



**THE FEDERAL  
REDISTRIBUTION  
TASMANIA**

# Submission OB89

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Dear AEC Tasmanian Redistribution Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on your proposed boundary adjustments for Tasmanian federal electorates. As always, this submission is my own and should not be considered as representing the views of any entity I may be associated with.

Simply put, I wholeheartedly endorse the proposal and congratulate the committee for the courage in grasping the nettle for change to the southern electorate boundaries. I do so for the all reasons outlined in my initial submission (S13).

This is the most substantial change to the Tasmanian electoral boundaries in my lifetime. The malapportionment of Clark is addressed. The resultant new boundaries are rational and durable. Should future reviews require adjustments to maintain quota they will be predictable.

Whilst the proposed boundaries will not be universally well received, it is up to detractors to offer up better alternative solutions. There is no perfect option but it's hard to envisage a better one for the state overall.

Tasmania is a decentralised state. The proposed changes reflect this as every electorate will have an urban and rural dimension. The critical mass of both urban and rural constituents in every electorate will be of a scale that won't be able to be ignored.

I won't be offering a suggestion to rename Franklin this round but will look over other submissions. I would note that there was a co-ordinated thorough campaign in the lead up to renaming Clark. The Committee may wish to hold over this matter for more detailed consideration outside the prescribed timelines.

Sincerely

James Walker

Clarence Councillor