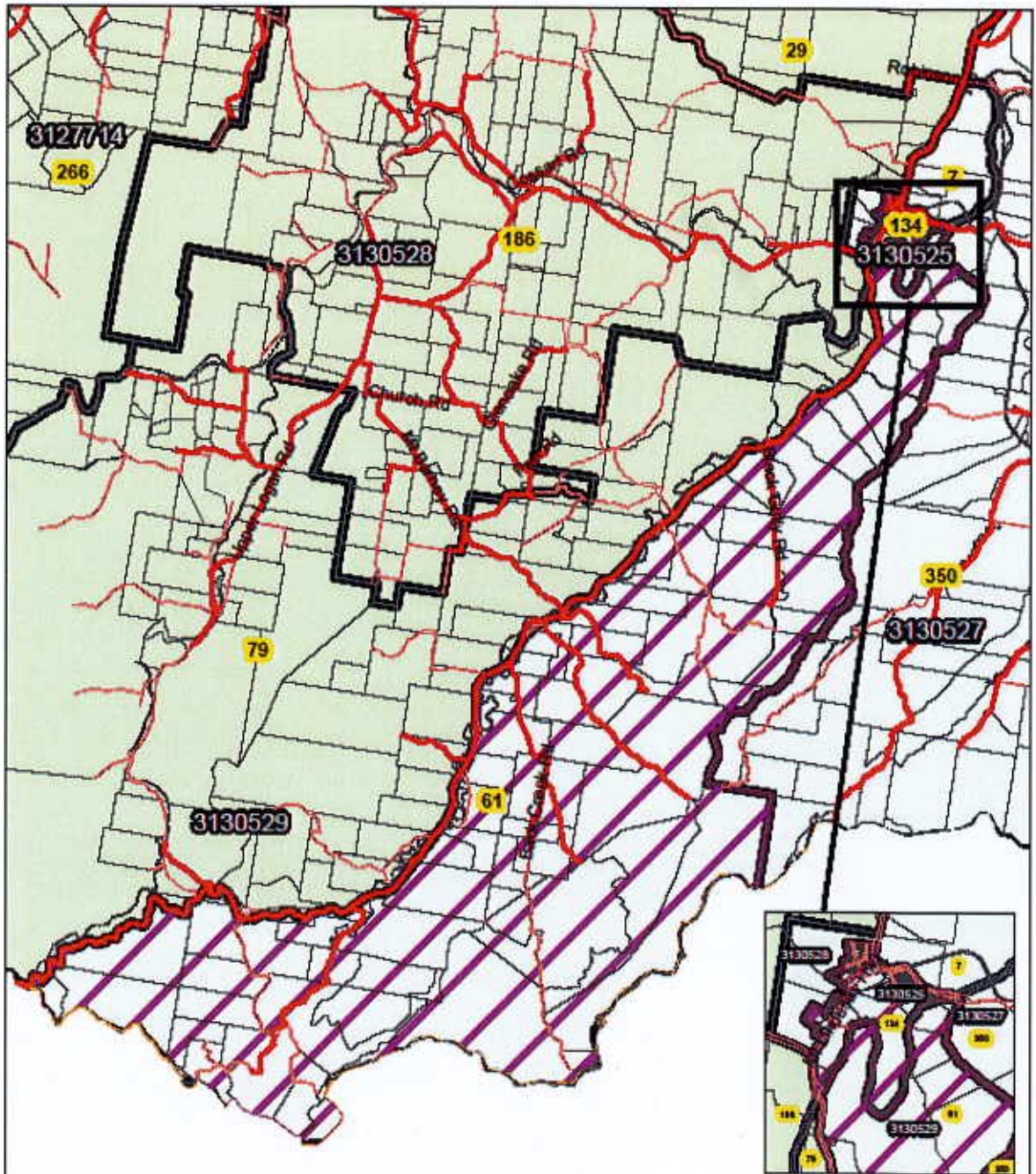
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Jon Gibbons  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER


cc: Mr Pat Vidgen PSM  
Electoral Commissioner of Queensland  
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(sent by email only [ecq@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:ecq@ecq.qld.gov.au))



<p><b>Scenic Rim Regional Council</b></p> <p><b>Recommendation for Alterations to Electoral Divisional Boundaries</b></p> <p><b>Division 2 and Division 4</b></p>		<p><b>LEGEND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> Division 4</li> <li> Division 2</li> <li> Proposed transfer to Div 4</li> <li> SA1 Boundaries</li> <li> SA1 Elector Numbers</li> <li> SA1 Number</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: small;">Printed 9 March 2018</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">This map was prepared by the Scenic Rim Regional Council. It is a representation of the current boundaries of the Scenic Rim Regional Council. The boundaries shown on this map are for information only and do not constitute an offer of any services or facilities. The Council is not responsible for any errors or omissions on this map. The Council is not responsible for any loss or damage arising from the use of this map. The Council is not responsible for any loss or damage arising from the use of this map.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> </p> <p style="text-align: right;"> </p>
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Attachment 2

