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Objection Number 61

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I am writing to object to the redistribution of boundaries for Kennedy. I live in Kuranda, 20 minutes drive from Cairns. This is the city and the region I use as my local community. Kuranda is already largely ignored, we have little or no services, no broadband or any opportunity in the future to have such, no TV or radio reception, dangerous roads and poor infrastructure. The local Indigenous communities also lack many services. A bureaucrat in Canberra, without any local knowledge has already included Kuranda in the Cape and if you are unemployed in Kuranda your employment office is Cooktown, a 4 hour drive away. This is an excellent example of what will happen to us on so many levels if we are included in Kennedy with such vast differences in needs, social structures, IT issues, lifestyles etc. Cairns is our local hub , not far west Queensland.

More community consultation should be done , and a communities networks and local hubs should be considered. I am puzzled as to why Kennedy is twice the size of other electorates as I believe this compromises true representation of the people. Perhaps you could look at old Indigenous tribal boundaries as a guide . It appears as globalisation of local communities. We have just had the super shires thrust upon us and now this.

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