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The Queensland Redistribution Commission

Electoral Commission of Queensland

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Re: Submission Opposing the Proposed Abolition of the Electorate of Hill

To the Commissioners,

I am writing to formally express my opposition to the proposed abolition of the Electorate of Hill as part of the current redistribution process. Having lived in small northern communities in Queensland all my life, my concerns relate specifically to the significant risk of under-representation for the people of North Queensland should this electorate be dissolved and its communities absorbed into neighbouring divisions. People who live in rural and remote communities are already at a huge disadvantage, with most people in larger cities unaware of the many challenges that still exist for the larger part of regional Queensland.

The Electorate of Hill covers a geographically large and diverse region, with communities that are socially, economically, and culturally distinct from those in more densely populated coastal and metropolitan areas. These communities rely on representation that understands the realities of remote service delivery, regional infrastructure constraints, agricultural and environmental management, and the unique pressures faced by rural industries. Removing Hill as a standalone electorate risks diluting this representation and diminishing the ability of residents to have their interests effectively advocated for in the Queensland Parliament.

Redistribution proposals must balance population equality with the need to maintain effective representation. In the case of North Queensland, geography, remoteness, and community of interest factors are critical considerations. The abolition of Hill would create electorates of even greater physical size, stretching representation across vast distances and reducing the capacity of any single Member of Parliament to meaningfully engage with all communities within their boundaries. This would be a step backward for regional representation at a time when rural and

remote communities already face challenges in accessing government services and having their voices heard.

The Commission has long recognised that electorates in regional and remote Queensland require special consideration to ensure fair and practical representation. Retaining the Electorate of Hill aligns with this principle and supports the democratic objective of ensuring that all Queenslanders—regardless of where they live—have equitable access to parliamentary representation.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission reconsider the proposed abolition of the Electorate of Hill and instead maintain a structure that preserves strong, dedicated representation for the people of North Queensland.

Thank you for considering this submission. I appreciate the Commission's work and the complexity of the redistribution process, and I trust that the final determination will reflect the importance of fair and effective representation for regional Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

