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Online submission for **Livingstone Shire Council and Rockhampton Regional Council - External Boundary Review** from **Marion Hansen**

Submission Details

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Submission text: I believe the Boundary Change Commission and State Government should not even be entertaining a Boundary Change Request for these 3 suburbs as it is against their own Policy. The Policy for significant Local Government boundary changes clearly states, that the affected Local Governments support the change and that the affected communities also support the proposed change. The Minister of Local Government and the previous Minister from this government assured both councils that (a) no land swap would take place unless BOTH councils agree to any change, and (b) no council would be worse off financially as a result of any transfers. Livingstone will definitely be worse off financially as they will have less rates coming in. Livingstone has already lost a lot of rates due to the Defence Department buying properties and they do not pay rates. Rockhampton Regional Council say they don't have any growth area and need these suburbs which is not true, there is plenty of land around Rockhampton they can expand to. The argument that the residents of the 3 suburbs work and play being in Rockhampton so therefore should be part of that community is a nonsense. Many thousands of people live in Yeppoon and the coast area but work in Rockhampton and play sport and other recreation including shopping in Rockhampton daily but they aren't wanting to be included in Rockhampton. There's nothing that says you can't cross a local government boundary to partake in any of this so it is a nonsense argument or reason to say you should live in Rockhampton. Livingstone growth is sure to outstrip Rockhampton in years to come as people in general would rather live on the coast than in and around a city. Economy of scale will then work in favour of residents of Livingstone, whereas currently Rockhampton has more than double the residents so can potentially do more. I think this boundary review is dividing the region unnecessarily and therefore in light of everything I've said above it should be left as it currently is as this is the fair thing to do.

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