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Comment on suggestion 2

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Dear AEC Redistribution Committee

I wish to comment on **Submission 24** lodged by Jane McNamara.

I support this proposal and believe that, under such an arrangement, it would help maximise economic benefits for the residents of the Federal division of **Herbert**.

The economies of Townsville and Mount Isa, including the North West Mineral province, have been closely linked for many years. In addition, the beef cattle industry within those rural shires and those north to the Gulf, supply cattle to the abattoir in Townsville as well as to the live export industry operating through the port of Townsville.

A Federal member responsible for the entire area, Townsville – Mount Isa, would more readily recognise the synergies offering and become more focused on maximising the possible benefits.

An upgraded and more efficient transport corridor from Townsville to Mount Isa would lower transport costs, delivering benefits across the region in terms of both profitability and employment opportunities.

With those boundaries, a Federal member living in Townsville would be able to service the electorate with relative ease, using the existing east-west transport links of both road and air services. While this issue may not receive major consideration under the Act, it is very important from the perspective of residents that they have reasonable opportunities for access to their member.

I trust that these arguments will receive due consideration.

Yours faithfully

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