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To the Redistribution Committee for Queensland

Re: Objection to the abolition of the Division of Hill

I am a voter in the Hill electorate. I am absolutely gutted and deeply concerned for North Queenslanders by the proposal to abolish the seat of Hill. This would carve up our communities between three electorates bordering the Northern Territory, stretching from Cairns and reaching as far south as Townsville.

Queensland is a very large state, and most of it is rural and regional. Rural communities already face long distances, fewer services and less direct access to government. This proposal will reduce our representation in the north from 13 to 12 seats, while delivering more to Brisbane, boosting their numbers to 61. If our representation in Parliament is reduced, our voice will be weakened even further.

People in Hill share strong links through farming, local businesses, schools, health services and community groups. We understand our local challenges and needs because we live them every day. We need our own Member of Parliament who is focused on our communities, not a larger, more distant electorate where rural voices can be easily overlooked.

Abolishing Hill will make it harder for rural Queenslanders to:

- Raise local issues and be heard
- Meet with their local Member in person
- Have their unique needs understood in Parliament

I ask the Committee to protect fair representation for rural Queensland by rejecting this proposal. Please keep strong, dedicated representation for the Hill area and ensure that rural electorates are not weakened or lost.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Terewaamu