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Redistribution Committee for Tasmania
Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Submission to Vary Electoral Division Boundaries of Bass and Lyons

At its November meeting the West Tamar Council supported a motion to request for the Bass / Lyons electoral boundary to be redrawn to move the entirety of the West Tamar municipality into the electorate of Bass.

At the present time the West Tamar Council is covered by 2 Federal/State electorates, Bass and Lyons, the boundaries of which intersect the municipality at Muddy Creek in Legana. However, when you look at population distribution between these two electorates approximately 70% of West Tamar residents live in the 30% of the municipality that is covered by the electorate of Bass. The remaining 70% of the municipality sits in a small North West corner of the largest electorate in the state. It is Council's belief that there is a strong argument that what happens in Bass has a much greater impact on our municipality that what happens within Lyons.

Further, it has become apparent, particularly during the 2016 Federal election, that Council must lobby representatives in both electorates, and as such, it can be difficult for Council to achieve an overall "package" for the municipality. It would be far more desirable to put all of Councils efforts into lobbying within one electorate for the best outcome for this municipality.

Council would be pleased if you could consider their views as part of the review process. Please contact me if you require any further information or have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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