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Dear Queensland Redistribution Commission,

I write to formally object to the proposed redistribution that would transfer parts of Urraween and Eli Waters, including Hervey Bay Hospital, from the Hervey Bay electorate into the Maryborough electorate.

My objection is based on the principle of “community of interest,” which I believe is not adequately reflected in this proposal.

Hervey Bay Hospital is a central and critical service for the Hervey Bay community. It services residents of Hervey Bay and surrounding suburbs such as Urraween and Eli Waters, which are closely connected both socially and economically.

Importantly, Maryborough is approximately a 30-minute drive from Hervey Bay. This distance highlights the clear separation between the two communities. Residents of Urraween and Eli Waters rely on Hervey Bay for essential services, including healthcare, shopping, schooling, and employment. Their day-to-day lives are centred in Hervey Bay, not Maryborough.

I am also concerned that the proposed boundary may separate associated health services, including the local dental clinic, from the hospital and broader Hervey Bay health network. Even the possibility of splitting closely linked healthcare services across electorates further demonstrates how this proposal risks fragmenting an integrated local service system.

Placing the hospital and nearby suburbs into the Maryborough electorate would create a disconnect between the community and its primary health service. It would divide a well-established, cohesive community and weaken effective local representation.

While I acknowledge the need to balance population growth across electorates, this should not come at the expense of established community ties and access to essential services. Alternative boundary adjustments should be considered that preserve the integrity of the Hervey Bay community.

I also note the existence of Petition 4461-26, which reflects significant community concern regarding this proposal.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the Commission reconsider this aspect of the draft redistribution and retain Hervey Bay Hospital, along with the affected parts of Urraween and Eli Waters, within the Hervey Bay electorate.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely,
Julia Waller