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I am writing to express my strong concern regarding the proposed electoral boundary changes in Queensland, which appear to advantage the Liberal National Party of Queensland at the expense of fair and representative democracy.

Gerrymandering undermines the principle that voters should choose their representatives, not the other way around. While electoral redistributions are a necessary part of maintaining equal representation, the current proposal raises serious questions about whether that principle is being upheld.

Several aspects of the proposed plan appear illogical from a community and geographic standpoint, yet consistent with clear political gain. For example, there are instances where established communities with shared infrastructure, schools, and local services are being split across multiple electorates, diluting their collective voice. In contrast, geographically distant areas with little in common are being grouped together into a single electorate, creating boundaries that are difficult to justify on social, economic, or logistical grounds.

Additionally, some urban and peri-urban areas appear to be divided in irregular ways that fragment voting populations, while other regions are consolidated in a manner that concentrates particular voting blocs. These patterns do not reflect natural communities of interest and instead give the impression of boundaries drawn to predetermine electoral outcomes rather than reflect them.

The integrity of Queensland's electoral system depends on transparency, independence, and public confidence. When boundary changes appear to prioritise partisan advantage over coherent representation, that confidence is eroded.

I urge you to ensure that any redistribution process remains genuinely independent and grounded in clear, consistent criteria such as community of interest, geographic cohesion, and population equality. Safeguards, public consultation, and accountability must be strengthened to prevent political interference.

Queenslanders deserve an electoral system where every vote carries equal weight and where boundaries reflect real communities, not political strategy. I respectfully ask that you oppose any measures that compromise these principles.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Emma