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Dear Committee members,

I wish to make a fairly brief yet comprehensive submission.

The Tasmanian Divisions are slightly out of quota, but not by much. As such, only minor adjustments need to be made, and these are all I propose.

I also add my support to the idea of renaming Denison to 'Inglis Clark'.

Best Regards,
Alex Jago
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Principles

1. Equality of voter power between Divisions: achieved by keeping within quota.
2. Minimised changes: I'm not a Tasmanian, so any major changes would come from a position of ignorance and would probably be bad ideas.
3. Communities of shared interests: achieved by considering road connections and local government areas (LGAs).

Data

I commenced by acquiring the provided spreadsheet of SA1 enrolments, and the shapefile of the existing Divisions. Then I acquired a shapefile containing the Tasmanian SA1s directly from the ABS.

I urge the AEC to do as the Queensland Redistribution Commission has: in addition to the existing SA1 spreadsheet, supply the SA1 data as a shapefile, with current divisions and current and projected populations 'baked in':

<http://boundaries.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoral-boundaries/electoral-enrolment-statistics>

Anyway, let's move on to the analysis.

First, the quota requirements:

Year	Low	Quota	High
2015	67513	75014	82515
2021	74283	76983	79677

And the current and projected Divisional enrolments:

Division	2015	2021	Notes
Bass	73,632	75,058	Within both quotas
Braddon	73,208	73,286	Projected enrolment <i>below</i> quota
Denison	73,993	76,019	Within both quotas
Franklin	77,058	80,997	Projected enrolment <i>above</i> quota
Lyons	77,181	79,555	Within both quotas

Franklin will be over quota, Lyons will be almost over quota, Braddon will be under quota. We shall, therefore, transfer a bit of Franklin to Lyons and a little bit more of Lyons to Braddon.

Franklin

As the southernmost Division and also the most over quota, we shall begin with Franklin.

The Division of Franklin consists of two distinct parts; the part east of the Derwent (mostly Clarence LGA) has about 43,000 electors; the part south-west of Hobart (mostly Kingborough & Huon Valley LGAs) has about 35,000 electors over a much greater area.

The temptation exists to try and swap the Clarence LGA for the Derwent Valley and Brighton LGAs, in the name of contiguity. However, this will leave Franklin far too underpopulated, and in any event road communication between the Huon Valley and Derwent Valley LGAs is so poor that in most cases one is better off simply driving through Hobart.

We must give some population away in order to meet quota. One of the SA1s covering the suburb of Old Beach was split between Franklin and Lyons. I propose that the entire suburb of Old Beach now be united with its municipality of Brighton in Lyons. This transfer totals 2,391 electors 'now' and 2,705 in 2021.

With these changes, Franklin will contain 74,667 electors 'now' and 78,292 in 2021, which is within quota.

Denison

The Division of Denison will be within all quota bounds, and as such I propose no changes to its geographic boundaries.

In the submissions to the previous redistribution, it was frequently proposed that Denison be renamed to 'Inglis Clark'. Andrew Inglis Clark is the originator of so much of our Constitution and electoral process. That he has not been honoured with a Division name is a travesty. By contrast, Sir William Denison becomes less relevant with every passing year. So I quite agree — it's time for a name change.

Lyons

The so-called 'leftovers Division' occupying the centre of the State, Lyons is always where a Tasmanian redistributor must spend the most time, because most population shifts must somehow go through it.

This Division barely fit under the upper projected limit; the addition of Old Beach from Franklin (2,391 electors 'now' and 2,705 in 2021) put it well over.

However, I propose that Latrobe LGA become part of Braddon again, to bolster that Division's numbers. This transfer totals 4712 electors 'now' and 4,880 in 2021.

These changes will put Lyons at 74,860 electors 'now' and 77,380 in 2021, which is within quota.

Braddon

The Division of Braddon, in the last redistribution, gained the West Coast and lost parts of Latrobe LGA. Braddon seems to have underperformed its population projections, because now it requires (at least some of) Latrobe back. This also makes sense from a community-of-interest perspective.

Upon retaking Latrobe LGA, Braddon has 77,740 electors 'now' and 77,993 in 2021, which is within quota.

Bass

The Division of Bass will be within all quota bounds, and as such I propose no changes to its geographic boundaries.

Despite the incredibly strong community-of-interest grounds, if West Tamar LGA were to move from Lyons to Bass (as indeed they requested in 2008), that would then put Lyons well under quota. I hope that this change will be possible next time, but until then the status quo must suffice.

Table of Transfers

Current Division	SA2 Name (2011 SA2s)	SA1 Code (2011 SA1s)	Actual enrolment 1/9/2016	Projected enrolment 14/5/2021	Growth (%)	New Division
Franklin	Old Beach - Otago	100303C	172	206	19.77%	Lyons
Franklin	Old Beach - Otago	100309	613	712	16.15%	Lyons
Franklin	Old Beach - Otago	100308	424	481	13.44%	Lyons
Franklin	Old Beach - Otago	100306	207	227	9.66%	Lyons
Franklin	Old Beach - Otago	100305	231	250	8.23%	Lyons
Franklin	Old Beach - Otago	100304	184	210	14.13%	Lyons
Franklin	Old Beach - Otago	100302	560	619	10.54%	Lyons
Lyons	Turners Beach - Forth	109207A	10	10	0.00%	Braddon
Lyons	Sheffield - Railton	109117A	212	210	-0.94%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108902A	157	160	1.91%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108901B	104	106	1.92%	Braddon
Lyons	Latrobe	108707B	4	4	0.00%	Braddon
Lyons	Latrobe	108706C	76	79	3.95%	Braddon
Lyons	Latrobe	108703B	27	28	3.70%	Braddon
Lyons	Latrobe	108705	270	290	7.41%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108903	154	157	1.95%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108904	160	163	1.88%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108905	508	519	2.17%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108906	565	590	4.42%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108907	838	899	7.28%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108908	348	353	1.44%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108909	186	190	2.15%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108910	383	393	2.61%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108911	356	372	4.49%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108912	240	245	2.08%	Braddon
Lyons	Port Sorell	108913	146	149	2.05%	Braddon