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Please find submission attached on behalf of CANEGROWERS Cairns Region.

Submission Attachments

Letter Change of Electoral Boundaries - 31.03.2026.pdf

31 March 2026

By email: QRCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au

I write on behalf of Canegrowers Cairns Region regarding the new electoral boundaries and the effect on our members, agriculture, community, and culture.

Canegrowers Cairns Region Limited is a not-for-profit member-based Organisation dedicated to representing all its cane grower members across a large and varied number of issues. It is the vision of our Organisation to ensure and secure a profitable future for cane growers in the area through representation, leadership, and services. We do believe that a strong united voice has certainly assisted us achieve some excellent outcomes.

We represent the cane growing areas of Cairns and its periphery including Babinda and Gordonvale, an area spanning from the Northern Beaches of Cairns to Garradunga and Daradgee in the South. Once outside the city limits, land usage is predominantly agriculture being dependant on the sugar industry and to a lesser degree bananas.

The terrain is comprised of sub-catchments with both the Mulgrave and Russell Rivers and their tributaries that are prominent in the landscape. Walsh's Pyramid (The Pyramid) is the world's highest free standing natural pyramid and is an icon for the town of Gordonvale. It is identified nationally as being symbolic to the Mulgrave Catchment and the Gordonvale township. To suggest splitting these into separate electorates makes no sense at all.

To best manage the cane industry and all the complications linked via the various stakeholders that we interact with including the cross section of Government agencies both state and federal, we strongly request that the boundaries are designed to accommodate all the Cairns Regional Council area into one common electorate.

Yours sincerely,

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