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In the time that I have lived in this electorate I have seen it go from Tablelands then absorbed into Dalrymple then absorbed into Hill. Each time we have lost a seat in the state government. Queensland's north has significantly different needs to the South East Corner. I appreciate that the redistribution is based on numbers and what is seen as a fair vote for each person in the electorate. However population isn't the only consideration in electorates. As electorates in the north are decreased that means that representation in parliament is also decreased. Whilst this may create equality in terms of population numbers per electorate it doesn't create equality in terms of representation for electorates outside of the south east corner.

Larger electorate areas will also mean that constituents or MPs will have to travel further to meet with each other. Whilst electronic communication is great, nothing is better than face to face communication. Also the needs of the people are different in rural and remote areas than those in city areas. The removal of an entire electorate in the north will mean that those needs are not being adequately met.

Just because we don't have the population to maintain the seat of Hill doesn't mean that we should lose our representation in parliament but sadly the loss of Hill as an electorate will defininately mean a loss of representation for all the current constituents. Let it be noted that I strongly oppose the abolishment of Hill as an electorate and all that goes with it. All Queenslanders deserve a fair go and we in the north deserve to keep our electorate of Hill with its current MP.