

# **APPENDIX D**

**Comments on Proposal Notice &  
Public Submissions**

# LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

## Divisional Boundary Review of Tablelands Regional Council

The Tablelands Regional Council advised its electoral divisions no longer meet the voter enrolment requirements set down in the *Local Government Act 2009*. As a result, the Minister for Local Government has referred the matter to the Change Commission for independent assessment.

The Change Commission has proposed changes to the Council's internal boundaries (divisions) following a period of public suggestions.

### **INVITATION FOR COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL**

Comments on the Change Commission's proposal will be accepted until 5pm on 30 September 2019. Late submissions cannot be considered.

To view the proposal and make a submission, please see the Electoral Commission of Queensland's website: <https://ecq.qld.gov.au/lgr/tablelands> or phone 1300 881 665.

When making a comment, please remember each division must have relatively the same number of voters (quota) to ensure each person's vote has the same value. The quota for the Tablelands Regional Council is 2,867 with a lower limit of 2,580 (-10%) and an upper limit of 3,153 (+10%).

#### **Comments can be lodged through:**

**- Online Form**

<https://ecq.qld.gov.au/lgr/tablelands>

**- Email**

[LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:LGCCsubmissions@ecq.qld.gov.au)

**- Personal Delivery**

Electoral Commission of Queensland  
Level 20, 1 Eagle Street, BRISBANE QLD 4000

**- Post**

Local Government Change Commission  
GPO Box 1393, BRISBANE QLD 4001

**Submissions will be made available for public inspection.** To discuss any privacy concerns, please phone 1300 881 665.

Pat Vidgen PSM  
**Electoral Commissioner**

**Divisional Boundary Review of Tablelands Regional Council**  
**List of Public Comments on the Proposal**

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Name / Organisation</b>
<b>1</b>	Gavin Wright
<b>2</b>	Catherine Eden
<b>3</b>	Michael Petersen
<b>4</b>	Slater
<b>5</b>	Annette Haydon
<b>6</b>	Doreen Mortimore

**Sent:** Tuesday, 17 September 2019 10:17 AM  
**To:** LG CC Submissions  
**Subject:** (5759) Tablelands Regional Local Government Area - Gavin Wright

Online submission for **Tablelands Regional Local Government Area** from **Gavin Wright**

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**Submission Details**

**Name:** Gavin Wright

**Submission Text :** I am opposed to any decline in Council representation. The Council must maintain 6 Divisional Councillors and 1 Mayor. I approve of the Division 2 re-alignment to incorporate Herberton in Division 2. Division 2 is a very large electorate, and although the population does not currently meet the required guideline, the road network and infrastructure in the Division 2 electorate requires full representation at a Council level.

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**Sent:** Friday, 27 September 2019 11:43 AM  
**To:** LG CC Submissions  
**Subject:** (6153) Tablelands Regional Local Government Area - Catherine (Kate) Eden

Online submission for **Tablelands Regional Local Government Area** from **Catherine (Kate) Eden**

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### Submission Details

**Name:** Catherine (Kate) Eden

**Submission Text :** - Division 2 is the most geographically dispersed division and it is hard enough to service the outlying areas now, without making it even bigger by including Herberton. People in Herberton who were included in D2 in the last boundary change felt disenfranchised and very much wanted to be included in the current Division 1 - The current Division 1 provides a logical link between Atherton and Herberton based on the highway and tourism infrastructure such as Chinatown and the mountain bike park pushing tourists towards Herberton for outdoor recreation and heritage / cultural interests. - Whilst Herberton community has a good relationship with Ravenshoe community, there is a stronger practical link with Atherton as the major service centre. - The proposed Division 1 has no community of interest and cuts up the transport links. - It would be better if the population could be balanced by Division 2 taking in more of Wondecla, right up to the start of Herberton township and also more of upper Barron, and Wongabel, as the Kennedy Highway is a natural transport link. It makes sens for Division 2 to stretch right down the Kennedy even into Atherton, as Division 2 needs a stronger link with Atherton as the regional centre. The current proposal is more likely to increase the sense of isolation in Division 2.

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**Sent:** Friday, 27 September 2019 12:06 PM  
**To:** LG CC Submissions  
**Subject:** (6154) Tablelands Regional Local Government Area - Michael Petersen

Online submission for **Tablelands Regional Local Government Area** from **Michael Petersen**

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**Submission Details**

**Name:** Michael Petersen

**Submission Text :** I would like to express my concern to the changes to the electoral division in the Atherton Tableland Council boundary. It does not make ant sense and smells of political interference Herberton is much closer to Atherton and has nothing to do with Ravenshoe

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**Sent:** Friday, 27 September 2019 2:09 PM  
**To:** LG CC Submissions  
**Subject:** (6157) Tablelands Regional Local Government Area - Slater

Online submission for **Tablelands Regional Local Government Area** from **Slater**

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**Submission Details**

**Name:** Slater

**Submission Text :** Please leave the boundaries as they are, we are a small but generous community & wish to maintain our history & independence. Herberton is the oldest town on the Tablelands & we should be able to maintain our identity & not just be lumped in with another suburb where will be overlooked because of our size

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**From:** Annette  
**Sent:** Sunday, 29 September 2019 10:05 PM  
**To:** LG CC Submissions  
**Subject:** Tablelands Regional Council

I disagree with the boundary change as it is suggested by the ECQ

Division 2 is so massive that a local councillor will have to travel the area of Tasmania to get across the whole Division

In 2017 the old Herberton Shire had approximately 5,000 voters.

The new proposed area consists nearly all of the old Herberton Shire and that would be nearly 5,000 voters.

4 Councillors will be situated in the Atherton township.

There is no way they will travel over an hour for meeting or to meet voters on a weekly basis.

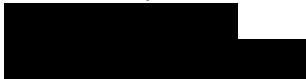
How is it that Division 1 crosses Division 2 to see their voters.

Too massive to do a great job of being available for your voters.

A better way would be to include all of Wondecla into division 2 and some of Upper Barron Road.

Regards

Annette Haydon





**Sent:** Monday, 30 September 2019 1:35 PM  
**To:** LG CC Submissions  
**Subject:** (6192) Tablelands Regional Local Government Area - Doreen Mortimore

Online submission for **Tablelands Regional Local Government Area** from **Doreen Mortimore**

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**Submission Details**

**Name:** Doreen Mortimore

**Submission Text :** I am having trouble understanding how my Division 2 Councillor in TRC can look after an area as big as Herberton Shire just don't have Wondecla which is a small community, when HSC there was 7 Cr looking after this area. Another thing is why is these divisions work out on Electoral Roll this is Local Government and it should be divided between Rate Notices. The Council runs on rates money. Think about this and look at a map.

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