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Electoral District: Cook; Flinders (formerly Traeger)

Submission:

See below

Submission Attachments

Email - Joe Moro - 26.04.09 Cook Redistribution.pdf



9 April 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

Subject: Objection to the Proposed Redistribution – Electoral District of Cook

The Mareeba Chamber of Commerce formally objects to the proposed changes to the Cook electorate boundary.

We strongly oppose the transfer of the southern portion of the Mareeba Shire local government area from Cook to the proposed Flinders electorate, as this would have a significant and detrimental impact on the Mareeba business community and the broader regional economy.

Of particular concern is the removal of Mareeba Airport from Cook. The airport is critical regional infrastructure supporting aviation, freight, tourism, emergency response, and agricultural operations, and is central to connecting Mareeba and surrounding communities to the wider Far North Queensland economy. Its inclusion within Cook reflects established service, governance, and economic networks; its removal risks fragmented decision-making and weakened regional coordination.

The southern Mareeba Shire is equally vital to the region's economy. Towns including Dimbulah, Mutchilba, and Chillagoe are closely integrated with Mareeba as the primary service and business hub, relying on it for supply chains, workforce access, professional services, education, health, and transport. The proposed changes would divide these long-standing commercial and community connections.

Maintaining alignment between local government and state electoral boundaries is essential for effective representation, planning, and investment confidence. As a central hub for agriculture, transport, logistics, and processing, Mareeba depends on the full integration of its southern communities. Dividing these areas would disrupt advocacy, dilute representation, and weaken the region's collective voice.

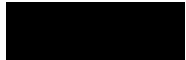
We support the inclusion of the remaining Mareeba Shire areas currently outside Cook to ensure consistent and unified representation.



Thank you for considering our objection.

Yours sincerely,

Sincerely,



Joe Moro
President
Mareeba Chamber of Commerce