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RE: Submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission, Proposed Redistribution of Electoral Boundaries - Electorate of Mirani

CANEGROWERS Mackay writes to formally object to the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries affecting the electorate of Mirani.

We understand the proposal is to use the Mackay Ring Road as a boundary marker. However, if implemented, this boundary would separate the cane growing communities of Eton, the Pioneer Valley, Homebush, Pleystowe, and Walkerston from Mackay Sugar's Racecourse Mill.

Racecourse Mill is the processing facility that services cane growers across the Pioneer Valley and surrounding districts. Growers in the above mentioned communities are contractually required, under their cane supply agreements, to deliver their cane to Racecourse Mill.

Harvested cane is transported to the mill via an integrated rail and haulage network. The cane rail system operates throughout farms and communities across the Pioneer Valley and surrounding districts. This network directly connects the cane fields to Racecourse Mill and is essential for the safe and efficient transport of harvested cane during the crushing season.

The sugar mill and contracted growers must work as a cohesive unit and it is beneficial for all parties to have the support of one elected representative for issues impacting farming and milling operations. The proposed boundary change would divide this representation, ultimately weakening the effectiveness of that collaboration.

The electorate of Mirani has long provided unified and effective representation for the region's agricultural systems and infrastructure networks. CANEGROWERS Mackay therefore requests that the proposed boundary change - which would separate the Pioneer Valley cane growing districts from Racecourse Mill - be reconsidered.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards



Joseph Borg
Chairman