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## **Submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission Proposed Redistribution of Queensland State Electoral Boundaries**

**Submitted by:** Queensland Youth Connections (QYC)

Queensland Youth Connections respectfully submits this response regarding the proposed electoral redistribution and the removal of the **Electoral district of Hill**.

Queensland Youth Connections is a community organisation working with young people across regional North Queensland to support their transition into employment, training, and long-term participation in community life. Through our programs, we regularly engage with young people who face barriers to employment, education, and civic participation. As such, we have a strong interest in ensuring that electoral representation in regional areas remains effective and responsive to local communities.

QYC acknowledges that maintaining relative equality in voter numbers is a key objective of electoral redistributions. However, population figures should not be the sole determining factor in the drawing of electoral boundaries. The **Electoral Act 1992 (Queensland)** recognises this by requiring the Commission to consider additional factors when determining electoral divisions. These include the geographical size of electorates, community of interest, means of communication and travel, physical features and area, and the overarching principle of ensuring effective representation.

These considerations are particularly significant for regional and rural communities. Communities outside major metropolitan centres often cover large geographic areas, with significant distances between population centres and limited transport infrastructure. Communication and travel challenges can make engagement with elected representatives more difficult. In these circumstances, the structure and boundaries of electorates play an important role in ensuring that communities can maintain meaningful access to their Member of Parliament.

From the perspective of Queensland Youth Connections, the proposed removal of the Electoral district of Hill risks weakening the representation of communities in regional North Queensland. The electorate currently provides a recognisable community of interest and a clear point of representation for local organisations, schools, service providers, and residents.

Young people in regional areas already face additional challenges in participating in civic and democratic processes. When electorates are enlarged or communities are divided between multiple electorates, the connection between young people and their elected representatives can become more distant. Maintaining electoral divisions that reflect genuine communities of interest helps ensure that the needs and perspectives of young people remain visible within public policy discussions.

Queensland Youth Connections therefore respectfully encourages the Commission to give careful weight to the broader considerations set out in the legislation when assessing the proposed redistribution. In particular, we ask that the Commission consider the importance of maintaining strong regional representation and the potential impact that changes to electoral boundaries may have on communities whose voices are already less prominent in statewide discussions.

For these reasons, Queensland Youth Connections respectfully requests that the Commission reconsider the proposal to eliminate the Electoral district of Hill, or ensure that any redistribution maintains effective and locally meaningful representation for the communities currently within that electorate.

**Submitted by:**

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