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I am writing to express my strong objection and disappointment to the abolishment of the Seat of Hill for the following reasons:

1. As currently proposed, the Electoral Boundary changes to delete the Seat of Hill, will cause our local council (Tablelands Regional Council) to now be covered by 3 separate seats. In our location of Wondecla (just 22kms away from Atherton which our nearest Local Council - TRC and currently covered as a whole by the Seat of Hill), our proposed new Seat of Treagar and nearest sitting member would now be 1000kms away in Mt Isa. This is the equivalent of the Western Queensland town of Thargomindah being governed by Brisbane. Our local council TRC is running roughshod over its local rate payer base, refusing to be held accountable, refusing to answer questions and overall delivering unsatisfactory outcomes in all areas of local governance. Removing the seat of Hill will take away the value of a sitting member, regardless of Party. The current sitting member of Hill is approachable and dependable in that he is currently able to have boots on the ground and hold our local Council to task, advocating for all rate payers. By removing this, and fractioning the Atherton Tablelands Region (which is rapidly growing in population) into 3 separate Seats, in my view this would lead to unsatisfactory political representation of both the people and the region.

2. The seat of Hill encompasses a large and important area of Agricultural resources, in other words - a huge food bowl for all of Australia as well as overseas Export. This area suffers regularly from natural disasters, cost of transporting of freight - both in and out of market - and massive effects from decentralisation and deregulation - eg Dairy Industry. The seat of Hill is needed to provide true and accurate representation of this area to the Brisbane metropolis that is clearly out of touch with the needs of this important and expanding populous of the Atherton Tablelands and its surrounds. This incredibly important economic region of Queensland cannot be truly protected or represented accurately by Seats that are held at such great distances, or set in vastly different regions, that make the true representation of this Region inaccurate. Such a move would make accurate representation and knowledge unattainable and totally unachievable as the proposed new Seat would be too far away geographically to have any comprehension or knowledge of the region we live in and the difficulties faced here on the Atherton Tablelands. I believe that this region and the surrounding area that is the Seat of Hill as it stands is hugely important to Queensland to must remain in situ.

3. As a resident who has been attached and living on the Atherton Tablelands in excess of 50 years, I have continuously observed the constant and consistent growth of our region in both population and industry (both agricultural and economic development). I fear that if you abolish the Seat of Hill now, in the future it will simply have to be reinstated again because our current population growth will dictate the need for new seats to be created in Queensland regardless. The unfortunate proposed abolishment of the Seat of Hill will only serve to cause detrimental damage to the already proven continual economic growth of our unique and valuable Atherton Tablelands Region that is already suffering from lack of support from Southern based State Governance. Why penalise us further by taking away true representation that is covered now by the Seat of Hill, regardless of the political party of the sitting member. Therefore, the proposed Abolishment of the Seat of Hill will be directly and disproportionately punishing Queenslanders by breaking up this region (a

proven economic goldmine to the rest of the State) and diminishing its accurate political representation to the State Government does not support or enhance the value for Queensland as a whole.

I thank you in anticipation of your taking the time to read and consider what I believe are very valid considerations for the reasoning in the decision NOT TO ABOLISH THE SEAT OF HILL.

Regards,
Jaimie Russell