<p><b>Scenic Rim Regional Council</b>  <b>Recommendation for Alterations</b>  <b>to Electoral Divisional Boundaries</b>  <b>Division 3 and Division 5</b></p>		<p><b>LEGEND</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Division 5</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #90EE90; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Division 3</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; background-color: #800080; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> Proposed transfer to Div 5</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> BA1 Boundaries</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> BA1 Elector Numbers</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 15px; height: 10px; border: 1px solid black; margin-right: 5px;"></span> BA1 Number</li> </ul> <p style="font-size: small; text-align: right;">Printed 5 March 2018</p>	<p style="font-size: x-small;">This map is a representation of the current boundaries of the Scenic Rim Regional Council. It is not intended to be used as a legal document. The boundaries shown on this map are subject to change without notice. The Scenic Rim Regional Council is not responsible for any errors or omissions in this map. For more information, please contact the Council's Electoral Services Unit.</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">BA1 and Population numbers supplied by Electoral Commission Queensland ABC data correct as of 2016. Population figures of 2016 used.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">    </p>
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**Sent:** Saturday, 4 May 2019 3:38 PM  
**To:** LG CC Submissions  
**Subject:** (78684) Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area - Sharon Rae

Online submission for **Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area** from **Sharon Rae**

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**Submission Details**

**Name:** Sharon Rae

**Submission Text:** As Division 5 is low on voting numbers add Kooralbyn to Division 5 and remove Kooralbyn from Division 4. As Division 2 has an excess of voters remove Glenagle from Division 2 and add to Division 4.

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**Sent:** Thursday, 9 May 2019 9:26 AM  
**To:** LG CC Submissions  
**Subject:** (78695) Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area - Julliette Jones

Online submission for **Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area** from **Julliette Jones**

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**Submission Details**

**Name:** Julliette Jones

**Submission Text:** The post code area of 4272 Tamborine Mountain is split into 2 divisions within the Scenic Rim Council Area. A small proportion of the council electorate south of Siganto Street is in division 2 whereas the bulk of the population resides in Division 1. Could you please review the boundary to include all electors for post code 4272 in Division 1. Geographically and in a cultural sense, the residents of Tamborine Mountain consider them selves one community . The goings on in the rest of the ' off mountain ' Division 2 has no relevance to us and we would be best served in council matters by just one elected councillor for our location.

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**Sent:** Friday, 10 May 2019 11:52 PM  
**To: Subject:** LG CC Submissions  
**Attachments:** (78700) Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area - wendy harris  
Scenic-Rim-Division-Boundry-Change.pdf

Online submission for **Scenic Rim Regional Local Government Area** from **wendy harris**

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**Submission Details**

**Name:** wendy harris

**Submission Text:** Tamrookum Creek road exit west off the Mt Lindsay Highway is a no through road in Division 5 Tamrookum Creek road needs to be moved into Division 4 or Division 3 both Divisions have Mt Lindsay as their boundary

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Scenic Rim Regional Council Division Boundaries

Request for change of boundaries Tamrookum Creek road Division 5 moved into Division 4 or Division 3 Scenic Rim Regional Council

Reasons for consideration

Tamrookum Creek road falls under Division 5 Rick Stanfield who is our representative councillor.

For Rick to come out to our road he must drive through Rathdowney Division 3 Virginia West boundary or through Michael Enright's Division 4 area

We have lived in this road for just on seven years and even after a couple of personal invitation we have never seen Councillor Stanfield visit this road.

He lives over an hour's drive away.

We only have 14 residents along this road so why would he worry about trying to secure our votes during an election.

Division 4 Michael Enright boundary is the right-hand side of Kooralbyn road then Naps Creek road also a no through road falls back into Division 5

We need Tamrookum Creek road to be moved into Division 3 or Division 4 as both these boundaries follow the Mount Lindsay Highway and Tamrookum Creek road is a western turnoff off the highway. Tamrookum Creek road is around 8.15 Kilometres' in length and is a no through road.

Tamrookum Creek road needs to come under a councillor who is local and has easy access to our road. It makes no sense to have a division Councillor drive through two other Divisions just to visit residents in a no through roads

Kind regards

Wendy and Brian Harris

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“Protecting the quality of living on Tamborine Mountain”

**On behalf of the Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc, I make the following submission in respect of the Local Government Change Commission’s invitation for written suggestions re electoral boundary realignment:**

Currently, the ‘average’ number of enrolled voters in each division within the Scenic Rim Regional Council (SRRC) boundary is 4,887. Maximum variance allowed is plus or minus 10% i.e. maximum is 5,376 and minimum is 4,398 enrolled voters per division.

**Division 5** enrolment is currently -8.82% below the ‘average’ enrolment number. The projected enrolments in 2024 show an increase of 401 enrolments which will bring the total to 4,857 – i.e. very close to the quota (providing the *average* enrolment number does not alter significantly in 2024). No suggestions are put forward in respect of Division 5.

The SRRC’s CEO has stated that it wishes to retain a total of six (6) Divisions, however the current enrolments for Division 2 **exceed** the maximum +10% variance permitted. The current **Division 2** enrolment is 5,513 or 12.81% greater than the ‘average’ number of 4,887. The projected total number of enrolled voters for 2024 is 6,330 which would take the variance even higher to 29.5% greater than the current ‘average’. Obviously, this situation needs remedying both now and for the future, as this Division appears to be about to experience significant population growth.

