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Dear Chair,

Drive the Bruce Highway north from Mackay and you stay in Dawson the whole way: through Proserpine and Bowen, through the Burdekin towns of Home Hill and Ayr, and into Townsville's southern suburbs. That is what Dawson is, the division that links Mackay and Townsville along the coast between them. The people along that road share its concerns: the highway itself, the sugar industry, flooding, and the cost of living in regional Queensland.

Labor's plan would cut the northern end of that road away. It would move Annandale, Oonoonba and Wulguru into Herbert, even though Herbert already has the electors it needs. Dawson would then have to take Sarina, Walkerston and the Pioneer Valley from Capricornia, and Capricornia would in turn have to reach west across the Central Highlands.

None of that is needed. Dawson can gain the electors it needs from the Mackay suburbs of Ooralea and Bakers Creek, which already share the city's services and from Collinsville, which looks down the Bowen Developmental Road to Bowen.

I hope the Committee will keep Townsville's southern suburbs in Dawson and keep Dawson as the division of the coast between Mackay and Townsville.

Kind regards

