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Queensland Redistribution Commission  
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13th March, 2026

Dear Sir

**SUBMISSION TO THE QUEENSLAND REDISTRIBUTION COMMISSION**

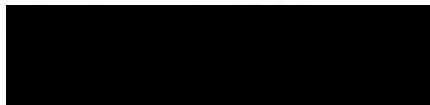
I am compelled to ask, are we not living in a democracy? I am deeply angered that my contribution to this country appears to count for so little, as my vote seems to have been disregarded. I have been part of the workforce since I was 15 years old. My late husband, who passed away from cancer at the age of 64, also began his working life as a Ringer on a cattle station at a similar age. My father, employed as a Railway Ganger, tragically lost his life when he was struck by a train during an early Saturday morning inspection of the line. At the time, I was just 13 years old.

The Honourable Bob Katter has served as the longest-standing politician in Australia, following in the footsteps of his father. Shane Knuth has consistently worked hard for his electorate. Our electoral boundaries have already been changed once, and now I find myself included in the Hill electorate. I heard the Member for Cook, while speaking as a guest on the radio, already claiming this area as his own.

The people of North Queensland deserve fairer treatment. The Member for Cook already represents an electorate that is far too vast. While I understand that the rationale for these changes is based on population, I believe this method does not serve the North adequately. People in the bush are resilient, often facing floods, fires, and other catastrophes on their own. This region has endured many changes, and our farmers have had to continually adapt. We contribute to food production, mining, livestock, and more. Surely, we deserve a say in our representation.

I urge you to reconsider your intention to change our boundaries. This issue goes beyond statistics; it is a plea for a fair go. We are not just a number—we are substantial contributors to the Queensland economy.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Madeline Harris

