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Dear Queensland Redistribution Commission,

I am writing to provide feedback on the current review of electoral boundaries in Queensland, particularly in relation to the significant and growing disparity affecting some of the state's largest electorates.

While I understand the purpose of the review is primarily to consider physical boundary adjustments, I believe that for large-area electorates, there are limited options for meaningful boundary changes. I acknowledge the intention behind the current 2% weighting applied to large-area electorates, this adjustment is no longer adequate for regions that already span enormous portions of the state — in one case, a quarter of Queensland which is identified as needing to be increased further within this current redistribution process. These electorates face unique challenges that go beyond population numbers and cannot be addressed solely through minor adjustments in quotas.

Importantly, the issue is not only the burden placed on the elected representatives serving these vast areas. Constituents in large electorates face real and ongoing disadvantages when it comes to securing government funding, investment, and adequate infrastructure. The sheer size and dispersed populations of these electorates make it harder to attract and deliver essential services such as transport, health, and education. This compounds disadvantage and undermines the principle of equal representation.

In light of this, I urge the Commission to consider the following adjustments in the redistribution process:

1. An increase to the current 2% weighting for large-area electorates, to better reflect the geographic and logistical challenges associated with serving these communities.
2. The introduction of minimum and maximum physical size threshold, ensuring the redistribution of electorates boundaries are not continually expanded beyond practical limits.

If left unaddressed, the current trajectory of expanding large electorates risks further isolating regional and remote Queenslanders from both their elected representatives and the resources they need and deserve. A more balanced and practical approach to boundary redistribution is essential to uphold the integrity of fair representation.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. I trust the Commission will consider these points seriously in the interest of maintaining a strong and equitable democratic system for all Queenslanders

Kind Regards,
Mrs Alicia Ruhl

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