History of additional Colonies & New States

Prior to Federation, as the continent was settled, new colonies were routinely created by separating from the colony of NSW.

NSW Separation Petition
It only took the settlers of the NSW pastoral districts of Moreton, Wide Bay, Burnett and Maranoa, 35 years (1824-59) to free themselves from the rule of the Sydney Parliament and found the Colony of Queensland. Yet 160 years on, Central and North Queensland are still ruled by the Brisbane parliament.

Queensland Separation Petitions
https://www.bootbrisbane.com/1890.html

In 1871, a mere 22yrs after the founding of the Colony of Queensland the first petition for separation from the then Southern Division was submitted to Queen Victoria. The last was in 1890 which was overtaken by the events leading up to Australian Federation. Each petition identified the petitioners as inhabitants north of Dawes Range (just south of Bundaberg) and specified the 25th parallel as the separation border.

Text of Petition in 1890
Quote: “Frequent demands for justice made by the residents north of Dawes Range have been gained, and acknowledged to be based on sound grounds by the efforts of successive Governments to introduce measures which had for their object the softening of asperities (differences) and the lessening of inequalities, all efforts met with the determined opposition of the overwhelming majority of the numbers for the Southern Division.”

The text expressed that the then called Central Division (including Harvey Bay to Bowen) for the year of 1889 exported (actual wealth generation) £2,445,697 (about £33 per head of the population) compared to that of the then called Southern Division (Maryborough to Tweed Heads) of £2,012,039 (only about £7 105 per head of the population).

Nothing has changed in 130yrs, regional QLD is still generating the real wealth of the state and its political representation is still overwhelmed by the self-interests of SEQ.

Chapter VI of the Australian Constitution provides for the formation of New States.

There have been numerous movements advocating for new Australian states. The most successful was the New England New State movement which in 1967 succeeded in having the NSW Government provide the residents of Northern NSW with a referendum to vote on forming the 7th State of the Commonwealth of Australia. The referendum was lost, Votes For = 168,103; Votes Against = 198,812

Parliamentary Representation

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*Estimated on South Australian representation

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