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Queensland Redistribution Commission,  
G.P.O. Box 1393,  
Brisbane, Qld., 4001.

**Re: Proposed Abolition of Hill Electorate**

Dear People,

It has come to the attention of us citizens in the Hill, Queensland State Electorate, that it is proposed to be abolished and we are to be shoe-horned into 3 other nearby electorates. In my case that implies that I will be in the newly named Flinders electorate out of Mt. Isa.

This is a totally unacceptable situation for the following reasons:-

1. Ravenshoe is well over 1000kms by road from Mt. Isa, making any personal visit to a local MP to discuss matters of emergency not possible.
2. The electorate of Hill has a series of interests very different from those of the Mt. Isa area. We have dairying, bananas, mangos, coffee, avocados – in short, a whole agricultural base nonexistent out west.
3. Our main town for medical is Atherton, with specialist services in Cairns. The local member for Flinders would be dealing with citizens that do not interact with Mt. Isa infrastructure at all! This will split his/her interests over two competing medical districts. How can he/she effectively argue to prioritize one over the other? And we know how important health funding is to the allocation of Qld. State Government budgets.
4. The Flinders based MP would not be able to adequately attend to such differing interests as the mining/cattle grazing, energy (Copperstring 2.0), health, etc. from the west compared to the wet tropic's agriculture, housing, retirement lifestyle, and coastal influence of citizens on the Atherton Tablelands.
5. If the south-east corner of this state has so many extra people that an extra electorate is required – well, just create one! There is no need to abolish Hill to accomplish this task.
6. I feel it is important to the representative process of Government to have an electorate's interests & culture represented by the local MP. Mt. Isa and the Atherton Tablelands are two totally different cultures and so should have different people to represent these.

Thank you,

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