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Dear Commissioners,

RE: LGAQ submission to the Queensland Redistribution Commission

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the Queensland Redistribution Commission's July 2025 discussion paper - *Invitation for suggestions on the State redistribution*.

The LGAQ is the peak body for local government in Queensland. We are a not-for-profit association set up solely to serve the state's 77 councils and their individual needs. The LGAQ has been advising, supporting and representing local councils since 1896, enabling them to improve their operations and strengthen relationships with their communities. The LGAQ also provides a voice for local government at the state and federal level.

Whilst the LGAQ has no agreed policy position on the matter of the redistribution of Queensland's electoral boundaries in accordance with the *Electoral Act 1992*, our members have raised concerns regarding any process that sees a diminishing of electoral representation in rural and remote areas of Queensland.

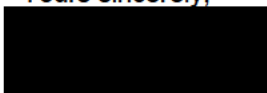
As the most decentralised state in Australia, the rural and remote parts of Queensland cover vast geographic areas and include many diverse cities, towns and communities within single electorates.

These regions already face significant barriers to communication and travel, making effective electoral representation more complex. These additional challenges mean that any proposed changes through a redistribution process must be informed by meaningful and thorough consultation with the communities who live in these areas.

Understanding the lived reality and unique challenges of rural and remote Queensland is essential to ensuring that every community across Queensland, regardless of where they are located, receives the effective representation they deserve in the Queensland Parliament.

Noting that the *Electoral Act 1992* sets out how a redistribution is to occur, including consultation, the LGAQ recommends that the Queensland Redistribution Commission conducts meaningful and thorough consultation with communities in any electorate that is proposed to undergo a significant change as a result of the redistribution process – including on-the-ground consultation – to ensure the Commission understands the barriers and challenges to effective electoral representation within that electorate.

Yours sincerely,



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