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Dear Qld Redistribution Commission,

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It has come to my attention that the current LRP government has submitted to abolish the seat of Hill in North Queensland. I understand there is taking place a massive overhaul in the naming and distribution of seats in all of Queensland, and this calls for seats like Trohey and Hill to be abolished, and new seats in the Ipswich and Caboolture areas to be made. If I am mistaken on these terms, I apologize for accepting misinformation.

I currently reside in the Trohey seat, currently attending the Griffith University campus therein. However, I grew up in Far North Queensland in the greater Cairns area, and I'm looking forward to moving back when I get the opportunity. Much of my childhood was spent in the Atherton tablelands, in towns like Atherton, where I passed my drivers test; Tolga, where my father would buy his rifles; Yungaburra, where as a family we'd visit the 2 magnificent used bookstores - the likes of which I've scarcely seen in the Brisbane area; Innisfail, where I would infrequently attend church services; Babinda, where my friends and I would drive to to swim and eat from their delicious bakery; and many more. I also know many of these institutions are struggling, and have found a good friend in their current MRP, Shane Knuth, and his associated party.

Resources have always been hard to come by in Far North Queensland, the capital being far away in the Southeast, their concerns elsewhere. The far north is in need of governmental distribution of resources. I recall school programs being unavailable to me, due to funding; classes not having enough rooms, so temporary ones with no/hardly functioning aircons. If the goal is to strip "less populated" areas of parliamentary representation, then I fear all rural Australians will cease to be heard entirely.

The move from emphasis on rural Australia to its large cities has been detrimental to Australian culture and industry. Soon it seems it will be difficult to buy Australian produce! As we move away from representation of Australians outside of cities. The less seats QLD has, the harder it'll be to administer to its growing population. I wish I didn't need to move down to Brisbane. I absolutely adore this city, and I defend its honor when Victorians, New South Welshmen, or the like, choose to insult or denigrate it as anything but a 1st-class city. However, the lack of opportunity elsewhere in the state often necessitates young people to make the odious transition to the Southeast. With the Fox North growing, it requires ~~localized~~ localised and dedicated Members of Parliament, if it is indeed to grow into a series of beautiful metropolises.

Queensland's strength has been in its urban diversity. While states like NSW and VIC have only one or two major urban centres, Queensland's rather hospitable coast is dotted with lovely towns and cities which spread its population, and thus, its ability to more accurately vote. As these are removed (these being seats) voting will become more and more dependent on less than a handful of cities, likely those in the Southeast (Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Gold Coast, etc.). This will convert our beautiful Queensland into a state like any other in the country, stripping us of our singular and unique strength. Our representation is our democratic right, privilege, and responsibility. If this is a tactic by the current LNP to generate more seats for themselves while depriving Bob Katter's party, I find that utterly reprehensible. It is your responsibility to uphold QLD's unique democratic situation. I implore you to ~~at~~ abstain from any action that would remove Hill.

yours truthfully,

Christopher Walker