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Redistribution Committee
Via email: secretariat.ntec@nt.gov.au

Dear Iain,

Please find enclosed submission from the Australian Labor Party, Northern Territory Branch, on the 2023 redistribution of Northern Territory electorates.

Territory Labor believes our submission provides a distribution of NT electorates that takes into account primary principles of one vote one value but also electorate size, keeping SA1s within boundaries and maintaining communities of interest.

The Party has also taken into consideration, where possible, the possibilities and forecasts for future growth, particularly in Darwin's northern suburbs and in Palmerston.

Should the Committee require clarification on any part of this submission, please contact me on (08) 8947 1755.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dalton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Karlee Dalton
Secretary
Australian Labor Party
Northern Territory Branch

Given no Division is 20% under or over quota, Territory Labor's initial position is that no change is warranted to any Division.

However, if the Committee wishes to make changes, Territory Labor's view is that those changes should be minimal and limited to those Divisions that are at or near 10% over or under quota. Any proposed changes in the submission below are illustrated in the attached maps.

The below tables have been prepared using enrolment data from January 2020, which the Commission is required to use, and is grouped based on regions which share communities of interest to guide the Committee.

DARWIN CITY

Division	Enrolment	Variance %	+/- Quota
Port Darwin	5950	+0.37	22
Fannie Bay	5512	-7.02	-416
Fong Lim	5607	-5.41	-321
TOTAL	17069	-4.02	-715

While Fannie Bay and Fong Lim are both slightly under quota, it is important to maintain the boundaries of the three inner city Divisions as much as possible due to the strong communities of interest.

Totem Road is an unofficial line that separates in the suburbs from the city in Darwin and, with the recent expansion of the Palmerston Council Municipal Boundaries, there is an argument to align the boundaries of Fong Lim, Karama, Nelson and Spillett to take these changing boundaries into account.

To balance Port Darwin and Fannie Bay, the SA1 7100222 that encompasses Gardens Road and Stuart Highway could transfer from Port Darwin to Fannie Bay as 230 electors are brought over. Additionally, to lift Fong Lim closer to the quota and bring the three Darwin City regions collectively closer to quota, the SA1 of 7101208 (Northcrest) could transfer from Spillett to Fong Lim and bring 191 electors into the Division of Fong Lim.

The move of Northcrest from Spillett to Fong Lim is supported by the public school catchment area, given Northcrest is captured by Ludmilla Primary and Darwin High School catchment zones, but no Palmerston region schools.

The new Darwin City region would therefore look like:

Division	Old Enrolment	Transfer In (SA1)	Transfer Out (SA1)	Electors	New Total
Port Darwin	5950	Nil	7100222	-230	5720
Fannie Bay	5512	7100222	Nil	+230	5742
Fong Lim	5607	7101208	Nil	+191	5798

NORTHERN SUBURBS

Division	Enrolment	Variance %	+/- Quota
Nightcliff	5752	-2.97	-176
Johnston	5806	-2.06	-122
Casuarina	5855	-1.23	-73
Wanguri	6515	+9.90	587
Sanderson	5596	-5.60	-332
Karama	5755	-2.92	-173
TOTAL	35279	-0.81	-289

Collectively, Northern Suburbs are almost on quota and no change is really required. However, given the strong elector growth in Wanguri which is largely led by the developments in Muirhead, it makes sense for a few streets near Thorne Street (the current boundary, within SA1 7102116) be transferred to Casuarina. This keeps the Muirhead community of interest together, while ensuring Wanguri remains aligned with its core suburbs.

The new Northern Suburbs region would therefore look like:

Division	Old Enrolment	Transfer In (SA1)	Transfer Out (SA1)	Electors	New Total
Nightcliff	5752	Nil	Nil		5752
Johnston	5806	Nil	Nil		5806
Casuarina	5855	7102116 (part)	Nil	+250	6105
Wanguri	6515	Nil	7102116 (part)	-250	6265
Sanderson	5596	Nil	Nil		5596
Karama	5755	Nil	Nil		5755

PALMERSTON

Division	Enrolment	Variance %	+/- Quota
Blain	5944	+0.27	16
Brennan	5989	+1.03	61
Drysdale	6177	+4.20	249
Spillett	6898	+16.36	970
TOTAL	25008	+5.47	1296

Palmerston as a whole is only 5.5% over quota. The objective should be to keep four Divisions within the boundaries of Palmerston town. With the existing move of the small redistribution between Fong Lim and Spillett, it is proposed that:

- Drysdale loses Palmerston City (SA1 7104110) to Spillett;
- Drysdale gains remaining piece of Moulden (SA1 7104005) from Blain; and
- Blain gains rest of Rosebery (SA1s 7104304, 7104307, 7104318) from Brennan.

Then significantly redraw Brennan and Spillett to be a Palmerston East and Palmerston West Division respectively, with the two “old Palmerston” Divisions in the middle.

Brennan could start from the south of Elrundie Avenue and take in parts of Mitchell, Zuccoli, Johnston and Bakewell while Spillett heading west from Elrundie Avenue would take in Marlow Lagoon, all the new parts of the Palmerston Council Boundaries, Durack, Palmerston City, Yarrowonga, Farrar and Gunn.

This would provide two clear communities of interest. The Palmerston East Division (Brennan) would be full of new houses full of renters and first home buyers while the Palmerston West Division would be a combination Division full of the commercial districts industrial areas, and high income housing.

Although Brennan results under quota, it accommodates future growth of Palmerston by having the new Divisions a bit lower than the two older ones to take into account that growth. The Palmerston region would therefore look like:

Division	Old Enrolment	Transfer In (SA1)	Transfer Out (SA1)	Electors	New Total	
Blain	5944	7104304		434	6614	
		7104307		335		
		7104318		325		
			7104005	-424		
Brennan	5989	7104202 (part)		3	5973	
		7104203		434		
		7104206		261		
		7104208		0		
		7104209		310		
		7104210		383		
		7104211		150		
		7104212		268		
		7104213		211		
		7104214		0		
		7104215		56		
		7104216		309		
		7104217		287		
		7104218		309		
		7104219		363		
		7104220		267		
				7104101		-230
				7104102		-360
		7104105	-279			

			7104106	-293		
			7104107	-214		
			7104108	-268		
			7104109	-134		
			7104111	-322		
			7104112	-452		
			7104113	-273		
			7104304	-345		
			7104307	-335		
			7104318	-415		
Drysdale	6177	7104005		424	6556	
			7104110	-45		
Spillett	6898	7104101		230	6157	
		7104102		360		
		7104105		279		
		7104106		293		
		7104107		214		
		7104108		268		
		7104109		134		
		7104110		45		
		7104111		322		
		7104112		452		
		7104113		273		
				7104202 (part)		-3
			7104203	-434		
			7104206	-261		
			7104208	0		
			7104209	-310		
			7104210	-383		
			7104211	-150		
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		7104216	-309			
		7104217	-287			
		7104218	-309			
		7104219	-363			
		7104220	-267			

RURAL

Division	Enrolment	Variance %	+/- Quota
Goyder	5952	+0.40	24
Nelson	5845	-1.40	-83
TOTAL	11797	-0.50	-59

Given both Goyder and Nelson are essentially on quota, no change is warranted.

