

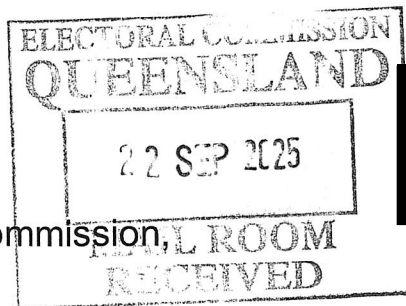
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Queensland Redistribution Commission,
G. P. O. Box 1393,
Brisbane Queensland. 4001.

Dear Commission,

As a constituent within the state electorate of Hill, I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed abolition of the electorate, as reported on page 11 of the Wednesday 10 September 2025 edition of The Express newspaper.

During my residency where I currently live, the electorate to which I belong has already changed twice, from Tablelands, to Dalrymple, and then to Hill. Another redistribution of electoral boundaries would unnecessarily disrupt community identity.

The currently proposed next redistribution is of questionable validity. The existing seat of Hill is 4.73% deviation above the average number of voters per seat for the state of Queensland. The population of the electorate is not contracting, and does not need to be outsourced to prop up the number of electors in other electorates.

The incumbent elected member of parliament for Hill is often seen at public events, such as local markets, with a queue of people waiting their turn to speak with him about various matters involving state government representation. If the seat is to be abolished and its land mass divided up amongst surrounding electorates, that thereby increases their geographic sizes, and opportunities to access directly whoever the elected representatives happen to be will consequently be reduced, which will negatively impact their accountability and effectiveness.

The submission for the proposed abolition of Hill quoted in The Express newspaper shows lack of understanding of the local communities involved. Certain towns that ought to '*gravitate towards the south-west*' are named, such as Ravenshoe, while coastal rainforest towns, such as Millaa Millaa, are to '*look east to Cairns*'. Whoever wrote this submission clearly is not familiar with the communities involved. For example, there are longstanding family associations between residents of Ravenshoe and district and residents of Millaa Millaa and district that go back generations. Also, to assert that Ravenshoe is not to be included with rainforest towns contradicts its history since its inception, being nicknamed 'Timber Town'. It was only when the Federal Government forcefully closed down the timber industry in the 1970s that the surrounding forests became less economically significant, but they are still there – just ask the local indigenous population, for whom the forests matter.

I present the above on this page as evidence that the current state electorate of Hill should be retained and not abolished.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Peachey.