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To: Queensland Redistribution Commission ,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the submissions for electoral redistribution in Queensland.

I am writing to bring public feedback on the proposal to abolish the electorate of Hill.

I, and everybody I have spoken to about this in the electorate of Hill, think that this is a bad idea.

Firstly this is inappropriate because it has not been suggested in the interests of the people, but in the interests of the liberal party. Shane Knuth is a very effective, well known, hard-working, well liked representative of Far North Queensland. His outstanding record for getting things done makes him a thorn in the side of major parties who want his seat, and who have no valid way of stopping people voting for him. Shane's election record shows this clearly. This is probably why his seat is now, again, being targeted to be abolished for the third time in his career. I am very sorry to see that the LNP perspective is so professionally and smoothly written, presented as a formal 110 page document, that people who do not live and work in the field might mistake for being credible and accurate, when in fact is full of gross errors.

1. In the carefully positioned LNP document, the electorate of Hill is described as **"underpopulated"**. *This "error" is from people with all the information of the fingertips.*

Hill is currently 4.7% over the state average for electors per seat , (Current as at August 2025.).

2. I quote the document suggesting the abolition of the electorate of Hill which says :

“ • Abolish Hill – The Atherton Tablelands communities are **better represented when split**”.... which on the one hand recognises this grouping of towns, roads, infrastructure, lives, jobs, farms, industry, schools, libraries and extended families as the “Atherton Tablelands” and in the same breath recommends that the best thing to do would be to split them up! It is not called the Atherton tablelands for nothing. I would describe this is a destructive approach rather than a constructive one, not taking into account the best interests of the people.

3. This LNP document shows a lack of local knowledge.

For example, consider the rainforest of the local area. if you take the local walks in the remaining patches Mabi forest here on the tablelands, you can read the signs for yourself, which explain that the remnants of the same Mabi forest are located at Wongabel, Halloran's Hill, and the Tolga Scrub.

According to the Australian government department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water:

What is Mabi Forest?

Mabi Forest is a type of rainforest that occurs in North Queensland. It is found in small patches on the Atherton Tablelands, between the towns of Atherton, Kairi, Yungaburra and Malanda, with a remnant patch also located at Shiptons Flat, near Cooktown. Mabi Forest is otherwise known as Complex Notophyll Vine Forest 5b and includes the Queensland Regional Ecosystem 7.8.3.

Mabi Forest grows on highly fertile basalt-derived soils, and is characterised by an uneven canopy (25–45m) with many tree layers, scattered deciduous and semi-evergreen trees, and a dense shrub and vine layer. The dense shrub layer distinguishes Mabi Forest from similar rainforests, and provides important habitat for up to 114 bird species.

The LNP's claim that Malanda and Millaa Millaa are rainforest towns, and that Atherton and Tolga are geographically different and more naturally linked with inland areas is simply false! One of the remnant areas of Mabi rainforest is the Tolga scrub which flanks the main road if you are driving from Atherton to Tolga! (two towns that should be split off according to the proposal).

4. Similarly, I have seen on local signage that the meaning of the name "Tolga" is understood to mean "the place where the scrub begins" in local indigenous language. This too is history, providing an historical indigenous perspective, refuting the LNP's geographical divide.

5. These geographical, soil history, habitat, and indigenous perspectives **may contain new information** that non-local opinions have not considered.

6. Similarly, the economic divide: where to start with the LNP claim that agriculturally Ravenshoe, Atherton, Tolga...are more akin to Traeger? The Department of Primary Industries..... or the Bureau of Meteorology would be good sources for this one, or just drive through it and have a look! Government departmental documents and databases abound to show the inaccuracy and falsehood of the geographical and economic claims we have read in the LNP submission, but a combination of the soil type in the previous quote and the rainfall patterns from the Bureau of Meteorology have caused some people to move to this area simply to fulfil their agricultural requirements (Limousin Cattleman - personal communication).

7. I have only studied the comments closely for electorate we live in, Hill, earmarked by the LNP (erroneously) as an under populated electorate best served by being split and abolished. As I have read the gross inaccuracies presented there, as if factual, I would have similar concerns for the rest of the document, and consider that the rest of the document may well not represent the best interests of the Queensland people either.

This is my feedback, after speaking to a number of other people in our

electorate.

I trust, that anything new in this feedback may be informative to your decision-making process.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these matters.

Signed, Alison Peachey, resident of the electorate of Hill.