**Division 1** currently has 4,807 enrolments and is projected to have 4,976 in 2024 (an increase of only 169). It is unclear if the implications of the SRRC’s Draft Planning Scheme have been taken into account when the projected enrolment figures for 2024 were calculated. Division 1 currently has a deviation of -1.64% indicating a current capacity to absorb some of the excess enrolment numbers from Division 2. The forecast enrolments of 4,976 clearly indicate that Division 1 will require boundary realignment in the future if a realignment is not performed now, given the low projected increase in enrolments to 2024 (of 169).

To that end, it is proposed that one (1) SA1 be removed from Division 2 and realigned to Division 1. That SA1 is 3124215 which currently has an enrolment of 320 and a projected enrolment of 326 in 2024. Transferring SA1’s 320 current enrolment to Division 1 will:

- a) **Reduce** Division 2’s over quota situation to a within quota of +6% (approximately) of the current average enrolment; and
- b) **Increase** Division 1’s quota to 5,127 or +5% (approximately) of the current average enrolment.

It is apparent from the projected increase in 2024 enrolment numbers of only 169 that Division 1’s enrolment numbers are not naturally going to keep abreast of the increases of Division 2.

As per your Fact Sheet 5, the incorporation of SA1 3124215 into Division 1 would satisfy the major considerations of:

**Communities of interest** – as the SA1 adjoins Division 1, is located on the top of the Tamborine Mountain plateau, and already shares common interests with the remainder of the Mountain i.e. economic, social and cultural, it is an obvious contender for boundary realignment;

**Means of Communicating and serviceability** – currently the elected Councillors for Divisions 1 and 2 assist each other in servicing the needs of both Divisions. This advantageous situation would not alter should SA1 be incorporated into Division 1.

**Creating sensible and definable boundaries** – SA1 3124215 is currently bordered by Gold Coast City Council on its Eastern and Southern boundaries and by Division 1 to the North and another Division 2 SA1 to the West. This would facilitate a simple realignment of SA1 3124215 from Division 2 to Division 1, as prominent man-made and natural features already define the SA1's boundaries.

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Amanda Hay

Treasurer

Tamborine Mountain Progress Association Inc

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M. Campbell

, North Tamborine, Qld. 4272

[www.tamborinemountainprogressassociation.com](http://www.tamborinemountainprogressassociation.com)

Name: President TMCCI

Submission Text: Regarding re-alignment of Council and division boundaries for the Scenic Rim: Tamborine Mountain covers 1% of the area of the Scenic Rim Regional Council, comprises 20% of the population and pays 24% of the rates. The issue in the Rim is that our rate in the dollar is so much higher than surrounding Councils because we have a low rate base, the cost of running our Council is high and it is difficult to achieve sufficient efficiencies to get the RID lower. The local economy of TM is mainly based on tourism, with over 1.5 million visitors per year. Even though Tamborine Mountain is one of the Scenic Rim's six regions, our Mountain's tourism emphasis is at odds with the SRRC's agritourism focus. We do not deny the relevance of agritourism as a key focus within the other five SRRC regions; it is simply one that has little application to Tamborine Mountain's tourism. Because of these differences and the geography of the Rim, the support of the Local Government for the development of tourism and infrastructure on Tamborine Mountain is minimal. The Mountain's tourism industry is almost entirely focused towards the Gold Coast (The Green behind The Gold). Better management of the local economy is very likely if Tamborine Mountain were to be included in the Gold Coast. As a destination, Tamborine Mountain is, almost by itself, one of three pillars of Gold Coast tourism: ecotourism (in addition to beach and shopping). Our community Blueprint has been running for a few months now, and feedback has been both enthusiastic and constructive. After the recent 'Changing Councils' report in the Gold Coast Bulletin, robust discussions on the Mountain followed, and surprisingly many are leaning towards change. The Blueprint results so far reflect a sizeable swing, and many believe that cheaper rates, money to fix infrastructure, stronger tourism alliances and a strong Council would definitely benefit the Mountain.

<http://visittamborinemountain.com.au/blueprint/> The loss of part of the ratepayer base can be compensated by including several areas of Logan into the Scenic Rim. If Mundoolun, balance of Tamborine, Veresdale, Veresdale Scrub, Kagaru and Undullah are added to the SRRC, then the 'loss' of TM would probably be more than compensated. Apparently, these regions/postcodes (except Mundoolun) are now split over two councils. I ask the Electoral Commission and the State Government to seriously consider this option. As long as Tamborine Mountain is governed by a Council only interested in agritourism (given the demographics of Scenic Rim, probably a sensible choice), the major hinterland tourism destination will only face more problems because of lack of government and funding. Only a Local Government valuing the quality of our Mountain for both local residents and tourists will be able to make sure that the economic benefits of the tourism industry are optimised in balance with preservation of the natural environment. The overall relationship between Tamborine Mountain residents and the Scenic Rim Regional Council has historically been strained. We thank you in anticipation of a positive response to our proposal.

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