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To whom it may concern,

Please do NOT respond with a generic template.

I am shocked and deeply concerned by the proposal to abolish the seat of Hill, carving The Atherton Tablelands up between three electorates bordering the Northern Territory, stretching from Cairns and reaching as far south as Townsville.

I am writing to lodge my objection.

While I am fully cognisant of the logic and the varying geographical population numbers behind this proposal, it completely fails on the grounds of common sense and equity.

REPRESENTATION

This proposed change would reduce our representation in the north from 13 to 12 seats, while boosting Brisbane's number to 61. It's well-established that regional areas are rarely prioritised over metropolitan areas, and this situation will only worsen with the proposed abolition of Hill. We have excellent representation in Shane Knuth MP. I have been a Greens voter forever, however, having witnessed how dedicated and hard-working Shane is, I fully support him being our state representative. He would be a MASSIVE loss to our region. Also, he is accessible, and his main office in Atherton is importantly accessible for locals. Being in the southern part of the Tablelands, if the proposed split goes ahead, for our address the representative's office in Mt Isa would be almost 1000 kms away. This is totally unacceptable both for the community, and also unrealistic for Robbie Katter (or anyone else) to be able to adequately cover off the extra distance and numbers.

INCREASING POPULATION

My partner and I relocated from the Sunshine Coast to the Atherton Tablelands in 2023. It's a growing region due to its affordability and climate, as people are increasingly being pushed out of the denser population areas that are becoming ridiculously overcrowded and expensive. The stats show that approximately 66% of people relocating to the Tablelands come from down south. This migration is likely to continue and potentially increase, and therefore needs to be factored in.

DISTANCE

When determining representation, the equation should factor in distance, rather than only population numbers. It is insanity for it to not be adjusted to cater for the extra distance regional MPs have to travel. Shane already travels huge distances, surely to his detriment, with metropolitan MPs have far more geographical convenience. The state government would not care at all if the change takes effect and Robbie Katter is stretched beyond reasonable geographical limits.

REGION COHERENCE

The Atherton Tablelands is its own complete region. To split it into three different electorates is absurd. If the abolition of Hill is unavoidable, there surely must be a way to keep it together.

CYNICISM

Most regional folk in these parts are utterly cynical about the official reasons given for the abolition of Hill. Anyone with two brain cells to rub together can see that the state government would very happily be rid of Shane. No need to respond to this point, as any refuting of this from any official government source will fall on deaf ears.

Sincerely, and with complete incredulity and disappointment regarding this likely inevitable change,

Maia Hart

