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Submission Opposing the Removal of the Electorate of Hill

I am writing on behalf of the QCWA Millaa Millaa Branch. Our local branch will be 100 years old next year. Our town, Millaa Millaa is a small village in the mist on the Southern end of the Atherton Tablelands. The Hill Electorate encompasses a lot of the Atherton Tablelands.

For over 100 years, the Atherton Tablelands has been a "region" in its own right. Hill represents a coherent regional community with shared environmental and economic realities. Breaking up this community risks diluting its collective voice. Reducing rural representations risks shifting focus further toward Metropolitan areas. Giving an extra seat in the South does not help the Voice of our region. We find the idea of carving up the electorate quite divisive and even "smells" of political gain for someone.

Reports mention that Millaa Millaa may become part of the Cassowary Coast / Innisfail area electorate. Geographically, economically, and socially, Millaa Millaa is not really connected to that region. When electorates become too large geographically, it becomes significantly harder for constituents to access and engage with their MP. On a practical point, our Representative, Mr. Shane Knuth, has an office at the Shopping Centre where most people in our Community, shop and have their banks and medical services located. People are not wanting to access their services even further afield to where their Representative may be. Some parts of Hill are said to be planning to be joined with Mt. Isa which is even a worst case scenario.

Electoral Re- distributions traditionally constitute geographic and community ties, not just population totals.

The QCWA, which is a State Organisation, operates with a system of Branches, Divisions and Regions within the State. Our Millaa Millaa Branch is part of the Atherton Tableland Division that also includes the Branches of Ravenshoe, Malanda, Yungaburra, Atherton, Tolga and Mareeba and we are part of Far Northern Region. However in the proposed removal of the Hill electorate, many of our Sister branches will be in different electorates. We believe this divides and reduces our collective voice.

We ask that the electoral Commission would consider this request and submission for the Present electorate of Hill to remain as is. Atherton Tableland Region and communities of Hill have historical, economic, social, and geographic cohesion and ties that allow any State MP to understand and represent the population well. To remove Hill electorate and divide the population into about 5 other electorates weakens our voice.

Yours in Service to our local Community

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