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Submission text: The proposal to change the classification of the Moreton Bay Regional Council from a regional council to a city council. I object to the proposed change because: The proposal came 'out of the blue'. Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC) offered an explanation only when there was an immediate and sustained public outcry against the proposal that had been assumed by MBRC to be a 'fait accompli'. The arguments in favour of a city classification offer no justification for the change of classification. They are nebulous and can apply equally to the region classification. The so-called benefits of a city classification represent what should be the objectives of the existing MBRC. There is no one benefit that can be attributed solely to a city classification. Why have a city classification if in fact the outcome will be "polycentric"? The businesses and other friends of the city classification are minimal in number and their support comes across as stage-managed. There has been no true public consultation. The actions of the councillors who have rejected the proposal have been belittled by the city advocates on council, even though the former were representing their constituents' views. No costing for the proposed change has been made available. In fact, we are led to believe it won't cost anything – despite all the name changes that would be required. Our money has already been expended on wooing local businesses and favoured individuals and wasted on the publication of MBRC's watery arguments. Surely the fanciful idea of "sky taxis" is outside the scope of an area's change of classification. This should be a matter for the Civil Aviation Safety Authority and other relevant bodies. If the proposal cannot be just dropped, then the least the MBRC can do is to allow citizens to vote for/against the proposal at the next council election.

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