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Introduction

This redistribution of Tasmanian electoral divisions has been necessitated by Sub-section 59(2) of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 that specifies that a redistribution is required when a period of seven years has elapsed since the last redistribution process was determined.

The redistribution process was due to commence after 16 February 2016, however this was deferred due to the impending federal election.

In the most recent entitlement determination, Tasmania would have nominally been entitled to three divisions, however, under the Constitution; this number is increased to five divisions.

Based on enrolment data and projections, all divisions in Tasmania currently meet the required threshold, and three of the five divisions meet the projected enrolment threshold. Braddon is marginally under threshold, and Franklin is marginally over.

This means at the minimum a change of a small number of electors transferring from Lyons to Braddon, and another small transfer from Franklin to either Lyons or Denison.

However, I envisaged making some more extensive changes to correct the two largest defects of the current formation of divisions within Tasmania: the splitting of Franklin by central Hobart through Denison, and the practice of using Lyons to collect all the leftover pieces of the state.

I had planned to provide a submission that would somewhat alleviate these errors; however the work involved in this plan appears too onerous at this time. I may make a further submission outlining this, should I have time prior to the closure of submissions.



Changes to Divisions

From the projected and actual enrolment data, Braddon is slightly under tolerance, while Franklin is marginally over tolerance on projected figures. As these two divisions are only contiguous through the uninhabited wilderness of south-west Tasmania, it is impossible to fashion a simple transfer of electors from Franklin to Braddon, and therefore changes are needed to other divisions to accommodate these transfers. As changes are required only on projected enrolment, references to electors in the commentary will denote projected electors unless specified as actual elector numbers. For the major part, LGA boundaries are used. While I generally prefer to avoid LGA boundaries in favour of roads, rail, rivers and clear physical boundaries, I believe that Tasmania's unique topography and settlement patterns make this difficult. LGAs are followed almost entirely, deviating only to split the Meander Valley and Kingborough LGA, maintaining the existing splits in these divisions. As SA1 boundaries do not always align perfectly, there are some split SA1 boundaries and I cannot accurately account for all electors in these areas, however, there would only be a handful of electors affected in these changes.

Braddon

Braddon is slightly under and needs to gain between 1,003 and 6,391 projected electors. By expanding eastward to incorporate all of the Latrobe LGA (Latrobe and Port Sorrell SA2), an additional 4,689 electors are transferred. This alignment along the LGA boundary is neat and allows Lyons to contract from the Bass Strait coast.

Bass

Bass is within tolerance and does not need to change at all. However, with the above change to Braddon, Lyons is left with a narrow passage along the Tamar River to Bass Strait. By transferring all of West Tamar LGA (Beauty Point – Beaconsfield and Grindelwald – Lanena SA2) the entire Tamar Valley region is joined in one division. This however takes the division over tolerance, so the Dorset and Flinders LGAs (Scottsdale – Bridport SA2) are transferred to Lyons. This has the effect of rather neatly confining Bass to Launceston and the Tamar Valley.

Denison

The current enrolment projections for Denison are within tolerance. Further Denison is neatly contained within the Hobart and Glenorchy LGAs and the northern portion of Kingborough LGA. I propose no change to Denison.

Franklin

Despite the splitting of Franklin, the make-up of this division is quite logical. Huon LGA and the southern portion of Kingborough LGA are combined with Clarence LGA and a small portion of Brighton LGA around Old Beach. As Franklin needs to shed electors to bring it back to tolerance, the logical movement is to move the 2,705 electors from Old Beach (part of Old Beach - Otago SA2) to reunite them with the remaining part of Brighton LGA.

Lyons

Therefore, Lyons changes to lose access to Bass Strait at Latrobe and West Tamar LGA, but gains Dorset and Flinders LGA. It also gains the parts of Brighton LGA that were previously in Franklin. This reduces the number of split LGAs in Lyons by two, and confines Lyons to the Bridgewater and Brighton areas around Hobart, the Midlands and the entire East Coast from Tasman to Flinders Islands.

Summary

In conclusion, I believe that these transfers are convenient, logical and provide an overall improvement to the existing divisions in Tasmania. In total, 22,608 current electors would be transferred into a new division.

I look forward to seeing the Committee's decision for this often thankless task. I look forward also to reading the other submissions.

Data Tables

Existing Division of Bass	Actual	Projected
Dilston - Lilydale	3,040	2,974
George Town	4,994	4,989
Hadspen - Carrick	1,821	1,915
Invermay	2,168	2,175
Kings Meadows - Punchbowl	2,961	2,953
Launceston	3,699	3,821
Legana	2,760	2,935
Mowbray	2,198	2,235
Newnham - Mayfield	5,789	5,789
Newstead	3,643	3,786
Norwood	2,983	3,061
Prospect Vale - Blackstone	5,019	5,318
Ravenswood	2,527	2,457
Riverside	4,735	4,980
South Launceston	3,249	3,369
Summerhill - Prospect	3,612	3,619
Trevallyn	3,439	3,523
Waverley - St Leonards	2,507	2,605
West Launceston	3,102	3,119
Youngtown - Relbia	3,539	3,570
Add	Actual	Projected
From Lyons: Beauty Point - Beaconsfield	2,992	2,980
From Lyons: Grindelwald - Lanena	4,397	4,561
From Lyons: Riverside	84	86
Less	Actual	Projected
To Lyons: Scottsdale - Bridport	5,839	5,857
To Lyons: St Helens - Scamander	0	0
Bass Total	75,258	76,820

