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Wednesday, 29th April, 2026

The Secretary
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Dear Secretary,

Part 1

I hereby call upon the Queensland Redistribution Commission to petition the Queensland Parliament to amend the Queensland Electoral Act 1992 to:-

- Allow further periods of **Public Consultation** before a final determination of electoral boundaries for the State of Queensland.
- To create an expanded **Augmented Electoral Commission** to consider the 'Objections' and 'Comments on Objections' of the QRC proposed boundaries.
- To clearly state the expectation that this Augmented Commission will hold public hearings in relation to the 'Objections and Comments on Objections' in localities where there is considerable 'Objections' and 'Comments on Objections' as to the QRC proposed boundaries.

Reasons for calling upon the Queensland Redistribution Commission to petition the Queensland Parliament

Public Interest in the Redistribution

So far in this Redistribution there have been:-

- Public Suggestions:- 120
- Comments on Suggestions:- 500
- Objections:- 754

In the 2017 Redistribution there were:-

- Public Suggestions:- 41
- Comments on Suggestions:- 313
- Objections:- 540
- Comments on Objections:- 74

In the 2008 Redistribution there were:-

- Public Suggestions:- 24
- Comments on Suggestions:- 149
- Objections:- 415
- Comments on objections:- 58

In the 1999 Redistribution there were:-

- Public Suggestions:- 36
- Comments on Suggestions:- 34
- Objections:- 420
- Comments on Objections:- 23

In the EARC redistribution of 1991 there were 214 objections.

As can be seen the public engagement at the Redistribution has been considerably more than previous redistributions.

I cannot be sure if:-

- this is because there is greater public engagement in public affairs, or
- if there more dissatisfaction with the ‘public suggestions’ and the QRC’s proposed boundaries, but I consider it to be the latter.

There were 95 ‘Comments on Suggestions’ referring to the LNP ‘Suggestion’ to abolish the electorate of Hill, which is 19% of the 500 ‘Comments on Suggestions’ received.

There were 196 ‘Objections’ titles referring to the electorate of ‘Hill’ out of a total 754 ‘Objections’, which is 26% of the ‘Objections’.

There were a further 52 (10%) which specifically addressed the cascading impact on surrounding electorates.

A total of 36% of all ‘Objections’ related to the proposed boundaries in Far North Queensland.

Over the forty years I have been involved in redistributions I have not seen so many ‘Objections’ from such a diverse community.

There were ‘Objections’ from both The Tableland and the Coastal parts of the electorate of Hill.

There were ‘Objections’ from mums explaining how helpful the Members Office was in obtaining financial assistance for travel to Brisbane from the Cairns and Hinterland Hospital Board, a matter which have had personal experience.

There were business people explaining how much assistance they receive from the local Member, and expressing concern that that the same 'service' will not be available from a Member based 1,124kms away in Mount Isa.

Similar concerns were expressed by local organisations and Local Authorities.

While the paragraph:- *Rather than abolishing the electorate of Hill, I urge the Commission to consider alternative options such as minor boundary adjustments to neighbouring electorates* appeared in a number of 'Objections' and could have been from a 'draft letter', the majority were ordinary citizens writing 'from the heart' about a matter concerning them dearly, i.e. losing an electorate and being placed in one 1224kms away.

In 2007 when the AEC redistribution proposed to transfer the suburb of Annandale from the Division of Herbert to the Division of Dawson there were a huge number of 'Objections', however they were the same letter with a different name on the top and a signature on the bottom, nothing like these 'Objections', all with different reason why they objected to the QRC's proposal.

In the final report of the 2017 Redistribution the Commission stated:-

While the Commission accepts the argument that Charters Towers shares greater community of interest with the Burdekin electorate, the large numbers of electors in this area are needed in Traeger, and could not be accommodated in Burdekin without causing huge disruption and changes to numerous electorates.

Without any further stages of public consultation available this was not an idea the Commissioners were willing to entertain.

I am concerned that you, the Commissioners, will ‘hide’ behind *‘having no further stages of public consultation available’* and make no or minimal changes to what the majority of 754 ‘Objectors’ think is a ‘terrible’ proposed redistribution.

Under Section 72 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act further public consultation is available if the Augmented Commission considers its proposal is significantly differently from the Redistribution Committee proposal.