TOP END RURAL

Division	Enrolment	Variance %	+/- Quota
Arafura	5563	-6.16	-365
Arnhem	5889	-0.66	-39
Daly	6111	+3.09	183
Katherine	6049	+2.04	121
Mulka	6512	+9.85	584
TOTAL	30124	+1.63	484

The five Top End Rural Divisions as a collective are only 1.6% above quota, so no changes are recommended. However if the committee wanted to balance the growth of Mulka, it is proposed the community of Ramingining in SA1 7106318 transfer from Mulka to Arafura. There are strong language and songline connections between the Arafura communities and Ramingining, and this transfer would protect and promote that continuity. The Top End Rural region would therefore look like:

Division	Old Enrolment	Transfer In (SA1)	Transfer Out (SA1)	Electors	New Total
Arafura	5563	7106318	Nil	665	6228
Arnhem	5889	Nil	Nil		5889
Daly	6111	Nil	Nil		6111
Katherine	6049	Nil	Nil		6049
Mulka	6512	Nil	7106318	-665	5847

CENTRAL AUSTRALIA RURAL

Division	Enrolment	Variance %	+/- Quota
Barkly	5718	-3.54	-210
Gwoja	5466	-7.79	-462
TOTAL	11184	-5.67	-672

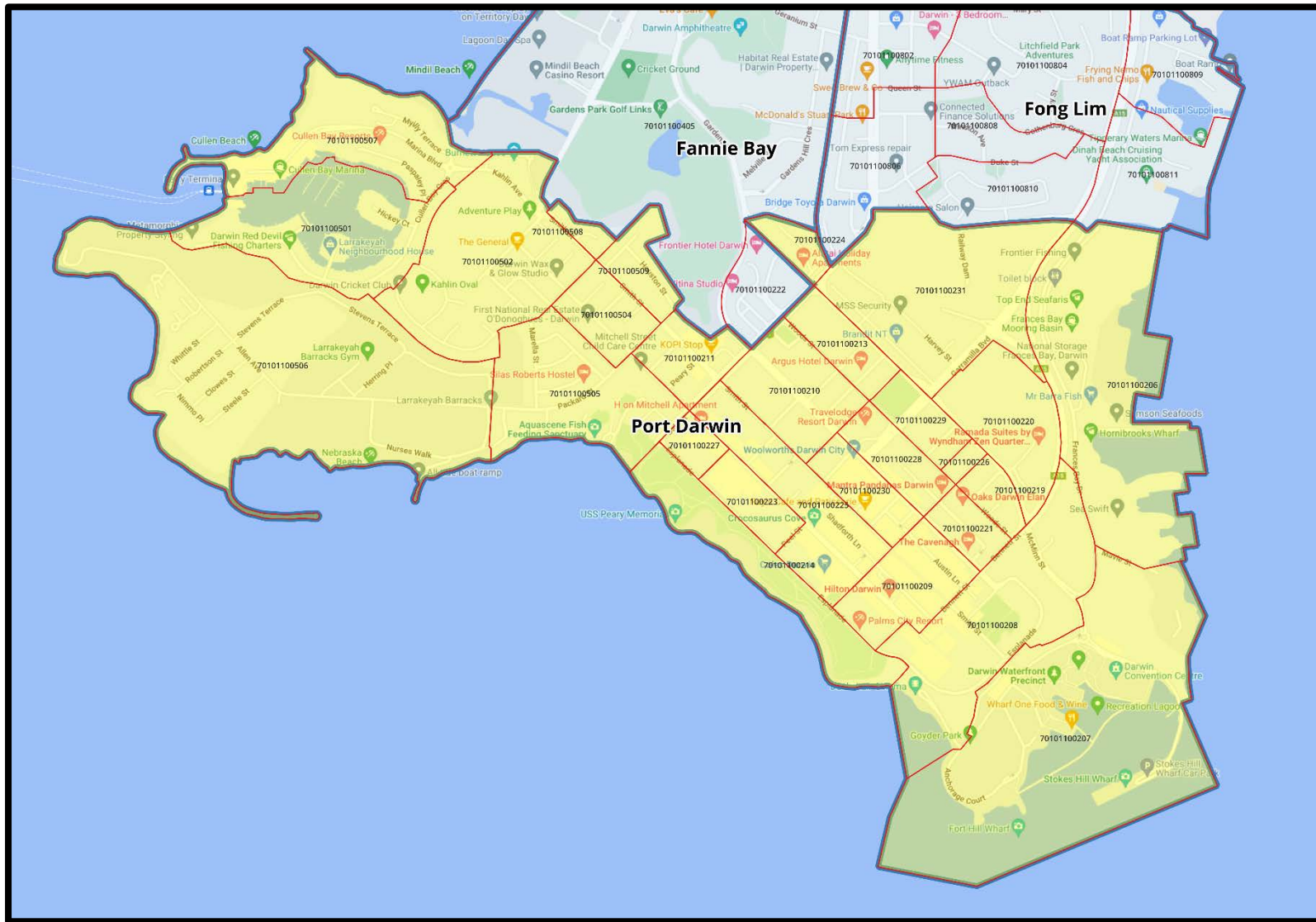
ALICE SPRINGS

Division	Enrolment	Variance %	+/- Quota
Araluen	5931	+0.05	3
Braitling	5926	-0.03	-2
Namatjira	5870	-0.98	-58
TOTAL	17727	-0.32	-57

Both Alice Springs metro Divisions are on quota so no change is warranted.

While Namatjira, Barkly and Gwoja are all under quota, the committee should resist any changes as the demographics of the Territory continue to see high growth in the Top End and low growth in Central Australia. The committee should resist the northward creep to ensure representation is as strong as possible for those who are furthest away from the capital city and Parliament to ensure those electors maintain a strong voice in the democratic process.

