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Dear Queensland Redistribution Commission

I am writing as a resident of Malanda on the Atherton Tablelands to express my objection to the proposal to abolish the Electorate of Hill and redistribute our communities into surrounding electorates.

Living in Far North Queensland already presents significant challenges in accessing essential services, particularly healthcare. Our communities rely heavily on elected representatives who are present, accessible, and familiar with the local context. The ability to contact a nearby electorate office and speak with someone who understands the region makes a meaningful difference.

This became very real for my family last year. Our daughter lives with a congenital heart condition and requires ongoing specialist cardiology care. Like many families in Far North Queensland, we experienced the anxiety and uncertainty caused by multiple delays and limited access to paediatric cardiology services in the region.

As a parent trying to navigate those circumstances, I reached out to our local electorate office in Atherton seeking assistance and attention to the issue. Because our representative was local and accessible, I received a prompt response and the opportunity to raise concerns about the challenges families were facing. That access mattered greatly during an already stressful time for our family, and it ultimately led to expanded paediatric cardiology services for our region.

The experience reinforced how critical local representation is in rural areas. When families are dealing with serious health issues, like my daughter's, being able to contact someone nearby who understands the region and the realities of living here can make a significant difference.

Under the proposed redistribution, our community would be placed within a significantly larger electorate that may be centred many hours away. Based on current information, the new electorate boundaries could place our primary electorate office a substantial distance from Malanda.

When communities are too spread out, local issues can easily become diluted among competing priorities across a vast region. For communities like Malanda and the wider Tablelands, this is particularly concerning because we already experience health inequity, workforce shortages, and reduced access to specialised services. Strong, locally grounded advocacy is essential to ensuring these issues are heard and addressed.

I respectfully ask the Commission to consider the practical realities faced by communities in Far North Queensland and the importance of maintaining electorates that allow for effective and responsive representation.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards
Tegan Catalano
Malanda, QLD