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Details: 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.

Dawson is the spine of our nation, linking Mackay and Townsville via the coast between them. The people that live along this stretch of Queensland share the same concerns: the highway itself, the sugar industry, flooding, and the cost of living in regional Queensland.

Labor's submission 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. Ultimately, this pushes all electorates down southward, leaving less representation in north Queensland despite Herbert and north being within quota.

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.

Warm regards
Rory
Shoal Point, Mackay