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Submission text: Dear Local Government Change Commission, As a resident, business owner innovating and manufacturing award winning clean energy powered products exported globally, I believe the move from a regional council to a city council reclassification would be highly beneficial for the future of Moreton Bay without any doubt. With forecasted population growth, and new business and current business expansion required to accommodate employment opportunities for these new residents, as part of a city rather than a regional community will be beneficial to drive further investment into the region required for capital infrastructure. The funding support that would further avail itself to Moreton Bay under this reclassification, would ensure all necessary public works and infrastructure required to support and sustain this population and business growth. The location of Moreton Bay needs constant explanation, as not being recognised as city does hinder tourism, business relocation and overall positioning within Qld as a business hub worthy of further investment and population growth alone will not sustain the capital costs required. Our roads infrastructure is seriously underfunded and seriously a joke and in need of urgent upgrading to accommodate the current population and business network alone, without the further growth forecasted that will eventuate due to the availability of land for housing and lack of supply in other regions close to the CBD. There is no rebuttal strong enough to combat this fact of reclassification to a city, and a protectionism mentality of living in any one of the village locations that were included in the amalgamation of various councils cannot be a strong enough case against reclassification, especially when you look at the percentage of population within these village locations verse the total population of Moreton Bay. Further looking at the demographic of these village locations proves the income generated per capita vs the rest of the region would be less showing the higher age variation of a stuck in the past mentality and not accepting change. I fully support the Moreton Bay Council direction with the clear knowledge of not only being a resident, but business owner who grew up here in my younger years with dirt roads and farms surrounding our family home that protectionism cannot stop progress. Time has come to become a classified as a city and to avail the community to the support available to us to grow this community correctly funded, rather than with band aid fixes along the way as progress will not stop.

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