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The Australian Greens Tasmania propose three changes to the boundaries of Tasmania's electorates:

- * The inclusion of the eastern parts of Latrobe Local Government Area in Braddon
- * That Richmond and surrounding areas be returned to Lyons as they were prior to 2008
- * That Sandfly and surrounding areas in the western part of Kingborough be transferred to Denison.

We do not propose any changes to the boundaries of Bass.

Latrobe East To Braddon

Uniting Latrobe council in Braddon brings Braddon's enrollment, both current and projected, well within the legislated range, with 77,730 current electors and a projected enrollment of 77,983.

The fact that of Latrobe Council's eastern and south-eastern boundaries run through large parks and forest reserves makes for a strong separation from surrounding areas. With the partial exception of the tiny number of people living to the east of Port Sorell, everyone in this area has much easier transport access to existing parts of Braddon, particularly Devonport, than to other parts of Lyons.

Richmond to Lyons

We suggest that the Sorell-Richmond SA2 be restored to Lyons, moving 1302 current electors and a projected enrollment of 1354. This is sufficient to bring Franklin within the legislated requirements, even if only barely. It also balances some of the loss of voters from Lyons proposed above, bringing Lyons towards the middle of the allowed projected enrollment range, rather than sitting near the bottom end.

It is not our submission that the inclusion of Richmond in Franklin was a mistake when it was made. However, the growth of Franklin's population requires the transfer of voters to other districts. In the absence of any suitable area whose community of interests is more closely aligned with one of the neighbouring electorates, we consider Richmond, with its historical connection to Lyons, the area best suited to being transferred.

At first sight, moving Old Beach to Lyons appears a more obvious move, since it unites the Brighton LGA in one electorate. However, Old Beach is very different demographically from Gagebrook and Bridgewater, sharing much more in common with the areas to the south of it along the eastern Shore.

Gagebrook and Bridgewater, for example, are noted for low median ages and high unemployment and are connected to the Hobart's main population centers by the Bridgewater Bridge. Old Beach, on the other hand has an age profile and income that far more closely resembles the suburbs to the south. Its residents are more likely to use Bowen Bridge, shared with other eastern shore components of Franklin such as Risdon Vale

Alternatively, part of Kingborough could be moved to Denison. However, Kingston contains too many voters to move as a whole without compensatory adjustments elsewhere. The community of interest within Kingston is too strong for it to be desirable for it to be split between Denison and Franklin.

Sandfly to Denison

Sandfly, on the other hand, is at least as strongly linked to Longley and Neika as it to areas to the south. Although the shift of Sandfly and Kaoota is not sufficient to bring Franklin's projected population within the required limits, such a move, in combination with the movement of Richmond, brings Franklin closer to the mid-range of projected populations, rather than leaving it close to the top of the allowed band.

We suggest that the Huon Highway remain the boundary between Denison and Franklin to the east of Mafeking Creek and that creeks and rivers should be used to define the new component of the boundary. Our suggested boundary would run along Mafeking Creek, up North West Bay River to Allen's Rivulet and then Thomson Creek until meeting the local government boundary between Kingborough and Huon Valley.

Such a shift would unite the SA1s 10240 and 102413 in Denison, and shift the whole of 102404 and most of 102410, moving 521 projected voters. It would also split ASA1 102415, preventing us from knowing the exact number to be moved. Part of 102223B would also be moved.