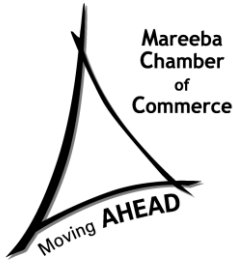


Mareeba Chamber of Commerce Media Release



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Mareeba Chamber opposes relocation of Cook Electorate office

The Mareeba Chamber of Commerce fears the representation rights of the Cook electorate will suffer with the relocation of the electorate office from Mareeba to Cairns.

Member for Cook Cynthia Lui recently announced she will move her Mareeba electorate office to Cairns – which is outside the electorate.

Chamber president Joe Moro said the office relocation was a “slap in the face” for Cook constituents.

“The Member for Cook gave a promise at a debate in the lead up to the 2016 Queensland Election that she should be elected to office, that an electorate office would remain in Mareeba,” Mr Moro said.

“Half way through the current term, we find the office is being relocated to Cairns.

“It’s hard to understand why, when we have worked so hard to position Mareeba as a strong retail, industrial, tourism and agricultural centre.

“Mareeba is also the gateway to the Cape York community and often the first port of call for business, social and community visits by residents from the Cape.

“So, it makes sense to have an electorate office in Mareeba, in what is essentially the heart of the Cook electorate – yet our elected leader thinks otherwise.”

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