



THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
TASMANIA

Submission OB75

Liz Smith

From: [REDACTED]
To: [fedredistribution - TAS](#)
Subject: [Redistribution TAS - Submission] *WWW* [SEC=OFFICIAL]
Date: Tuesday, 24 March 2026 1:00:28 PM

Form submitted: 24/03/2026 01:00 PM

Smith, Liz - Redistribution TAS - Submission on the proposed Tasmanian redistribution

Personal details

First name: Liz
Surname: Smith
Email: [REDACTED]

Submission on the proposed Tasmanian redistribution details

Category: Names and Boundaries
Details: To Australian Electoral Commission Redistribution Committee

Thank you for the report on the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries. I strongly support the proposed redistribution with regard to Clark and Franklin. The information provides a sensible rationale for the redistribution and clearly addresses the issue of the problem faced by the current electorate of Franklin where there is little sense of shared interests between the eastern and western parts of the electorate. The structure of the Franklin electorate must make the role of the elected Federal representative difficult because of the different characteristics of the two parts. The elected member lives either in one section or the other and, with additional travel commitments it is likely to be difficult to truly represent the section where they do not live. There are several points in favour of the redistribution combining Hobart with Kingborough (the Channel) and the Huon Valley (the Huon):
Many, if not most, residents of the Channel and Huon have strong connections to the centre of Hobart for service provision, though Kingston is developing as a secondary commercial centre. The main highways (the Channel Highway and Huon Highway) link the whole southern area to Hobart, with all bus routes to and from the south originating and terminating in Hobart. Hobart is the centre for tourism to the Channel, Bruny Island and the Huon Valley, with

visitors often choosing to stay in Hobart and travel south daily to different destinations.

All produce from the Channel and Huon passes through Hobart, and fresh produce from the south is sold locally in Hobart.

While the argument has been made for keeping Glenorchy in Clark because this is where our community of interest lies economically, socially and through daily travel and communication (Sue Hickey, Mercury 9/03/2026), I contend that the same arguments apply more strongly for including the Channel and Huon Valley in Clark, and the consolidation of the electorate will mean that, unlike the current Franklin, the southernmost electorate in Tasmania is a cohesive area.

Yours sincerely,

Liz Smith,

[REDACTED]
