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See attached submission on behalf of Longreach Regional Council.



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To whom it may concern,

**Re: Longreach Regional Council Submission on the State Redistribution**


Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the 2025 Queensland State Redistribution process.

While we understand that no firm proposal has been put forward to eliminate or substantially alter the boundaries of the Gregory electorate, we wish to register our strong concern about any potential move that would dilute representation for communities in Central Western Queensland. In particular, we would be concerned by any scenario in which Gregory is to be subsumed, either in whole or part, into the neighbouring electorates of Traeger or Warrego.

As of July 2025, Gregory's actual enrolment sits at approximately 26,371 electors. With the application of the additional large district allowance, the weighted enrolment rises to around 35,565 – approximately 11.63% below the state quota, and therefore outside the acceptable  $\pm 10\%$  margin. By contrast, Traeger is approximately 10.14% below quota and Warrego only 3.8%, both within or closer to the allowable range. In our estimation any move to combine these electorates would fall even shorter of the quota on actual numbers and further increase reliance on the large district allowance.

Beyond the numbers, Gregory has a distinct regional identity shaped by pastoral, mining, and service economies centred around towns such as Emerald, Longreach and parts of the Charters Towers region. While these areas may border neighbouring electorates, their economic and social ties, local government groupings, and transport corridors are not easily aligned with those of Traeger or Warrego. Redistributing them risks weakening established communities of interest and undermining the delivery of effective representation.

We acknowledge that the large district allowance exists to address precisely these challenges – ensuring that Queensland's vast and sparsely populated electorates can continue to receive fair and practical representation. Gregory, Traeger and Warrego are among the four districts over 100,000 km<sup>2</sup> which attract this allowance, reflecting the significant barriers to representation in these areas.



As noted by the Redistribution Commission and reinforced by independent observers, the current boundaries maintain clear links between communities, local governments, and service networks. In our view, the best way to uphold the intent of section 46 of the *Electoral Act 1992* – particularly the balance between “one vote, one value” and respect for communities of interest – is to retain Gregory as a discrete electoral district.

We thank the Commission for its careful and transparent approach to this process, and for considering the unique circumstances of our region. We urge you to preserve Gregory’s unique identity, in line with the Act, the Commission’s stated methodology, and the democratic principle of fair and effective representation.

Yours faithfully,



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