This is the provision I am asking you, the Queensland Electoral Commission, to petition the Queensland Parliament to insert into the Queensland Electoral Act.

I believe that it would be a very brave Parliament that would deny the Commission’s request to have ‘further public consultation’ to try and achieve a redistribution that is acceptable to the majority of electors.

I contend that the 10 days allowed for the public to read 754 “Objections’ and make ‘Comments’ on them is insufficient.

I accept that this is time allowed under the Electoral Act, however when the Act was drafted it was probably in envisage that there would such public concern about a proposed redistribution.

Augmented Commission

I believe that following the Commonwealth Electoral Act to have an expanded Augmented Commission to look at the ‘Objections’ and ‘Comments on Objections’ allows extra ‘eyes’ to look at the original proposals.

It also help address the issue of integrity.

From my count there were 40 'Objections' raising the issue of 'lack of integrity' in the make up of the Commission with the inclusion of Mr John Sosso on it, or claiming that the proposed boundaries were a gerrymander in favour of the LNP.

This is 5% of all the 'Objections' received.

Who do I believe these extra persons should be?

The Commonwealth Electoral Act seconds from each State the Surveyor General and the Auditor General for each Redistribution of that particular State.

I believe the Surveyor General is 'a must'.

Page 15 of the Commission's Report on the Proposed Boundaries states:- *The Commission acknowledges the expert contribution provided by the Department of Natural Resources and Mines, Manufacturing and Regional and Rural Development to support the finalisation of boundaries and production of maps for the proposed redistribution.*

I believe this is the Department of the Surveyor General.

They are involved anyway so I believe it is appropriate that they be included in the Augmented commission.

I have no problem with the Auditor General be on the Augmented Commission, however I would prefer somebody not on the State Government's payroll.

I suggest the Commonwealth Electoral Officer for Queensland would be appropriate.

If she/he is not available, an interstate Electoral Official, or somebody like retired Commonwealth Electoral Commissioner, Tom Rodgers could 'fill the position'.

Public Hearings:-

Section 55 of the Queensland electoral Act states:-

Without limiting its powers under Section 7(4) the Commission may conduct such public hearings as it considers appropriate for the purposes of this division.

While the provision of public hearings have been in the Act since it was passed by Parliament in 1992, I do not believe they have been conducted.

Federal Redistributions Augmented Commissions regularly hold public hearings.

I believe it is essential that public hearings be held on this occasion, with such a large number of 'Objections'.

Not only in Far North Queensland where over 30% of the 'Objections' came from, but also there were considerable 'Objections' in the Gold Coast/Logan, and Wide Bay/Burnett areas.

A road trip to Far North Queensland would impress upon you Commissioners the distances and the travel conditions the local Members and their constituents have to 'put up with' compared to those who reside in the South East corner of the State, but don't go west in Townsville looking for Burdell and Bushland Beach or else you will probably end up in Charters Towers.

I refer to Page 106 of the Commission's Report in relation to the electorate of Townsville which says:-

*The Commission proposes significant changes to the district to expand **to the west**, gaining the growing suburbs of Burdell and Bushland Beach from Hinchinbrook.*

Time Line:-

It is over two years to the next State election so there is plenty of time for Parliament to pass the necessary legislation, and you the Commissioners to travel the State by road holding public hearings and finding out exactly the residents think of your proposed redistribution.

My ‘Objections’

I am concerned as to how my submission was presented on the internet.

With all the gaps on the page I thought it was ‘censored’.

I read through my transcript and ‘it is all there’, but it looks as if parts have been ‘cut out’.

I note that Part 3 was how I presented it, so why was not the other two parts?

Part 2

Comments on other 'Objections'

Far North Queensland

Mareeba Shire Council

Objection 455

Mareeba Shire Council says:-

Council therefore lodges a formal objection to the proposed removal of Dimbulah, Chillagoe, Wylandra Estate and Mareeba Airport from the Cook electorate and their reassignment to the geographically vast and remote electorate of Flinders

During the 2017 Redistribution "Objection" period I wrote the following in relation to the Dimbulah area:-

I believe that this area should be in the proposed District of Cook as you have to travel through the proposed District of Cook to get there from the other parts of the proposed District of Hill.

I still believe this area should be in the same electorate as Mareeba.

