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Mapping of the Commission's Proposed 93 Districts Begins

The Queensland Redistribution Commission (QRC) has completed the first two stages of public consultation and will now enter an intensive mapping and deliberation phase of the review.

Public consultation forms an important part of the redistribution process and will be crucial to the Commissioner's deliberations. The QRC is grateful to all who have taken the time to contribute to the review.

More than twice the number of public submissions have been received this year compared with the last redistribution in 2008. The Commission has received 41 suggestions and a further 313 comments on the suggestions.

The Commissioners will meet regularly over the coming months to formulate their proposal for Queensland's electorates. There is no timeframe specified by the *Electoral Act 1992* for the QRC to create its proposal.

That *Act* provides that electorates must be of a certain size, which is determined by dividing the number of electors in the State by 93. (There are exceptions for electorates having an area greater than 100,000km².) At the 29 August 2016, the quota for 93 districts is 33,168 and the Commission must ensure all electorates are within 10% of that number.

The Commissioners' proposed redistribution will be developed by considering electoral enrolment statistics, demographic changes and trends, a wide range of community of interest concerns, and existing boundaries where possible. All submissions received from the public will be taken into account by the QRC in creating its proposed electoral boundaries.

Following the release of the QRC's proposal, a further two stages of public consultation will commence. There will be an invitation to those who wish to object to lodge objections, and following publication of all objections received there will be a further period during which comments may be made.

The final determination will then be released, with the newly created 93 electoral boundaries coming into effect from the issue of the writ for the next state general election.

For more information visit the QRC website at <https://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/>, call 1300 881 665 or email boundaries@ecq.qld.gov.au for more information.

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