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I am appalled that this redistribution is even being considered, why on earth would you break up the seat of Hill when the breakup means we in Malanda would be between 500 to over 1000 Km from the present electorate offices in Charters Towers 505 Km or Mt Isa 1025 Km in the new Proposed Flinders electorate. Also to place a now connected community in 3 different electorates also makes no sense, I sincerely hope this is not a politically motivated attempt to once again manipulate electorates to benefit certain political parties, as soon as I see the existing government endorsing the changes I smell a rat.

Any suggestion that the south east corner of the state needs an additional seat is absolutely farcical when they are over represented now while we in country Queensland have representatives having to travel thousands of kilometers to service their electorates, and the proposed new boundaries actually will cause disconnection, and increase the distances required to service electorates.

I am not sure why if SEQ needs an additional seat because of population growth, a new seat could not be created, giving them the required seat, instead of stealing one of our seats, the south east already has 59 seats which seems rather top heavy to me, maybe it needs a more equitable thinking process or do additional seats require a change of law in parliament ?.

Also how can our local government which is struggling to survive now possibly deal with 3 different state electorates + 2 of our federal representatives. It sounds like you are trying to make their job even harder than it is already. You need to start looking at reality. What has the new seat of Flinders in common with the wet tropics and also Mulgrave is a coastal seat with absolutely nothing in common with the Tablelands. Let common sense prevail and start being realists and not listening to our political masters.