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Please find attached my written submission.

Submission Attachments

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Submission of Objection against the Proposed Boundary Redistribution to the Electoral Commission of Queensland

I am writing as an elected Councillor of the Fraser Coast Regional Council. However, please note that this submission reflects my personal views and not those of the Fraser Coast Regional Council.

I was elected to the Fraser Coast Regional Council by the residents of Division 5 and, in that role, represent the interests of the entire Fraser Coast community. Division 5 is currently located within the Maryborough state electorate and adjoins the Hervey Bay state electorate along the Maryborough–Hervey Bay Road boundary.

In the Fraser Coast region, Division 5 alone is expected to grow by a further 20,000 to 25,000 people over the next decade. This significant projected growth has not been adequately considered in determining the proposed boundaries, nor does the redistribution reflect the most recent population changes.

Failure to account for this growth risks creating electoral boundaries that will quickly become misaligned with population realities, placing undue pressure on representation, public services, and infrastructure. A redistribution that does not adequately anticipate future population demand undermines electoral equity and will require further adjustment in the near term, rather than providing a stable and sustainable outcome for the community.

The proposed changes would have a significant impact on both the Maryborough and Hervey Bay electorates. Responsibility for both hospitals would fall within a single electorate and therefore under one Member of Parliament.

The proposed QRC alignment would also divide the Hervey Bay health precinct, separating key medical and health services and creating boundaries that isolate both the acute and subacute hospital facilities from these additional services.