I raised the issue of the Mareeba Airport and the neighbouring SA1's in my 'Objection'.

To fit the Dimbulah/Chillagoe area into the Cook electorate I believe that the Kuranda area would have to revert back to the electorate of Barron River, with associated adjustments to the electorates of Cairns and Mulgrave.

I support such a move.

I note there were some ‘Objections’ from Kuranda residents about the propose transfer to the electorate of Cook.

By transferring this additional area to the electorate of Cook would ‘free up’ more room in the proposed electorate of Flinders to accommodate more of Tablelands Regional Council area than I proposed in my ‘Objection’.

Cairns Regional Council

Objection 407

Cairns Regional states:-

Council recommends retaining the electorate of Hill and realigning Mulgrave’s southern and western boundaries with the Cairns LGA to ensure cohesive representation, stronger regional advocacy, and better alignment with community, economic and service relationships across Far North Queensland

I fully support the Cairns City Council submission, and have sent word back through my Divisional Councillor to thank those who ‘put this submission’ together.

I do not believe there is quite enough electors in the Cairns Regional Council area to sustain three electorates without some ‘outside help’, whether it be from Kuranda, Cassowary Coast, or the Tablelands.

Without doing the exact numbers I believe by retaining the Kuranda area in the electorate of Barron River would probably be sufficient.

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

Comments on Suggestions 460

Objection 379

The Cassowary Coast Regional Council on ‘Comments on Suggestions’ says on Page 3:-

Aligning with LGA’s supports more efficient public administration, less confusion for citizens, and more legitimacy in representation

They follow this up in ‘Objections’ by being pleased with the proposed boundaries keeping the Council area all in one electorate.

While this is desirable, whether it remains that way, I believe it will depend it on how much of the Tablelands Regional Council area can be accommodated in the electorate of Flinders, and whether the Commission is prepared to return the Kuranda area back to the electorate of Barron River.

It should be pointed out that the Mulgrave electorate always had a Johnstone Shire Council component in it from the creation in 1949 until the 2017 redistribution, with Flying Fish Point be the constant in Mulgrave.

Tablelands Regional Council

Objection 249

The Tablelands Regional Council says on page 1 of their 'Objection'.

TRC notes that in the Proposed Redistribution of the State Electoral Districts that the local government area of TRC is divided between two State electorates, Mulgrave and the newly proposed Flinders (formerly Traeger) districts.

It is the TRC's firmly held view that the community's interest are best served if the whole of the TRC local government area is placed within Mulgrave, not divided between Mulgrave and Flinders.

Solving a numeral issue by adding population numbers from affected TRC communities, where the communities have little commonality with others in the proposed district of Flinders, will make fair representation more difficult for all concerned.

This is not simply a matter of lines on a map and ensuring sufficient population numbers in each district, it is about community interest alignment and the daily lives of more than 27,000 people who call the Tablelands home

On the enrolment figures as at 1/5/25 there are 20,414 electors, and 21,852 projected electors as at 1/6/32, which is basically half an electorate.

Where is the other half going to come from.

Mareeba has 8,965 as at 1/5/25 and 9,557 and would help but I don't expect the Commission to take it out of the electorate of Cook at this stage of the process.

Innisfail/Tully has 20,992 as at 1/5/25 and 21,955 as at 1/6/32, however with the three Townsville seats being under quota, these electors are needed to 'prop up' Hinchinbrook.

The existing electorate of Mulgrave had 40,378 electors as at 1/5/25, and a projected enrolment of 45,919 as at 1/6/32.

From Gordonvale to Bentley Park and Yarrabah there were 23,400 electors as at 1/5/25 and projected to be 27,553 as at 1/6/32.

That is roughly an electorate with the Tablelands Regional Council area, but what happens to the 8,001 electors and 8,814 projected electors in Mount Sheridan and the part of White rock proposed to remain in the electorate of Mulgrave.

The electorate of Cairns is at its upper limit, very little room for additional electors in the electorate of Barron River, and no room for additional electors in the electorate of Cook, which will have to lose electors if the Commission accepts the Mareeba Shire Council's request to include Dimbulah and surrounds in that electorate.

Mount Isa and Mount Isa Surrounds have had 13,603 electors as at 1/5/25 and projected to have 14,114 as at 1/6/2032.

