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Attention: Local Government Change Commission

RE: Moreton Bay Regional Council Proposal to change to a City.

I am writing this submission **AGAINST** the proposal to change the name to Moreton Bay City Council.

As a person who not only grew up in this region but also once worked for the council prior to amalgamations I vehemently oppose this change for many reasons.

While I understand and appreciate that as one of the largest council regions we have a vast area to manage, that should not be the reason for this change. The Moreton Bay Regional Council area is made up of a wide variety of suburbs such as many smaller country townships, beachside communities and some small outer city suburbs making this such a wonderful place to live. This diversity is the very reason so many people want to call this place their home..... because we are nothing like a City.

Amalgamation of local councils has been to the detriment of the constituents who are feeling ignored by their local members on many issues including this change so to ignore them yet again to approve this change would only cement the fact that some government officials believe they are above everyone else all the while forgetting they were elected by the people, for the people.

The locals of this region have expressed their negative opinions regarding this change on all social media pages relating to the council including many posts made by local Councillors. Some have even completed the poll the council did where the results came back as a majority NOT in favour of this change yet they continue to do as they please.

When this subject is raised on social media pages these opinions are either being deleted and those people blocked from commenting, completely ignored or worse still rebuttal from the Councillor in a manner that is not becoming of a government official. Unfortunately not as many will take the next step I am taking in writing a submission against this change but how can I possibly sit back and say nothing against something I think will be of further detriment to this region and its constituents.



While I do understand this council believes that with a name change we will receive more funding and potentially benefit from being called a city however I do not believe this council and its current sitting Councillors are running this council as effectively as it should be. This is yet another reason I don't feel like this is the right time for this change. Many were not impressed with the donation to Dolphins Football League and rightly so.... Aren't local councils meant to be about rates and rubbish not state matters such as NRL sporting venues. Now we ratepayers have to pick up the slack yet again with rate rises, delays in road improvements and lack of community facilities.

I implore you to carefully consider how this change could affect the region in the future. The constituents are the ones who do not want to be called a city because we are so vastly different from a city. It is time they were heard finally.

Regards,

Cherie Porter