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The absorption of Hill is a ghastly idea. It will strip yet another regional area of representation. The Tully/Mission Beach area is roughly equidistant between Townsville and Cairns with about 180/140km separating both.

The absorption into the 3 Townsville electorates is plain stupid. We face significant challenges here with respect to weather and climate which Townsville does not experience. Townsville does not produce agricultural output like the Hill electorate. Cairns does have agricultural output and strong tourism however both these centres focus on tourism and population growth. One only need to look at the 4854 postcode to see that lenders require a 30% deposit such in the nuanced nature of this region.

If One looks to the west and Atherton Tablelands you find that primary production is the dominant industry. We need specialist, focused representation due to the highly specialised and diverse range of industries spanning everything from mineral extraction to dairy farming to eco tourism.

The people of Hill are hard working, productive members of society who deserve fair representation and not being relegated to the forgotten corner of urban electorates.

Taking our representation away in the pursuit of creating another electorate in an overpopulated part of the state is poor management at best and perilous for the people of Hill. Crisfulli's LNP made it into government on the back of regional popularity and now stands by while this region is subjugated for securing votes in the urban areas. Shame, shame, shame.