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The idea of splitting a small town in two, is ridiculous and badly thought out by people who do not live here, work here, nor have any background knowledge of the area. The sensible thing would be to leave the western boundary as it is currently, which in fact splits the suburb known as Eli Waters. The far better option would be to cut off the southern boundary around Susan River and include that in Maryborough. The people who live in Dundowran, Toogum and Burrum Heads are in Maryborough electorate, and before the last election, they had no representation at all, as the MP then only focused on Maryborough town. The current member however, acknowledges his outer areas. The Hervey Bay hospital in Nissan Street, used to be in Maryborough electorate, and that sitting member did nothing at all towards its expansion. The sitting members in Hervey Bay have and continue to do so, support and recognise the needs of the community and the expansion of the hospital. Something that has been badly lacking in the past. There will be so much confusion among residents, if this goes ahead, both in everyday life, and at election time, and this is a town with an aging population, it needs the sitting member to be involved with any complaints made regarding the hospital. From personal experience when the MP for Maryborough was responsible for the hospital, he failed to take complaints seriously. IF it wasn't Maryborough related, it didn't matter. Don't let us be taken down that path again.