Proposed division of PORT DARWIN



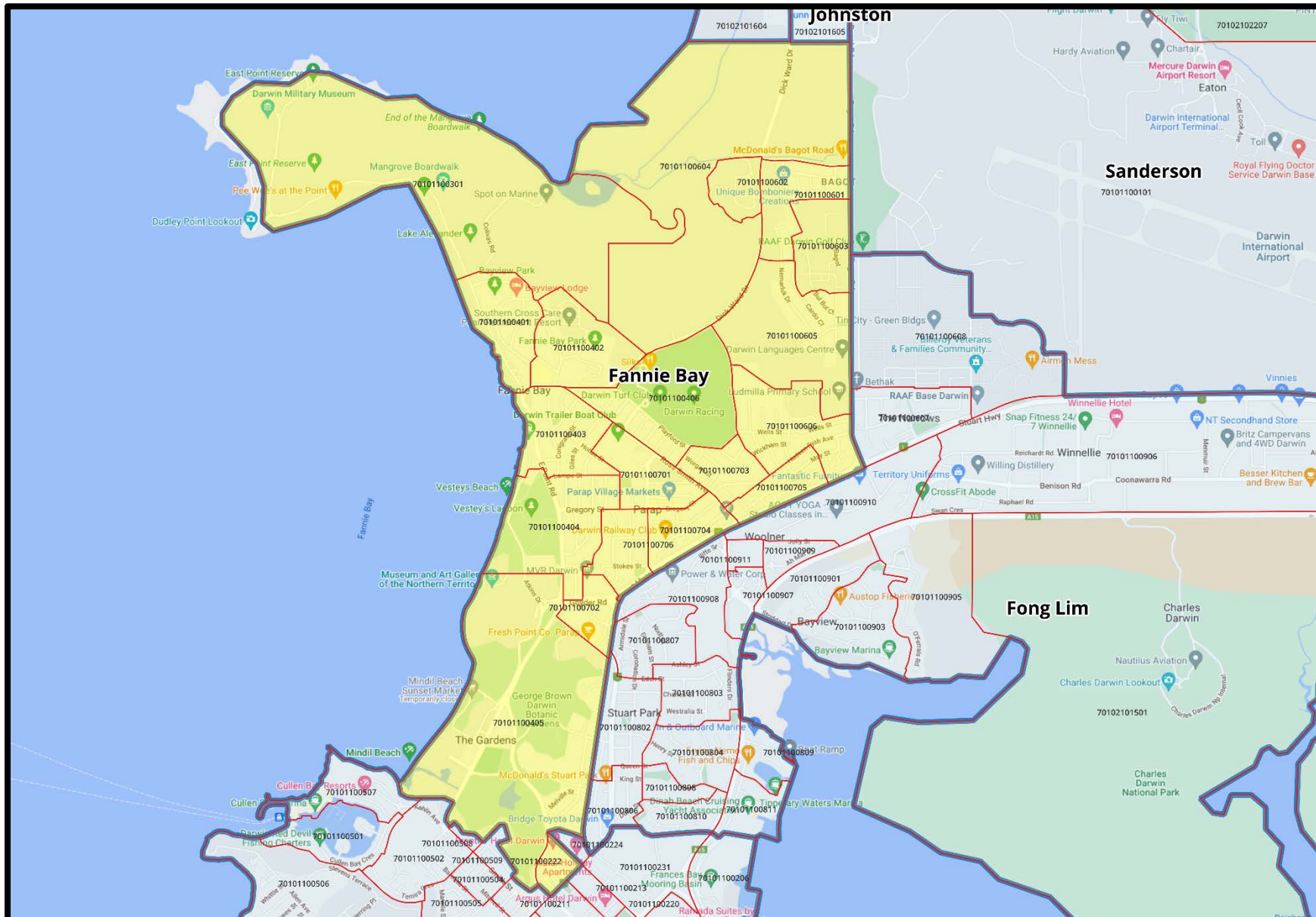
PORT DARWIN (Proposed)

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7100206	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	4
7100207	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	176
7100208	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	186
7100209	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	191
7100210	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	204
7100211	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	393
7100213	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	244
7100214	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	0
7100219	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	158
7100220	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	135
7100221	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	193
7100223	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	162
7100224	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	118
7100225	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	192
7100226	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	162
7100227	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	225
7100228	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	180
7100229	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	100
7100230	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	74
7100231	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	193
7100501	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	215
7100502	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	388
7100504	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	208
7100505	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	335
7100506	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	340
7100507	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	484
7100508	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	146
7100509	PORT DARWIN	PORT DARWIN	311

SA1s moving out

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7100222	PORT DARWIN	FANNIE BAY	230