The Gulf Shires had 3,511 electors as at 1/5/25 and projected to have 3,514 as at 1/6/32.

The total of the Tablelands Regional Council electors, together with Mount Isa, Mount Isa Surrounds, the Gulf Shires, and the Large Area Allowance puts the electorate about 1,200 above the maximum.

This is the approximately the amount I calculated in my 'Objections', which will need to be 'picked up' by either Mulgrave or Hinchinbrook.

I nominated the area around Millaa Millaa to be transferred to Hinchinbrook because of it better road connection via the Palmerston Highway to Innisfail, than the Gillies Highway from Gordonvale to Yungaburra or Malanda.

The Tablelands Regional Council area would have the largest enrolment in the electorate, and as the saying goes 'the squeaking wheel gets the most oil'.

Therefore I believe the Tablelands have equal if not greater attention from the local Member than other parts of the proposed electorate, no where he/she actually lives.

I believe it is essential for Atherton to be in the proposed electorate as it is the service centre for the southern part of the Tableland.

As the proposed electorate stands it has two distinct areas, the old Herberton Shire and the southern part of the old Eacham Shire with no real 'centre of gravity', and as such the Tablelands towns will loose their influence within the electorate.

No matter where the Member locates his second office it will inconvenience some residents.

If Atherton is included within the electorate the members office will probably remain in Atherton, where the Regional Council offices are located.

I cannot see the Member for Mulgrave re-locating his office to Atherton as the majority of the proposed electorate resides on the coast.

The best I can see of a ‘bad situation’, instigated by the LNP to ‘get rid’ of a KAP member, is for as much of the Tablelands to be included in the proposed electorate of Flinders as possible, to increase its influence on the electorate.

Charters Towers Regional Council

Objection 42

The Charters Towers Regional Council writes:-

Council wishes to reaffirm its strong support for the proposal to transition the Charters Towers Regional Council Local government Area (LGA) into the state electorate of Burdekin. The realignment better reflects our geographic, economic and community of interest linkages and is consistent with the principles of effective representation.

However, council does not support the draft proposal to remove small sections of our Local Government area, specially the Greenvale district and the surrounding areas of Hidden Valley and Mt Fox areas and transfer them to the Flinders electorate.

I agree that the Greenvale, Hidden Valley, and Mt Fox areas should be in the same electorate as the rest of the Local government area.

I believe it was removed to keep the proposed electorate under the 100,000 sqkm, so the Commission could say there were on four electorate attracting the Large Area Allowance.

The Large Area Allowance could be added into the proposed electorate and would not have put it over the 10% variance.

I believe it had more to do with the Commission’s ‘apparent obsession’ of not increasing the number of large electorates than anything else.

I believe it is in the Charters towers community's interest for the electorate to attract the Large Area Allowance as the local Member would be entitled two office and would probably maintain the one in Charters Towers.

By increasing the proposed electorate to take in some or all of those Shires to the west, namely Flinders, Richmond and McKinlay would allow the proposed electorate of Flinders to take more of the Atherton Regional Council area, and help to alleviate the fears of Tableland residents they will be isolated in a electorate based on Mount Isa, as I have discussed above.

Flinders Shire Residents

A number of residents, including the Mayor of the Flinders Shire do not want the proposed electorate to be named 'Flinders'.

I have suggested in 'Objections' it be named Savannah.

Palm Island Aboriginal Council

Objection 577

The Palm Island Regional Council says:-

Palm Island has long standing and substantial social, cultural, economic, and service-based connections with the City of Townsville. These connections underpin the community's participation in education, health, employment, and regional governance. Moving Palm Island into the Hinchinbrook electorate would disrupt these community-of-interest ties, as residence rely heavily on Townsville for essential services, including:-

- Hospital and specialist medical care;*
- Education pathways;*
- employment and training opportunity; and*
- Government and non-government agency services that are based in Townsville.*

I believe it would be an act of political bastardry to transfer the Palm Island community from the electorate of Townsville to the electorate of Hinchinbrook as suggested by the LNP.

LNP

Objection 719

It is notable how small it is, Why?

They got nearly everything they asked for and had very little 'Objection' to do.

Cook/Flinders

The LNP says:-

The LNP objects to the draft boundaries to the that the Mareeba Airport precinct is not contained within the electorate of Cook. Mareeba airport is approximately eight kilometres fro Mareeba and operated by the Mareeba Shire Council.

