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## Submission on the proposed Tasmanian redistribution details

**Category:** Boundaries

**Details:** Firstly, I think the committee ought to be commended on the boldness of their proposal to address the discontinuity of Franklin. Unfortunately, the current proposal splits up communities of interest even further than the existing boundaries.

The key issue is that Greater Hobart, which comprises approximately 40% of the Tasmanian population, has been split between three electorates, each of which also has significant rural components. This will leave both urban and rural communities underserved by MPs who must split their time between each. This is particularly true for Lyons, whose existing rural communities would see their MP spending significant time in Glenorchy under this proposal.

As a starting point, the committee should seek to draw two metropolitan electorates to cover the greater Hobart area. This would see Clark stay mostly as it is, expanding slightly further south, while Franklin sheds its western half to Lyons and takes in the entire east bank of the Derwent. It may also have to take some areas like Claremont from Clark.

Now, this suggestion has one problem in that it transfers the Huon Valley and possibly southern Kingborough to Lyons. These areas, while contiguous by landmass, are not so by road. It may be the committee's determination that the rural areas south of Hobart would be better served by a Hobart-based MP than a rural one.

If this is the case, then the electorate of Clark

should remain as proposed. However Franklin, instead of expanding east, should become a metropolitan-focused electorate. It would do this by taking in the Glenorchy LGA, and expanding from its existing area in Clarence northwards along the east bank of the Derwent to areas like Bridgewater. Once the Franklin quota is exhausted by the most inner metropolitan Hobart areas available, the remaining outer suburbs of greater Hobart would stay part of Lyons.

I believe that either of these suggestions would more effectively keep communities of interest together than the committee's current proposal. In particular, both of these suggestions would keep the member for Lyons focused on their rural constituency, rather than being dragged into central Hobart.

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