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Good morning,

My name is Michael John McNeilly. My d.o.b. is [REDACTED]

I want to make a submission in regards to the redistribution of Queensland electoral boundaries.

Firstly, I do not think that the seat of Hill should be abolished. Northern and Far Northern Queensland needs more seats of representation not fewer in the parliament. Additionally, the towns impacted may have a significantly longer travel time with distance and duration etc to meet with their elected MP if they should fall under what is currently the seat of Traeger (consideration to be called Flinders).

I think that the seat of Hill should remain to give fair representation to the electors and residents in that electorate.

Secondly, I think that there should be more representation for the Cape York and Gulf of Carpentaria areas. My initial submission I enquired whether it was feasible to join Cook and Traeger (a misinformed idea) as I wanted to see more funding for the Gulf of Carpentaria and Cape York respectively.

For instance, the Gulf Developmental Road between Normanton and Four Ways has low level single lane bridges like the Gilbert River bridge between Croydon and Georgetown which need raising and widening for safety and reduce isolation in the wet season flooding.

Having Traeger and Cook split up to increase representation or higher percentage points for lower population density would allow elected members of parliament to advocate for their communities on such projects.

Normanton, Karumba, Burketown, Doomadgee etc were cut off for around 4 months due to the flooding. Raising existing bridges and culverts and installing where there are none (Kajabbi) would be beneficial for the economy, mining, agriculture, indigenous communities, mental health etc.

Lastly, the renaming of Traeger to Flinders. It is proposed to rename it based on the Flinders Highway stretching between Cloncurry and Townsville. However, if the proposed redistribution takes effect, Charters Towers would cease to be included in this electorate. Townsville already isn't. Mount Isa is the Barkly Highway. Normanton and Karumba are via the Burke Developmental Road and Karumba Developmental Road from the southern approach etc. The name Flinders in terms of the highway is ill fitting for the vast electorate. Additionally, if it is based on the Flinders River system, the very same system that cuts off Normanton for months per year due to a low level bridge. It is adding insult to injury. Furthermore, the seat of Flinders I believe already exists in Australian politics? With "The Division of Flinders, covering the Mornington Peninsula in Victoria, is a competitive federal seat, with Liberal MP Zoe McKenzie holding the seat since 2022" Information from Google search results. This could lead to confusion with two seats

having the same name.

Kind Regards,

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