The LNP further submits that the communities of Chillagoe and the Dimbulah irrigation area are strongly oriented toward Mareeba. The growers are all part of the Tinaroo Dimbulah water scheme, obtain supplies and sell produce through Mareeba, reinforcing the functional relationship of these areas with the township.

Totally agree.

I have been advocating for the Dimbulah area to be included in the same electorate as Mareeba since they were split at the 'suggestion' of the LNP in the 2008 Redistribution.

As I said earlier the Kuranda area will probably have to revert back to the electorate of Barron River to allow this area to be included in the electorate of Cook.

I further suggest that all the area of Mareeba Shire that is in the proposed electorate of Flinders be included in the proposed electorate of Cook except the localities of Irvinebank and Watsonville which are usually accessed through Herberton.

This would reduce the notional votes in the proposed electorate of Flinders and help ‘make room’ for more of the Tablelands Regional Council area to be included in the proposed electorate.

Mulgrave/Hinchinbrook

The LNP says:-

The LNP objects to the draft boundaries as Walsh’s Pyramid and the Aloomba locality should be part of the seat of Mulgrave.

In the LNP’s original ‘Suggestion’ it stated:-

***Mulgrave** – Extending the seat past Gordonvale to Mirriwinni and Babinda bring the entire Cairns Regional Council into a single electorate, ensuring stronger regional advocacy for the outer Cairns communities.*

What has happened to *stronger regional advocacy for the outer Cairns communities* now?

Gone with the wind!

I totally agree with their original ‘suggestion’ that all the southern part of the Cairns Regional Council area should be in the electorate of Mulgrave, not just the Pyramid that ‘doesn’t get a vote’.

Mundingburra/Burdekin

The LNP says:-

The LNP objects to the draft boundaries on the basis that Lavarack Barracks is not wholly contained within the seat of Mundingburra.

If the Commission accepts the ALP submission that *the suburb of Wulguru, the balance of Cluden and the balance of the locality of Stuart north of the rail line* be included in the electorate of Mundingburra it would ‘make sense’ to include Lavarack Barracks, otherwise I say **no**.

Adjustments could be made to the electorates of Thuringowa and Townsville if these additional areas push the proposed electorate over the allowable variance.

By transferring those areas suggested above out of the proposed electorate of Burdekin would allow that proposed electorate to take in more of the Shires in the Northern Highlands SA2, I.e. Flinders, Richmond, and McKinlay, from the proposed electorate of Flinders, thus allowing that electorate to take in more of the Tablelands Local Authority Area (LGA).

Closure:

What ever question further issues I have with the Commission’s proposed electorates in rural and regional Queensland I will leave until the next phase ‘Comments on Objections’

Yours faithfully

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Thursday 30th April, 2026

Secretary
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Dear Secretary,

Part 2 (cont)

This forms part of my submission CO45 and I request this submission be added to what I sent by email on 29th April, 2026.

Far North and North Queensland (cont)

ALP Objection 724 (cont)

Pages 10 & 11 of the ALP Submission

Thurringowa, Mundingburra, Burdekin and Hinchinbrook

The ALP says:-

The ALP submits that the metropolitan areas of Townsville should be defined by electorates that entirely based on and within metropolitan Townsville.

I agree with this sediment.

The ALP says:-

Noting the above and the principal that metropolitan Townsville areas should as much as possible be included in metropolitan Townsville electorates, the ALP submits that the suburb of Wulguru, the balance of the suburb of Cluden, and the balance of the locality of Stuart north of the rail line be transferred from proposed Burdekin back to Mundingburra.

I agree

The ALP says:-

In addition, the ALP submits the suburb of Heatley be transferred from Mundingburra back into the Thuringowa district, as a further opportunity to promote continuity of existing boundaries.

I will 'go along' with that if it is needed to 'balance out' the electorates.

I would like to 'run the numbers' over these suggestion, however with on 10 days to read 754 'Objections', and prepare this submission I won't have a chance.

The ALP says:-

In addition, the suburban areas of Jensen and Deeragun should be transferred to Thuringowa in recognition of their existing connection to urban Townsville via the Bruce Highway and way of communication to Thuringowa via the Ring Road

Some of the area in question is proposed to be in Thuringowa.

