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Good Morning,

Thank you very much for allowing Council the opportunity to provide feedback on the current proposed electoral redistribution.

Please find below Council's feedback on the proposal.

Council supports the Commission's review of the electoral boundaries and welcomes the proposed inclusion of the broader Ooralea and Paget areas within the Mackay District. Council considers this to be a positive recognition of established community, economic and workforce linkages between these areas and the broader Mackay urban footprint.

However, Council notes that under the Commission's proposed boundaries, the Racecourse Sugar Mill would be removed from the Mirani electorate, despite its strong geographic, economic and community alignment with other sugar industry assets currently located within that electorate. Council considers the sugar industry to be a significant and defining economic driver for the region, supporting employment, local supply chains and long-standing community connections. The separation of key sugar industry infrastructure across multiple State electorates risks fragmenting the effective representation of shared regional and industry interests.

Accordingly, Council encourages a review of the proposed boundary for the Mirani electorate to retain the Racecourse Sugar Mill. Further, Council considers that the proposed boundaries could be strengthened by also including the Farleigh area and Farleigh Mill within the Mirani electorate. This would result in all local sugar mills in the Mackay region being represented within a single State electorate, better reflecting established industry linkages, workforce catchments and community of interest considerations.

Council acknowledges the importance of enrolment balance as a core principle of the redistribution process. Council submits that the requested amendment would provide a more coherent and practical alignment of regional economic and community interests, while remaining consistent with, and not undermining, the overarching statutory objectives of the redistribution.

Regards,

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