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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed combination of Hervey Bay with Maryborough in relation to hospital services.

As a long-standing member of the Hervey Bay community, I have significant concerns about the impact this change may have on our local healthcare system. Hervey Bay Hospital must remain a strong and independent facility serving our growing population.

Our community has already experienced the loss of a local hospital in the past, when the Long Street hospital was closed. This resulted in residents having to travel to Maryborough for treatment for many years, which caused considerable inconvenience and hardship, particularly for vulnerable members of the community.

While I understand that there are currently no plans to relocate the Hervey Bay Hospital, it is important to recognise that the hospital is already under considerable strain. Any changes that reduce its autonomy or resources could further impact its ability to meet local demand.

Additionally, there is concern that combining services may increase the risk of Maryborough Hospital facing future reductions or closure, which would negatively affect both communities. Rezoning or merging services in this way does not appear to fairly consider the needs or past experiences of residents in Hervey Bay.

Given our history and the current pressures on healthcare services, I strongly urge that Hervey Bay Hospital remain independent and adequately resourced to serve its community.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours sincerely,
Marie Bauer