I support the remainder of these suburbs being included in the electorate of Thuringowa.

The ALP says:-

The ALP submits that localities, south of the Black River, namely Alice River, Rangewood and Hervey would be better served in a district with other rural localities rather than a metropolitan Townsville-based district, as in the current profile of their representation. These localities, along with a portion of Bohle Plains south of the Ring Road, but west of the existing Thuringowa boundary, should be transferred to Burdekin.

I disagree.

This area is in the existing electorate of Hinchinbrook and should remain in that electorate.

If the transfer of additional parts of the suburbs of Deeragun and Jensen for the proposed electorate of Hinchinbrook does not keep the proposed electorate of Hinchinbrook within the 10% variance, I believe this balancing can occur in the Innisfail area with Mulgrave after it is determined how much of the Atherton Tableland Local Government area has to be transferred to an coastal electorate, because 'it all can't fit into the proposed electorate of Flinders'.

Any additional room in the proposed electorate of Burdekin caused by transferring Wuguru and parts of Cluden and Stuart to the proposed electorate of Mundingburra, should be used to include Greenvale, and parts or all of the Shires in SA2 Northern Highlands namely, Flinders, Richmond and McKinlay, so as to make 'more room' to accommodate as much as possible of the Tablelands Local Government Area in the proposed electorate of Flinders.

Australian Labor Party – Hermit Park Branch

Objection 690

The Hermit Park branch of the ALP says:-

QRC's proposed boundaries demonstrate a flagrant disregard for local knowledge and the reality of the Townsville community.

I believe that could be said for many of the proposed boundaries in Far North and North Queensland, especially accepting the LNP's suggestion to abolish the electorate of Hill and the cascading effect it has had on the rest of Far North and North Queensland.

They go on to say:-

A localised understanding of Townsville would recognise that high-growth, outer suburban communities have little in common with established, historic suburbs of the inner city. The QRC current proposal does not reflect that reality.

I agree that there is no localised understanding of areas by the Commission and for that matter the State Offices of the major parties.

The Commission's lack of local knowledge is borne out on Page of their report which says:-

The Commission proposes significant changes to the district to expand to the west, gaining the growing suburbs of Burdell and Bushland Beach from Hinchinbrook.

As I have previously pointed out in this submission these suburbs are to the north of Townsville, **not** west.

The Hermit Park of the ALP raises objections of established suburbs being split between the proposed electorates of Townsville and Mundingburra, and also the proposed electorate of Townsville including some suburbs north of the Bohle River and not others.

They did offer any suggestions as how to overcome these issues.

Was the solution have two Townsville electorates, namely:-

- Townsville including the old established suburbs.
- Thuringowa the urban areas if the old Thuringowa City,
and
- Hinchinbrook keeping the Burdell and Bushland Beach,
- Either Traeger or Burdekin ‘picking up’ the surplus in the southern suburbs.

If this had occurred it would it would have save Far North Queenslanders a lot of grief by the Commission accepting the LNP ‘suggestion’ to abolish the electorate of Hill.

North Queensland Miners’ Association

Objection 306

North Queensland Miners’ Association says:-

North Queensland Miners Association is alarmed at the proposal to abolish the Hill electorate. If this was to happened, North Queensland would have less representation in Parliament from the very areas that produce so much of the State’s wealth.

This is the sentiment of many of the residents of Far North Queensland.

REXIT

Objection 406

Bill Bates of REXIT in his submission of 25th March 2026 in the second last paragraph says:-

The QRC determination to abolish the electorate of Hill seemingly lends too much weight to the LNP Submission ID S-00110 dated 28/8/2015 than the requirements of Section 46.1 and 46.2 of the Electoral Act 1992. It also ignore the fact the population of FNQ not only exceeds that of NQ Regional Area, its population growth has consistently out paced that of NQ.

I whole heartily agree with Mr. Bates on this issue.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge Mr Bates contribution in the local media, with facts and figures, drawing the public's attention to the LNP's 'Suggestion' to abolish one of Far North's electorates instead of 'one of their own' further south, and the Commissions acceptance of that 'Suggestion'.

A job well done Bill.

The Greens

Objection 685

The Greens make no specific 'Objections' to the electorates in North Queensland.

Summary of Far North and North Queensland

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