Proposed division of FANNIE BAY



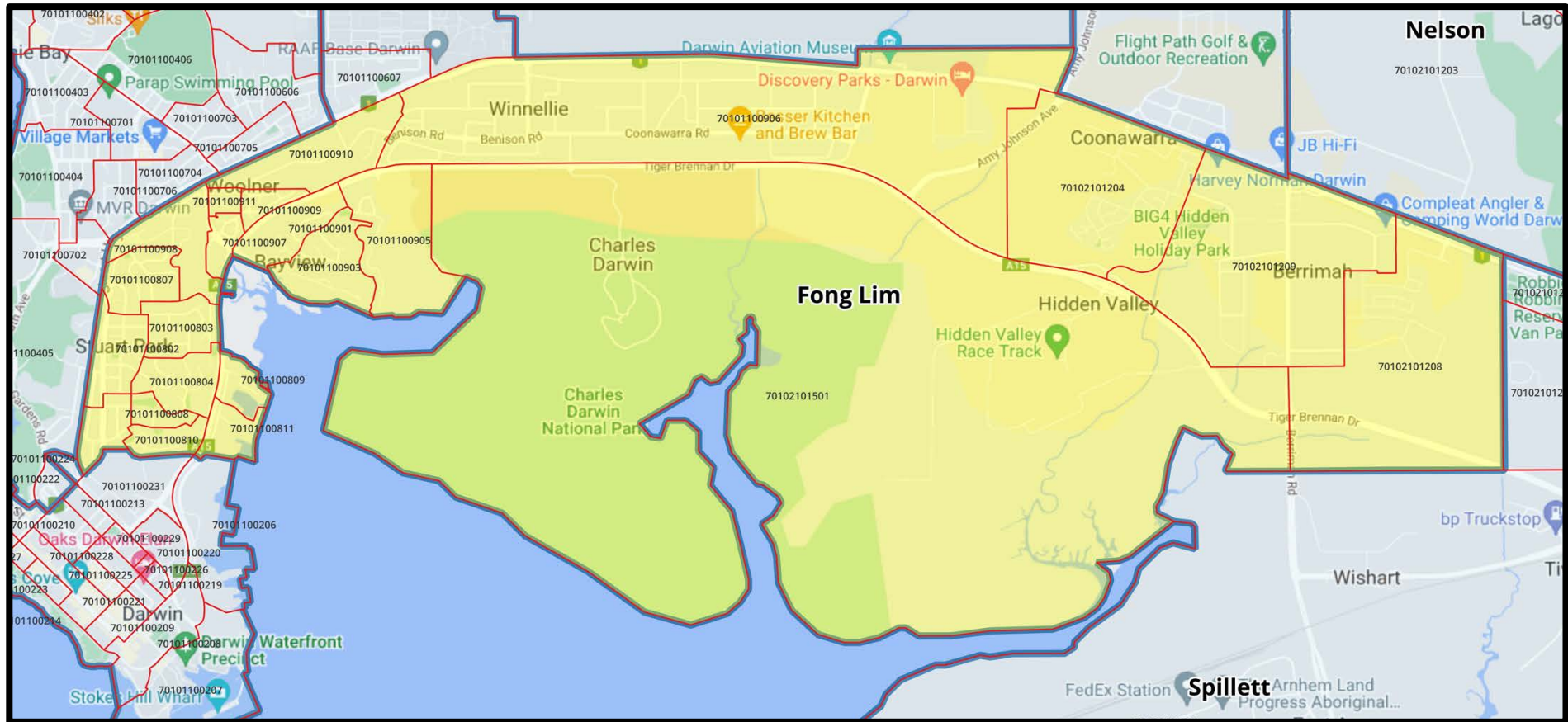
FANNIE BAY (Proposed)

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7029999	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	0
7100222	PORT DARWIN	FANNIE BAY	230
7100301	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	2
7100401	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	525
7100402	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	570
7100403	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	336
7100404	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	418
7100405	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	432
7100406	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	190
7100601	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	314
7100602	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	17
7100603	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	102
7100604	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	0
7100605	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	263
7100606	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	435
7100701	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	369
7100702	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	284
7100703	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	313
7100704	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	381
7100705	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	279
7100706	FANNIE BAY	FANNIE BAY	278

SA1s moving out

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Proposed division of FONG LIM



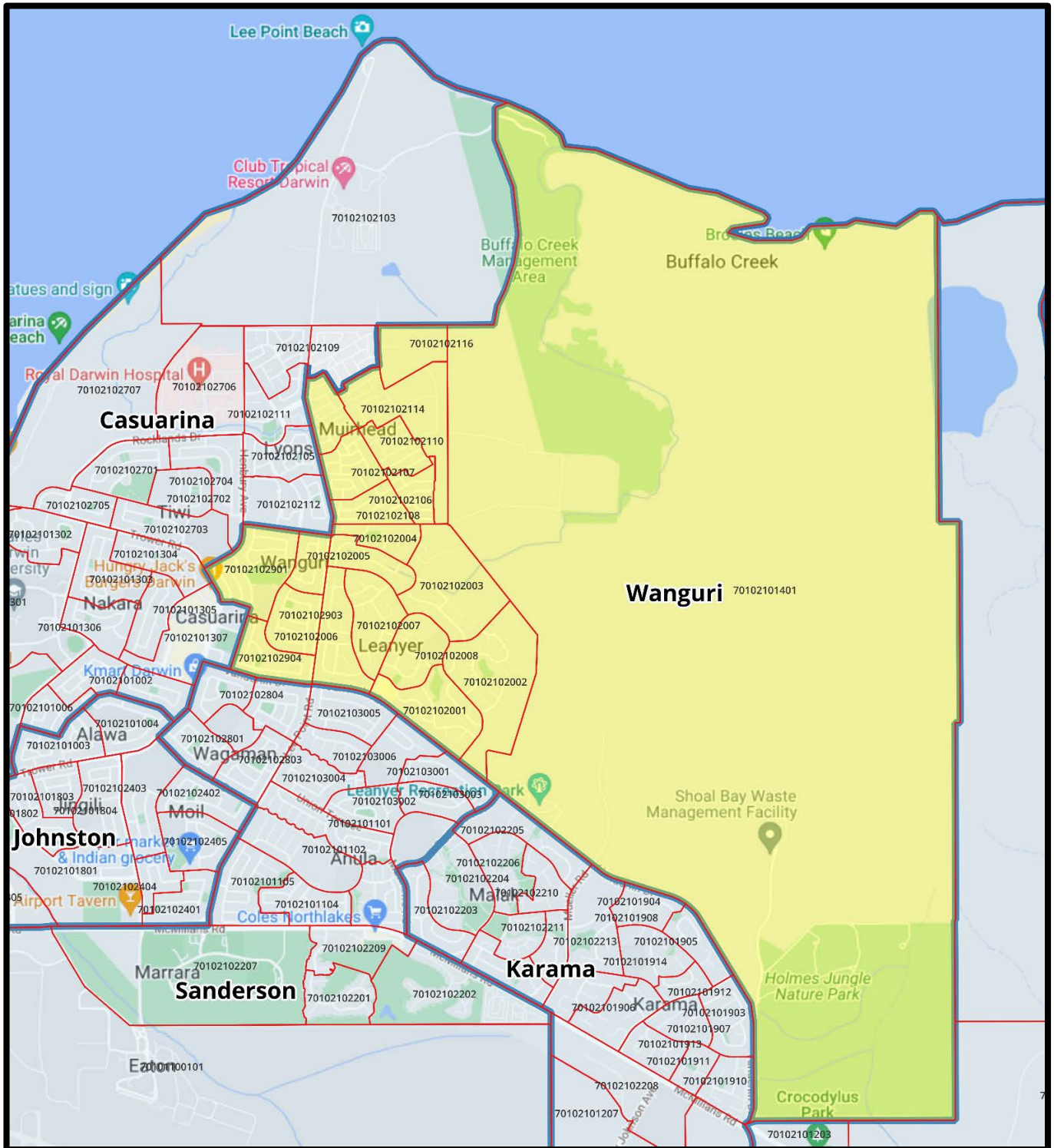
FONG LIM (Proposed)

