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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to strongly object to the proposal to abolish the electorate of Hill.

If the proposal from the Queensland Redistribution Commission proceeds, communities such as Tarzali, Malanda and Millaa Millaa will be separated from their natural regional hub of Atherton and Yungaburra and placed in an electorate that stretches across enormous distances to areas as far away as Mount Isa and Doomadgee.

This does not reflect the real communities of interest that exist across the Atherton Tablelands.

The Tablelands communities share strong economic, social and cultural connections. Our schools, sporting clubs, hospitals, agricultural industries and small businesses operate within the same regional networks centred around Atherton and the surrounding Tablelands towns. Splitting these communities across vast electorates will weaken representation and make it much harder for residents to access their local member.

The proposed changes would also reduce representation for North Queensland, dropping from 13 electorates to 12, while the number of seats in Brisbane would increase significantly. Regional Queensland already faces major challenges due to distance, infrastructure needs and service delivery. Reducing representation for the north risks further marginalising the voices of rural and regional communities.

I also want to acknowledge the strong representation our region has received from our current member, Shane Knuth.

Mr Knuth has served in the Queensland Parliament since 2004 and has represented the communities of North Queensland for more than twenty years. During that time he has represented the electorates of Charters Towers, Dalrymple and now Hill, continuing to serve the region despite previous redistributions abolishing his seats.

Over his time in Parliament he has consistently advocated for rural communities and regional industries. Some of his achievements include supporting the development of new hospitals for Atherton and Dimbulah, securing funding for community infrastructure such as the Tully Grandstand and Atherton Community Centre, and introducing legislation to support the dairy industry and improve milk prices for farmers.

He has also been a strong advocate for regional infrastructure and agricultural issues, including improvements to the Palmerston Highway and action on invasive weeds impacting farming communities.

For many of us on the Tablelands, Mr Knuth is known as a member who is visible in the community and accessible to constituents. Losing the electorate of Hill risks diluting that strong regional representation and replacing it with electorates that are simply too large and geographically disconnected to effectively serve their communities.

The electorate of Hill already covers a vast area of Far North Queensland including the Atherton Tablelands and coastal communities such as Innisfail, Tully and Mission Beach. Expanding or redistributing these communities across even larger electorates will make effective representation increasingly difficult.

I respectfully ask the Commission to reconsider the proposal to abolish the electorate of Hill and instead maintain strong representation for the communities of the Atherton Tablelands and surrounding regions.

Regional Queensland deserves fair and practical representation that reflects genuine communities of interest.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Kind regards,

Tracey Motlop

