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To the Queensland Redistribution Commission,

I write to formally object to the proposed abolition of the electoral district of Hill.

North Queensland already has to fight for what we have, and this proposal will mean we have to fight even harder, as it will reduce representation for North Queensland and weaken the voice of regional communities like mine, my families.

The communities within Hill share strong connections through agriculture, local industries, schools, health services, transport networks and likeminded interests. Separating these communities into multiple electorates will disrupt these connections and undermine effective representation that many sporting clubs, community groups and support networks rely on.

North Queensland is already under represented and therefore I am concerned that this proposal will reduce representation for North Queensland at a time when regional areas already face significant challenges, including distance, access to services, and infrastructure limitations.

Having a local representative is essential to ensure our issues are heard. Especially those who need to visit their member of parliament in person due to difficulties with the modern way of connection.. via a computer screen. People in regional areas still believe in face to face communication.

The proposed redistribution would create districts covering vast geographic areas, ranging from economic differences, farming, lifestyle and terrain, making it difficult for any one Member of Parliament to effectively represent their constituents.

This is not practical for regional Queensland.

Importantly, the electorate of Hill is already within the required enrolment quota, meaning there is no necessity to abolish it to meet redistribution requirements.

Multiple local councils representing affected communities have raised their concerns about Hill being abolished. Communities have also shared strong opposition to this proposal. These views should be given proper consideration.

Rather than abolishing the electorate of Hill, I urge the Commission to consider alternative options such as minor boundary adjustments to neighbouring electorates.

This would maintain fair representation while still meeting quota requirements.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that the Queensland Redistribution Commission reject the proposal to abolish the electorate of Hill and instead retain the electorate with only minor adjustments if required.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Powell

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