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Dear Queensland Redistribution Commissioners,

I write as a constituent of the Hill electorate to formally object to the proposal to abolish the electorate.

This proposal would significantly weaken fair and effective representation for the people of Far North Queensland. Regional communities already face substantial challenges in having their voices heard in the Queensland Parliament. Removing an electorate from Northern Queensland while creating additional seats in South East Queensland risks further marginalising the concerns of regional residents.

The communities within the Hill electorate share strong economic, geographic and social connections. The Atherton Tablelands and Cassowary Coast are predominantly agricultural regions with common interests and challenges. Dividing these communities between multiple electorates will fracture this shared representation and weaken their ability to advocate for regional issues.

The suggestion that parts of the Atherton Tablelands could be incorporated into electorates centred hundreds of kilometres away, including areas based around Mount Isa, demonstrates the practical problems with this proposal. Expecting a single Member of Parliament to effectively represent communities separated by such vast distances would inevitably reduce accessibility and local engagement.

Redistribution decisions in Northern Queensland cannot be made on quota figures alone. The Commission must also consider geographic size, travel distances, remoteness, and the ability of constituents to reasonably access their elected representative.

For many years the Hill electorate has provided clear representation for communities across the Tablelands and Cassowary Coast. Abolishing the electorate would dilute that representation and reduce the strength of Northern Queensland's voice in state decision-making.

North Queenslanders deserve fair and effective representation in Parliament. Removing an electorate from the region risks undermining that principle.

I strongly urge the Queensland Redistribution Commission to reconsider the proposal and retain the Hill electorate.

Yours sincerely,  
Caelum Bouttell

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