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7100607	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	542
7100608	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	133
7100802	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	393
7100803	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	341
7100804	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	324
7100806	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	141
7100807	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	370
7100808	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	327
7100809	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	168
7100810	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	342
7100811	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	365
7100901	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	377
7100903	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	491
7100905	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	424
7100906	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	158
7100907	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	169
7100908	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	0
7100909	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	165
7100910	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	15
7100911	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	245
7101204	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	11
7101208	SPILLETT	FONG LIM	191
7101209	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	105
7101501	FONG LIM	FONG LIM	1

SA1s moving out

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

Proposed division of WANGURI



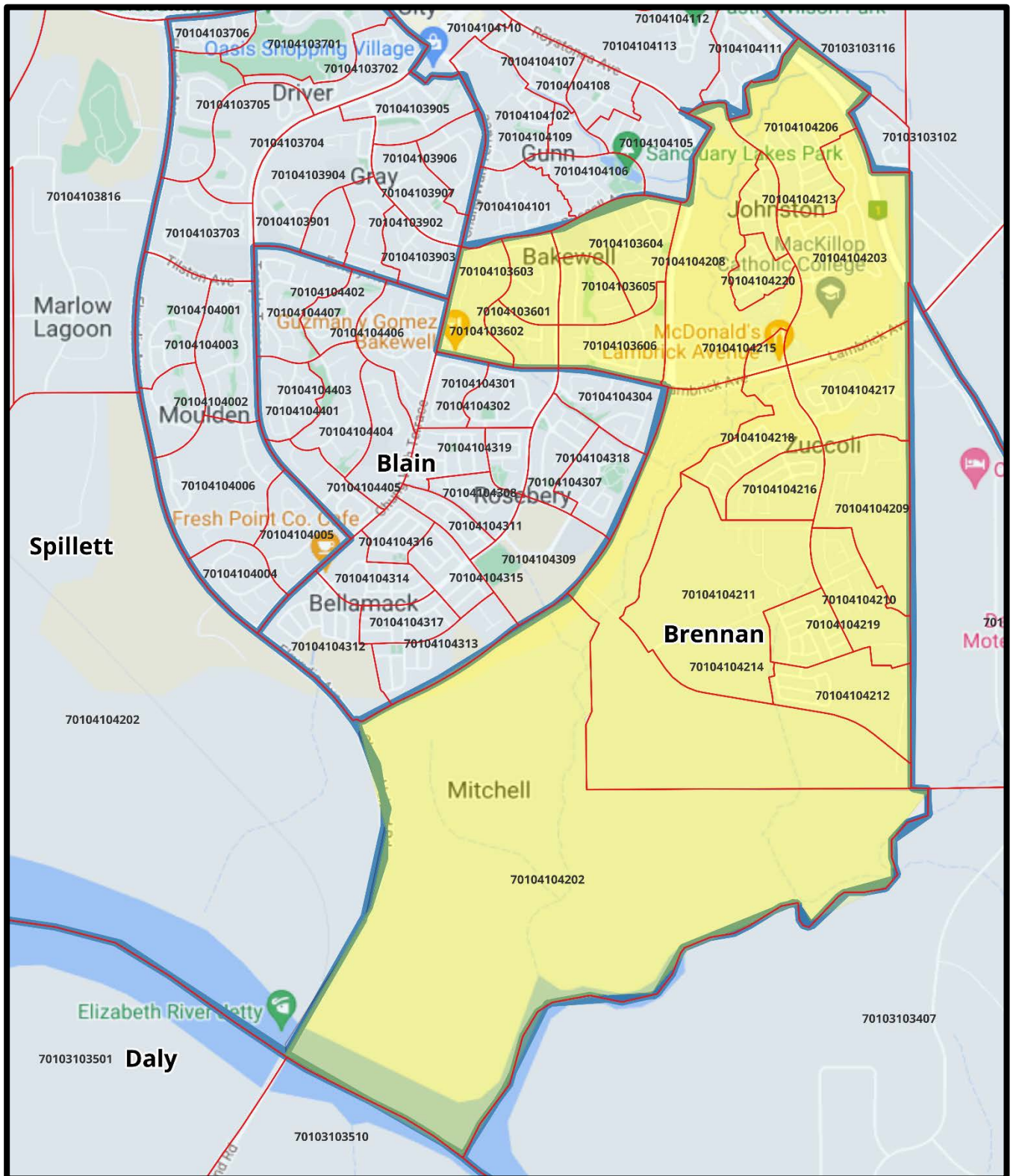
WANGURI (Proposed)

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7101401	WANGURI	WANGURI	0
7102001	WANGURI	WANGURI	435
7102002	WANGURI	WANGURI	502
7102003	WANGURI	WANGURI	484
7102004	WANGURI	WANGURI	272
7102005	WANGURI	WANGURI	300
7102006	WANGURI	WANGURI	458
7102007	WANGURI	WANGURI	455
7102008	WANGURI	WANGURI	348
7102103	WANGURI	WANGURI	0
7102106	WANGURI	WANGURI	188
7102107	WANGURI	WANGURI	278
7102108	WANGURI	WANGURI	266
7102110	WANGURI	WANGURI	331
7102114	WANGURI	WANGURI	321
7102115	WANGURI	WANGURI	274
7102901	WANGURI	WANGURI	412
7102902	WANGURI	WANGURI	254
7102903	WANGURI	WANGURI	394
7102904	WANGURI	WANGURI	292

SA1s moving out

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7102116 (part)	WANGURI	CASUARINA	250

