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Comment on public suggestion number 8

Australian Labor Party Tasmanian Branch

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Tasmanian Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Commission
2nd Floor, NAB Building
86 Collins Street
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Dear Redistribution Committee of Tasmania

The Australian Labor Party Tasmanian Branch welcomes the opportunity to respond to the 21 Public Suggestions regarding the Federal Redistribution Tasmania.

Denison renamed to Inglis Clark

The majority of the Public Suggestions support Denison being renamed to Inglis Clark. Many prominent Tasmanians have written individual Public Suggestions or have put their name, as highlighted in Public Suggestion 18, to supporting the renaming.

It is clear there is broad community support for renaming of Denison to Inglis Clark. As articulated by many in their Public Suggestions, unlike Governor Denison, Inglis Clark made a significant contribution to Tasmania and Australia throughout his life. It is time to recognise one of Tasmania's most significant figures with an electorate named in his honour.

The majority of Public Suggestions highlight the precedent for changing an electorate name and this suggested rename fits with the Australian Electoral Commission guidelines '*should be named after deceased Australians who have rendered outstanding service to their country.*'

The Australian Labor Party Tasmanian Branch sees no reasonable argument for retaining the name Denison and not replacing it with Inglis Clark. As mentioned in our Public Suggestion, it is also worth reiterating a double surname electorate already exists with Kingsford Smith.

We reaffirm our position and it is pleasing to see the majority of Public Suggestions also supporting the renaming.

Bass

We note a clear number Public Suggestions who commented on boundary changes support our recommendation that no change is required to the Bass electorate as it meets the permissible range of projected enrolment.

Public Suggestion 13 has recommended the West Tamar being moved from Lyons into Bass. We note this does not meet the requirements of the enrolment quota of being plus or minus 3.5% at the projected time of 14 May 2021. Moving all of the West Tamar from Lyons into Bass would make Bass more than plus 3.5% and therefore falls out of the permissible range.

Braddon

We note the majority of submissions who commented on boundary changes support our position of the entirety of Latrobe Local Government Area being moved into the Braddon electorate. Public Suggestion 15 from the Latrobe Council supports this position. The Latrobe Council along with Public Suggestions 3, 6, 10, 14, 16, 17 all highlight the logical step of moving the Latrobe municipality based on the community of interest and historical reasons for this suggestion.

As demonstrated in Public Suggestion 15 from the Latrobe Council, the council has consulted many in the community and they have highlighted the broad and overwhelming view that the entirety of the Latrobe municipality be moved into Braddon.

Whilst our Public Suggestion also recommends Railton being moved into Braddon, we do not support the recommendation of Public Suggestion 20 moving the Kentish municipality without uniting the Latrobe Local Government Area (LGA) into the Braddon electorate. As highlighted in our Public Suggestion, along with many other Public Suggestions including the Latrobe Council, the Port Sorell community has closer links with the Braddon electorate in terms community, social and regional interests. The Australian Labor Party Tasmanian Branch supports, where possible based on projected population growth, uniting LGAs into one electorate. The first logical step, is to unite the Latrobe LGA into the Braddon electorate. Whilst we recognise we have suggested the Electoral Commission look at moving Railton from Lyons into Braddon and therefore splitting the Kentish municipality into two electorates, this is based on analysis of the longer time population decline of the Braddon electorate which will mean future additions may be required. Railton and the Kentish municipality, geographically is the next logical step. However, the first logical step highlighted by our Public Suggestion is moving the Latrobe LGA into Braddon.

We have not suggested all of the Latrobe LGA and the entirety of the Kentish LGA move into Braddon from Lyons because it would fall outside the permissible range being higher than the 3.5% of enrolment quota at the projected time of 14 May 2021.

Franklin/Denison

We do not support the proposition of Richmond being moved from Franklin into Lyons. We firmly believe, as suggested by many other Public Suggestions, the logical change is moving the entirety of Old Beach from Franklin into Lyons. Old Beach falls under the Brighton Council local government area. Residents are connected to the Brighton Municipality, the majority of which is already part of the Lyons electorate, residents in Old Beach also rely on and currently use the services provided by the Brighton Council.

Richmond resides in the Clarence City Council Local Government Area. Moving Richmond from Franklin into Lyons would see parts of Clarence City Council split into two electorates. It is more reasonable, where possible, to unite LGAs into one electorate rather than splitting suburbs/towns with similar community of interests into two electorates.

Uniting the entirety of Old Beach and the Brighton Municipality in Lyons is sensible, as residents in Old Beach already have a connection with other residents and use the same services provided by the Brighton Council. As with the Old Beach community uniting the Brighton Municipality, and not splitting the Clarence City Council LGA is in the best interests of the communities.

We note Public Suggestions 4, 6, 10, 16, support the recommendation of Old Beach being moved from Franklin into Lyons. This is a significant number of Public Suggestions in favour of the change. The Australian Labor Party Tasmanian Branch also believes this proposal would have broad community support.

We do not support suggestions of moving Sandfly from Franklin into Denison. Kingston Beach is a better fit for Denison than Sandfly given that the Denison electorate is predominantly an urban seat, this change enables the contiguity of Denison. Kingston Beach fits geographically, with many Kingston Beach residents having a connection to Tarooma and Bonnet Hill and it makes more sense to continue this boundary down.

The Tasmanian Branch of the ALP believes our Public Suggestion demonstrated the minimal changes that need to occur to meet the Australian Electoral Commission's legislative requirements. It is pleasing to see a majority of Public Suggestions supporting our recommendations.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to further input into the process.

Yours sincerely

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Stuart Benson
State Secretary