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Details: The Peak Downs Highway out of Mackay carries a steady stream of mine workers, fuel and machinery west through Walkerston and Eton towards Nebo and Moranbah. It is the main supply road for the Bowen Basin coal mines, and the towns along it live with the industry every day. Down the coast, Sarina's neighbour Hay Point is one of the largest coal ports in the world. Inland, the cane farms of the Pioneer Valley share the same mix of agriculture and resources that runs through the rest of Capricornia.
That is why Walkerston, Sarina and the Pioneer Valley sit comfortably in Capricornia. Their interests are the same as those of Capricornia's inland towns,

and they are where the mining towns of the Isaac region meet the coast.
Labor's proposal would move them into Dawson, and then send Capricornia west across the Central Highlands to make up the numbers. The communities that tie Capricornia's mining towns to the coast would be cut away, and the division would be asked to stretch further inland instead.
I hope the Committee will keep these communities in Capricornia.