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I write to formally object to the proposed abolition of the electorate of Hill in North Queensland as part of the current redistribution process.

For many years, the electorate of Hill has provided a clear and distinct voice for regional and rural communities in North Queensland. The proposed removal of this electorate risks diluting that voice and weakening effective representation for residents across a vast and diverse geographic area. In particular, this change would result in the loss of our long-standing local member, Mr. Shane Knuth, whose deep understanding of the region and consistent advocacy have been vital to ensuring our concerns are heard in Parliament.

North Queensland communities already face significant challenges in achieving equitable representation. Large distances, dispersed populations, and unique regional issues, such as infrastructure deficits, disaster resilience, and access to essential services mean that strong, locally focused representation is critical. Abolishing the electorate of Hill will inevitably increase the size and complexity of surrounding electorates, making it more difficult for any single representative to adequately serve their constituents.

At the same time, the proposed redistribution appears to increase representation in metropolitan Brisbane. While population growth must be acknowledged, this shift further entrenches the imbalance between urban and regional Queensland. North Queenslanders already experience a sense of underrepresentation in Parliament, and this proposal risks exacerbating that disparity. Decisions that disproportionately favour metropolitan areas undermine the principle of fair and equitable representation across the state.

The Redistribution Commission has an obligation not only to consider numerical equality but also to recognise communities of interest, geographic realities, and the practical ability of elected representatives to serve their constituents effectively. In this regard, the abolition of Hill fails to adequately account for the unique needs and challenges of North Queensland.

I respectfully urge the Commission to reconsider this proposal and to retain the electorate of Hill, ensuring that the people of North Queensland continue to have strong, effective, and locally grounded representation in the Queensland Parliament.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Long



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