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The Electoral Commissioner

I would like to voice my objection to the proposed changes in electoral redistribution of districts.

Specifically, my objection relates to the proposed abolishment of seat of Hill and absorbed in Hinchinbrook. This would mean that North Queensland will lose one more representative and south east corner will gain two seats. I feel that is so disrespectful for the people of North Queensland because it seems the commission is only considering the population aspect and the fact that there will be far more representation in Queensland from the south east corner, and once again a lesser volume of voices for North Queensland and outside the city area. This usually means that North Queensland is left to be "the poor cousin" once more and has to fight so hard to gain the level of funding that is required to sustain our rural and regional areas. Particularly when the bulk of the wealth for Queensland is generated outside the south east corner. An example is our supposedly main highway called "The Bruce". It is a national and state disgrace once one drives north from Gympie. It is time for a four lane highway to be built from Gympie to Cairns, bearing in mind the high level of traffic that uses it, including B Doubles and Caravans, as well as the usual vehicles. The level of passing lanes is pathetic and I will not mention what happens to the North when the rains come.

The redistribution being considered, if successful, will find North Queensland being stripped of one representative making 12 seats, whereas Brisbane representation will swell to 60. To my mind, this raises serious questions about the integrity of the process without a thought for repercussions that North Queenslanders will have to endure.

All in all, I find this proposal for North Queensland to lose another seat is distasteful (and may be political). It says it all that Queensland mainly considers the south east corner for future growth and have the rest of the State make the money for it without having sufficient benefits.

Thank you and Regards

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