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Subject: Redistribution of Boundaries

To Anne Bright

My name is Cr Jenny Hill of Townsville City Council and I wish to make a submission regarding the redistribution and its possible effects on residents in Townsville.

The previous redistribution meant that a large section of Townsville South (Oonoonba, Fairfield Waters, Idalia, Stuart) were moved into the seat of Dawson. The boundary was shifted north without any consideration of the community of interest of residents in this area. The member for Herbert has his office less than 5 km from these residents, yet they are sent to speak to the member for Dawson whose office is in Mackay.

Many of these residents have complained to me and have asked me to comment to the AEC in an attempt to be included in the seat of Herbert once more.

When considering the next redistribution I ask that you truly take in the community of interest for all the residents who live in the coastal cities.

I believe that the seat of Herbert should include CCD's north of Stuart Creek to the south of the Bohle River, with both these water courses acting as the North/South Boundary. The western boundary is right.

Pushing the boundaries further north will just disenfranchise much of the community here who are really part of the Townsville Urban Community in terms of how they see themselves federally.

I realise that this region is growing at a significant rate but if the north/south boundary I suggested is used, it would allow the two growth corridors locally 1. Kalynda Chase and Northern Beaches and 2. to the south, Rocky Springs to be a part of the Kennedy and Dawson respectively as these areas need some margin of growth.

I believe that at some point soon a new seat will need to be considered for north queensland In the meantime I ask that you will look at the boundary review as not a way to divide the biggest city in North Queensland but to keep its heart intact.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter
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