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Dear Queensland Redistribution Commission,

As a long-term Fraser Coast resident and community safety advocate, I respectfully submit this objection regarding the proposed electoral redistribution affecting the Hervey Bay and Maryborough electoral districts.

My name is Leonard Norman Camm and I reside in Maryborough within the Fraser Coast region. I have lived in the region for many years and have been actively involved in community safety advocacy, particularly concerning residential safety, local infrastructure, and the wellbeing of residents within our community.

I acknowledge and respect the important role of the Queensland Redistribution Commission in ensuring electoral fairness through balanced voter representation. I also recognise that redistributions must consider several statutory factors including voter quotas, community of interest, demographic change, physical features, and communication links.

However, I wish to raise concerns regarding the proposal that would place Hervey Bay Hospital within the Maryborough electorate rather than the Hervey Bay electorate.

Hervey Bay Hospital is widely recognised as the principal public hospital facility serving the Hervey Bay community. Residents of suburbs including Urraween, Eli Waters, Kawungan, Pialba, Urgan and surrounding areas rely upon this hospital as their primary health service.

Moving the hospital into the Maryborough electorate risks creating a disconnect between the community that primarily relies upon the hospital and the electorate that represents the facility.

A key principle considered during redistributions is the preservation of community of interest. In practical terms, Hervey Bay functions as a distinct urban centre within the Fraser Coast region, with its own population growth, infrastructure networks, and community identity.

The hospital forms a central component of that community infrastructure. Maintaining alignment between major regional infrastructure and the electorate most closely associated with that community supports clarity of representation and coherent advocacy by elected members.

Placing Hervey Bay Hospital within the Maryborough electorate may unintentionally fragment this alignment by separating the Hervey Bay community from its primary hospital within the electoral framework.

I recognise that the Commission must also address population imbalances within electorates. However, given the continued growth of Hervey Bay and the importance of maintaining coherent urban representation, it may be beneficial to consider whether alternative boundary adjustments could achieve electoral parity while preserving the natural connection between the Hervey Bay community and its major health infrastructure.

Maintaining this alignment would better reflect community identity, service catchments, and the practical relationship between residents and essential public infrastructure.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission reconsider the proposed boundary adjustment that would place Hervey Bay Hospital within the Maryborough electorate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this submission and for the careful consideration the Commission gives to community feedback during the redistribution process.

Kind regards,

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