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## ***To the Queensland Redistribution Commission,***

I write to formally **OBJECT** to the proposed abolition of the electoral district of Hill.

This proposal that you have generated will not only reduce the much needed representation for North Queensland by forcing the remaining twelve electorate offices and MP's to do the work the current thirteen struggle to do, but will weaken the voice of regional communities like mine. *By you removing the electorate of Hill you are saying that me, my family and local communities are just not important enough. YOU are choosing numbers above humanity. Have any of you even visited the communities you are tearing apart. Do you really understand the geography of regional Queensland?*

The electorate of Hill is a well-established and connected community that stretches across the Atherton Tablelands and Cassowary Coast. Our communities share strong connections through agriculture, local industries, schools, health services, and transport networks. The current Hill MP fights hard to support their electorate as it is and dividing it up into three surrounding electorates, you will ultimately be making it near impossible for any Hill constituent to be effectively represented.

Regional Queensland already face challenges, including distance, access to services, and infrastructure limitations that the South East can't even imagine exists. Everything is at their fingertips while many in Regional Queensland are forced to go without. The communities within Hill rely on accessible centralised representation, *something the Brisbane communities take for granted. Something you have chosen to ignore.*

The proposed redistribution would force constituents from the tablelands to travel roads that are regularly cut off from the coast due to unhinged weather events just to get to their Member's office. Communities located only a matter of kilometres from each other will be forced to seek representation from different Members of Parliament, many who will experience under representation because of these boundary changes. *I am assuming that your electoral boundaries are secure and your representative easily accessible.*

### ***Regional Queensland DESERVE better.***

Importantly, the LNP August 2025 submission was misleading when stating: *Abolish two under quota electorates – Hill in the north.* The electorate of Hill is already within the required enrolment quota, actually nearly 5% above the median requirement, and by your own projections would remain within the desired quota. Meaning there is no necessity to abolish it to meet redistribution requirements. You have destroyed an actively progressive district for the benefit of protecting other regions such as the Townsville districts which is stated in your proposal *"The Townsville-based district of Mundingburra is currently out of quota, with several other electorates in this region including Townsville, Thuringowa and Burdekin at risk of deviating more than 10% below the State average in the future."* Then with minor adjustments you declared that *"the 3 proposed Townsville-based districts reflect strong shared communities of interest and are projected to remain in quota."* The Hill District does not need to be abolished to do this!!!

Rather than abolishing the electorate of Hill, I urge the Commission to consider alternative options such as minor boundary adjustments to neighbouring electorates.

This would maintain fair representation while still meeting quota requirements.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the Queensland Redistribution Commission reject the proposal to abolish the electorate of Hill and instead retain the electorate with only minor adjustments if required. Put people and community before numbers and allow North Queensland the right to more Members of Parliament fighting for us not less.

Yours sincerely,  
Elizabeth Powell

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