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Gaiswinkler, Rohan - Redistribution TAS - My idea on the proposed Tasmanian redistribution

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Idea details

Idea: Boundaries

Details: I want to comment on the proposed changes to Tasmania's Federal electoral division boundaries as per the AEC website. It is not an exaggeration to say that I hate this proposal. Tasmania is a very rural island with three out of five electoral divisions heavily influenced by a rural vote. In Tasmania, like everywhere in the world, more rural areas consistently vote more conservatively. I am very grateful that Tasmania has the electoral division of Clarke, providing Hobart city dwellers on the western shore with an electorate of our own. Through Clarke, Tasmania's most metropolitan and cosmopolitan city of Hobart gets its own voice (albeit split geographically with Franklin) and I am grateful that we have excellent independent representation by Andrew Wilkie, whose popularity is evidenced by his consistently high first preference vote. I understand that the proposed changes are an attempt to make our electoral divisions more contiguous, and that is a worthy goal. However the proposed changes "crack" Hobart's denser population areas into three southern rural electorates. Via this proposal every single Tasmanian lives in a rural electorate. I do not believe the proposal is part of a deliberate effort to conservatise Tasmania's Federal election outcomes but I am confident that this would be the result of it, and expect that this proposal is likely to inspire

such accusations. I expect that there will be A LOT of
discontent about this proposal in southern Tasmania.
Thank you for reading my contribution. Sincerely, Rohan
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