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Concerning the proposed changes to the Division of Dawson via changes in Herbert.

I have lived in the Division of Dawson for decades, have family in southern Townsville and widely travel from Mackay north to the Whitsundays, Bowen and have had family previously residing in Collinsville.

1. Dawson is 7% below quota and must gain electors. Herbert is within quota and does not need to change.

2. Collinsville heavily interacts with Bowen as the only nearby accessible regional centre which most Collinsville residents visit very regularly for most of their shopping, recreation and then retire to. Collinsville has no links to anywhere at all in Capricornia. It makes abundant sense for Collinsville to move to Dawson to lift Dawson towards quota.

3. Ooralea and Bakers Ck are small communities part of suburban Mackay and they should also move to Dawson. Along with the obvious Collinsville move to Dawson this will bring Dawson within quota.

4. The proposal to move southern Townsville electors from Dawson into Herbert is simply not necessary. Herbert is currently within quota and doesn't need to gain electors. It would also cut off electors in Woodstock, Giru, Home hill, and Ayr from their strong links to the Townsville southern suburbs currently in Dawson.

5. I am very concerned that the Labor proposal is to "facilitate a series of changes in Queensland's regions" . The purpose of electoral review is not to start and set up a new wave of changes to help the electoral prospects of one party, but to manage growth and decline in population, and help voters stay within areas of significance to them assisting their elected members to advocate on their behalf.

6. Two important criteria of boundary changes should be simplicity and to disrupt the minimum possible number of voters. Labors proposal changes the electorate of 39,000 electors to achieve a Dawson gain of only 13,000. 26,000 voters will have to change their electorate for no net gain. The LNP change only effects that much smaller number of voters who move into their new always connected electorate of Dawson, with no others needing to change. Much simpler, much fairer, and much more sensible and easy for

voters to accept.

7. For all these reasons I strongly support the LNP S62 approach and do not support the Labor S60 alternative in any way.

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