Proposed division of BRENNAN



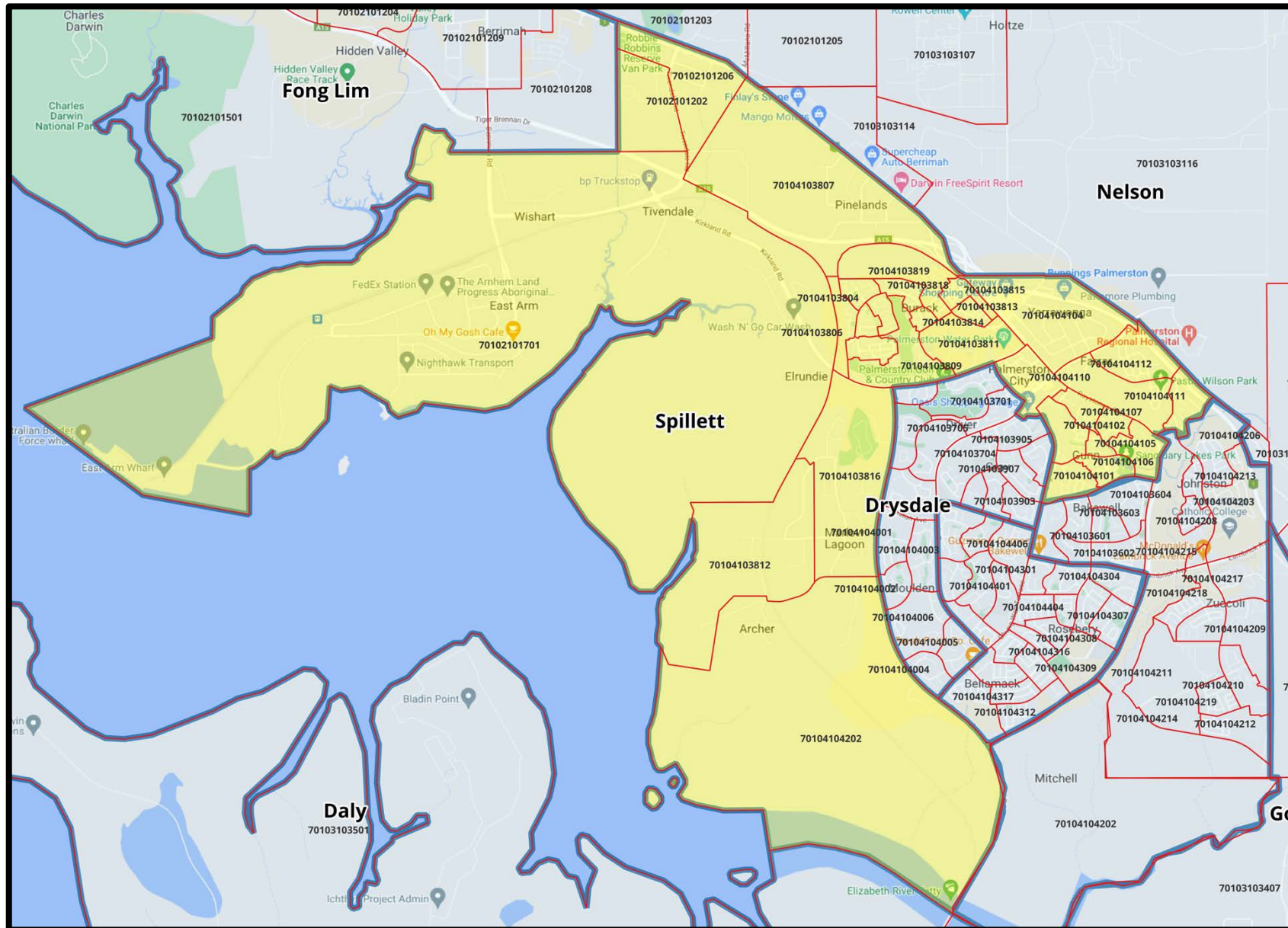
BRENNAN (Proposed)

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7103601	BRENNAN	BRENNAN	384
7103602	BRENNAN	BRENNAN	233
7103603	BRENNAN	BRENNAN	364
7103604	BRENNAN	BRENNAN	467
7103605	BRENNAN	BRENNAN	273
7103606	BRENNAN	BRENNAN	435
7104202	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	3
7104203	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	434
7104206	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	261
7104208	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	0
7104209	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	310
7104210	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	383
7104211	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	150
7104212	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	268
7104213	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	211
7104214	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	0
7104215	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	56
7104216	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	309
7104217	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	287
7104218	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	309
7104219	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	363
7104220	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	267

SA1s moving out

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7104101	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	230
7104102	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	360
7104105	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	279
7104106	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	293
7104107	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	214
7104108	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	268
7104109	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	134
7104111	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	322
7104112	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	452
7104113	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	273
7104304	BRENNAN	BLAIN	345
7104307	BRENNAN	BLAIN	335
7104318	BRENNAN	BLAIN	325

Proposed division of SPILLETT



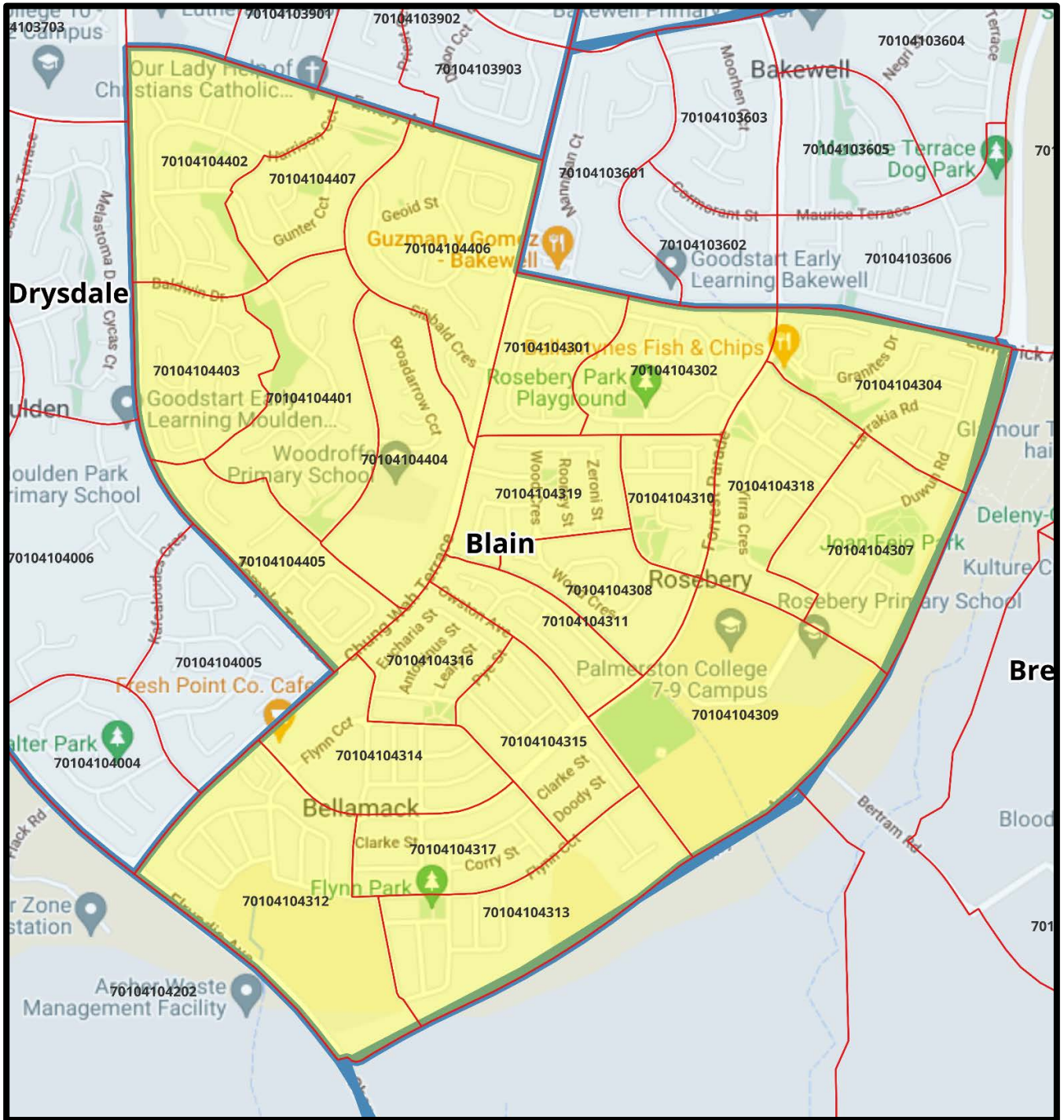
SPILLETT (Proposed)

