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Subject: Comment on Objections – Strongly Oppose the Proposed Abolition of the Electoral District of Hill

Dear Queensland Redistribution Commission,

I am a resident of Watsonville, Irvinebank, in the current electorate of Hill. I strongly support the many objections calling for the retention of the Hill electorate and urge the Commission to reject its proposed abolition.

For me personally, Shane Knuth is a very accessible local member. It's just a short drive to see him, and he always listens to what I have to say. I often see him around the place, I'll give him a wave and always get a wave and a smile back. He's also often there with Bob Katter, who waves too and smiles. That means a lot to me. It makes me feel like my voice and my community actually matter to our representatives.

After one conversation with him where I mentioned the poor state of the dirt road near where I live (the one that connects to the small historic mining town nearby), things improved. We also noticed the small access road next to us is regularly graded now. I can't be 100% sure it was because of Shane, but I'm pretty sure it was. He already knew all about the poor accessibility in our area, and clearly cared about these local concerns. That kind of practical help matters a lot out here, especially because we are in a bushfire-prone area where good roads are important for safety and emergency access.

The proposed changes would split our communities across Flinders, Hinchinbrook, and Mulgrave. This would weaken that close local connection. Shane has been an exceptionally dedicated member for over 20 years, and his strong local support shows how well the current seat works. Breaking it up ignores the real community of interest that exists here on the Atherton Tablelands and surrounding areas.

North Queensland is already vast. Reducing our seats from 13 to 12 while adding more in South East Queensland would make representation even more distant for regional voters. Many of us would face much longer travel times to engage with our MP.

I ask the Commission to give significant weight to the large number of objections from local residents, shire councils (including Mareeba and Tablelands), and community groups. Please retain the Hill electorate (or an

equivalent seat centred on the Tablelands) to keep fair and accessible representation for our region.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Yours sincerely,
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