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There are many reasons why the proposal to obliterate the electorate of Hill should be discarded. Hill is already a very large electorate, to absorb the greater part of Hill into the even larger electorate of Flinders. It's not just about distance, it is about fairness. Far North Qld consistently plays second fiddle to the SE corner of Queensland. This includes health, education, roads, infrastructure. We are a part of the vital food bowl of Australia, however the SE corner get fed when the roads are cut. We are completely isolated when there is flooding because we haven't had adequate funding in our roads. We do not get sufficient health care unless we travel to Townsville or Brisbane. Our schools are screaming for skilled teachers, and we have the choice of only one electricity provider. Our current member is visible, accessible, engaged and relevant, and he understands the needs of our community. If our member is based in Flinders, that is a 15 hour drive from this region, currently the centre of Hill is only 4 hours away. We expect that the electorate of Hill, once absorbed by Flinders, will be serviced for a short term, until that member for Hill is burnt out from the amount of travel he will be forced to do, and the constituents in this electorate will be the ones to suffer.