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7019999	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	1
7101202	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	0
7101206	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	11
7101701	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	21
7103804	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	313
7103805	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	329
7103806	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	163
7103807	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	34
7103809	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	247
7103810	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	187
7103811	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	3
7103812	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	130
7103813	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	221
7103814	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	164
7103815	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	240
7103816	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	326
7103817	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	233
7103818	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	217
7103819	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	227
7104101	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	230
7104102	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	360
7104104	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	31
7104105	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	279
7104106	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	293
7104107	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	214
7104108	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	268
7104109	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	134
7104110	DRYSDALE	SPILLETT	45
7104111	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	322
7104112	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	452
7104113	BRENNAN	SPILLETT	273
7104202 (PART)	SPILLETT	SPILLETT	0

SA1s moving out

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7101208	SPILLETT	FONG LIM	191
7104202 (PART)	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	3
7104203	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	434
7104206	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	261
7104208	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	0
7104209	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	310
7104210	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	383
7104211	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	150
7104212	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	268
7104213	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	211
7104214	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	0
7104215	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	56
7104216	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	309
7104217	SPILLETT	BRENNAN	287
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Proposed division of
BLAIN



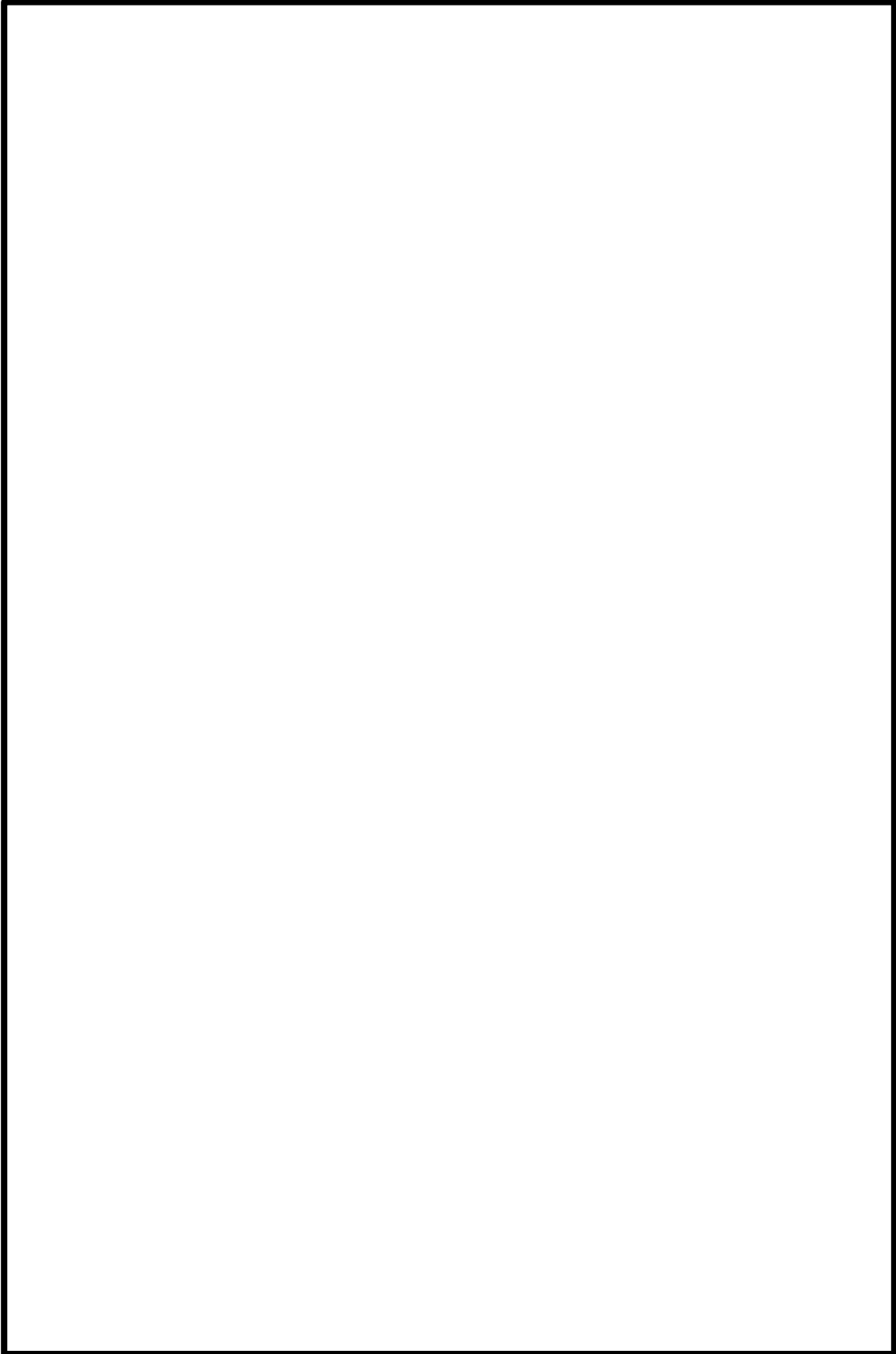
BLAIN (Proposed)