Existing Division of Braddon	Actual	Projected
Acton - Upper Burnie	2,424	2,461
Burnie - Ulverstone Region	3,843	3,908
Burnie - Wivenhoe	2,678	2,591
Devonport	10,398	10,237
East Devonport	3,501	3,505
King Island	1,128	1,033
Latrobe	3,074	3,223
Miandetta - Don	2,530	2,694
North West	2,728	2,706
Parklands - Camdale	4,540	4,542
Penguin - Sulphur Creek	3,901	3,986
Port Sorell	273	278
Quoiba - Spreyton	2,249	2,370
Romaine - Havenview	2,581	2,606
Sheffield - Railton	0	0
Smithton	2,758	2,697
Somerset	2,986	2,931
Turners Beach - Forth	2,471	2,490
Ulverstone	5,404	5,354
Waratah	2,798	2,860
West Coast (Tas.)	2999	2866
West Ulverstone	3,188	3,193
Wilderness - West	0	0
Wynyard	4,756	4,755
Add	Actual	Projected
From Lyons: Latrobe	369	393
From Lyons: Port Sorrell	4,145	4,296
Less	Actual	Projected
No deductions	0	0
Braddon Total	77,730	77,983

Existing Division of Denison	Actual	Projected
Austins Ferry - Granton	2,630	2,672
Berriedale - Chigwell	3,950	4,009
Claremont (Tas.)	5,621	5,677
Derwent Park - Lutana	2,962	3,062
Glenorchy	7,748	8,081
Hobart	5,513	5,643
Kingston - Huntingfield	1,578	1,656
Lenah Valley - Mount Stuart	6,348	6,491
Margate - Snug	173	173
Montrose - Rosetta	3,615	3,661
Moonah	3,726	3,876
Mount Nelson - Dynnyrne	3,085	3,318
Mount Wellington	0	0
New Town	4,217	4,393
Sandy Bay	8,207	8,266
South Hobart - Fern Tree	4,628	4,748
Taroona - Bonnet Hill	2,686	2,657
West Hobart	4,617	4,802
West Moonah	2,689	2,834
Add	Actual	Projected
No additions	0	0
Less	Actual	Projected
No deductions	0	0
Denison Total	73,993	76,019

Existing Division of Franklin	Actual	Projected
Bellerive - Rosny	4,806	5,150
Bruny Island - Kettering	2,448	2,490
Cambridge	5,885	6,059
Cygnet	3,117	3,255
Derwent Valley	0	0
Geeveston - Dover	2,721	2,693
Geilston Bay - Risdon	2,600	2,768
Howrah - Tranmere	8,083	8,623
Huonville - Franklin	6,025	6,314
Kingston - Huntingfield	6,400	6,721
Kingston Beach - Blackmans Bay	7,772	8,150
Lindisfarne - Rose Bay	5,632	5,837
Margate - Snug	5,277	5,545
Mornington - Warrane	3,231	3,400
Old Beach - Otago	431	473
Risdon Vale	1,692	1,708
Rokeby	4,011	4,449
Sorell - Richmond	1,302	1,354
South Arm	3,234	3,303
Wilderness - East	0	0
Add	Actual	Projected
No additions	0	0
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To Lyons: Old Beach - Otago	2,391	2,705
Franklin Total	74,667	78,292

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Austins Ferry - Granton	303	309
Berriedale - Chigwell	0	0
Bridgewater - Gagebrook	4,659	4,731
Brighton - Pontville	3,886	4,255
Burnie - Ulverstone Region	0	0
Central Highlands	1,591	1,581
Claremont (Tas.)	6	6
Deloraine	4,202	4,137
Derwent Valley	2142	2164
Dilston - Lilydale	14	14
Dodges Ferry - Lewisham	5,325	5,766
Forestier - Tasman	1,821	1,870
Hadspen - Carrick	654	674
Legana	180	182
Longford	3,043	3,096
New Norfolk	4,815	4,954
Northern Midlands	2,692	2,662
Old Beach - Otago	320	384
Perth - Evandale	3,843	3,950
Prospect Vale - Blackstone	0	0
Scottsdale - Bridport	9	9
Sheffield - Railton	4,565	4,668
Sorell - Richmond	5,132	5,418
Southern Midlands	4,493	4,683
St Helens - Scamander	4,880	4,964
Triabunna - Bicheno	3,568	3,664
Turners Beach - Forth	10	10
Westbury	3,038	3,085
Wilderness - East	2	2
Youngtown - Relbia	1	1

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Launceston and Devonport area



Hobart area