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7104301	BLAIN	BLAIN	262
7104302	BLAIN	BLAIN	344
7104304	BRENNAN	BLAIN	345
7104307	BRENNAN	BLAIN	335
7104308	BLAIN	BLAIN	311
7104309	BLAIN	BLAIN	0
7104310	BLAIN	BLAIN	190
7104311	BLAIN	BLAIN	186
7104312	BLAIN	BLAIN	275
7104313	BLAIN	BLAIN	195
7104314	BLAIN	BLAIN	283
7104315	BLAIN	BLAIN	308
7104316	BLAIN	BLAIN	207
7104317	BLAIN	BLAIN	281
7104318	BRENNAN	BLAIN	325
7104319	BLAIN	BLAIN	310
7104401	BLAIN	BLAIN	415
7104402	BLAIN	BLAIN	422
7104403	BLAIN	BLAIN	328
7104404	BLAIN	BLAIN	161
7104405	BLAIN	BLAIN	262
7104406	BLAIN	BLAIN	494
7104407	BLAIN	BLAIN	294

SA1s moving out

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7104005	BLAIN	DRYSDALE	424

Proposed division of
DRYSDALE



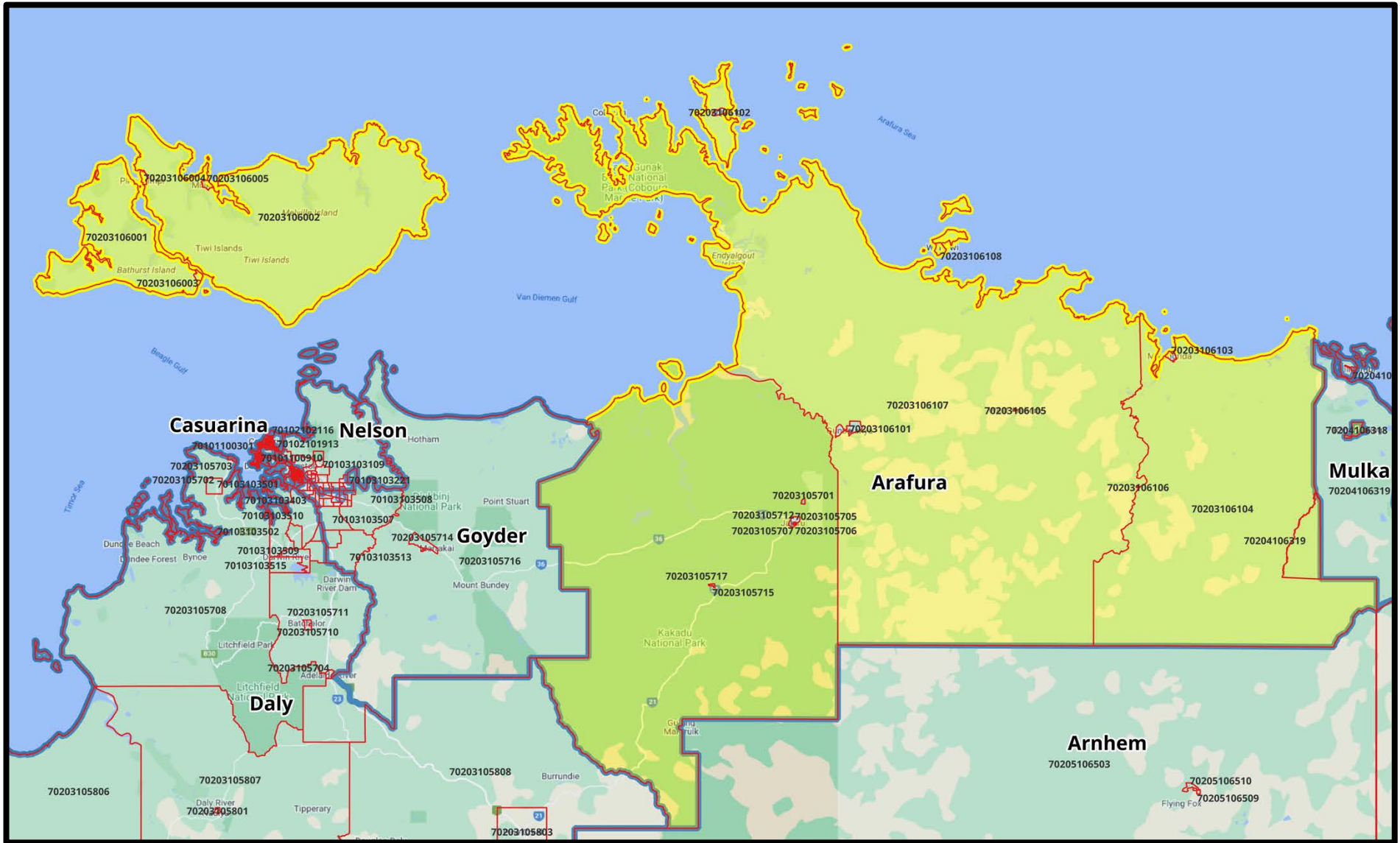
DRYSDALE (Proposed)

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7019999	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	1
7103701	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	397
7103702	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	446
7103703	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	327
7103704	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	299
7103705	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	284
7103706	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	188
7103901	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	302
7103902	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	289
7103903	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	336
7103904	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	375
7103905	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	380
7103906	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	315
7103907	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	353
7104001	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	310
7104002	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	279
7104003	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	468
7104004	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	281
7104005	BLAIN	DRYSDALE	424
7104006	DRYSDALE	DRYSDALE	499

SA1s moving out

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7104110	DRYSDALE	SPILLETT	45

Proposed division of ARAFURA



ARAFURA (Proposed)

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
7105701	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	42
7105705	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	153
7105706	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	65
7105707	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	92
7105712	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	57
7105715	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	11
7105717	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	114
7106001	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	18
7106002	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	16
7106003	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	1104
7106004	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	238
7106005	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	319
7106101	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	786
7106102	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	167
7106103	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	1678
7106104	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	234
7106105	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	32
7106106	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	55
7106107	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	71
7106108	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	279
7106318	MULKA	ARAFURA	665
7106319 (PART)	ARAFURA	ARAFURA	6

SA1s moving out

SA1	Original Division	New Division	Electors
NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL