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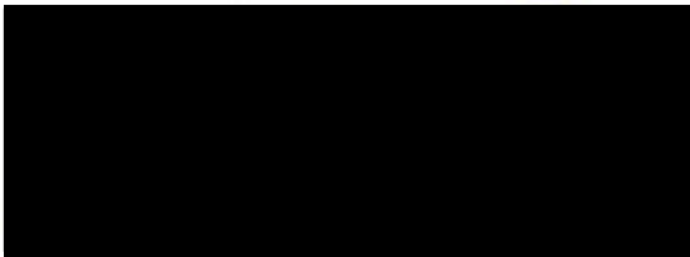
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Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the Liberal Party of Australia (Tasmanian Division), I am writing to provide ideas on the proposed redistribution of Tasmania's federal electorates, published on 27 February 2026.

Should the Committee require any additional information or wish to discuss this submission further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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The Liberal Party of Australia (Tasmanian Division) supports the core direction of the proposed redistribution and welcomes the opportunity to submit ideas. We offer the following feedback for consideration.

## Proposed boundaries in Bass and Braddon

We support the Committee's proposal to leave the electorate of Braddon unchanged, as it satisfies all numerical requirements and maintains well-established communities of interest. We also support the transfer of Blackstone Heights and Prospect Vale from Lyons to Bass. As outlined in our initial submission, this adjustment aligns these communities with their natural economic and service networks in Launceston and logically addresses the projected enrolment deficit in Bass.

## Proposed boundaries in Clark, Franklin and Lyons

While we appreciate the Committee's efforts to resolve Franklin's non-contiguity, the proposed boundaries present a significant shift to the boundaries in Clark, Franklin and Lyons.

Given the size of the Glenorchy local government area, the population centre of Lyons under the proposed boundaries would be shifted much closer to Hobart. Redistributing over 33,000 Clark electors into Lyons is likely to change the demographic classification of the seat. Urbanising the seat in this way may diminish rural representation and disenfranchise northern and regional voters. As outlined in our submission, Lyons representatives have traditionally focused on the distinct challenges faced by rural and regional Tasmanians.

## Names of electorates

We recommend retaining all current electorate names on continuity and recognition grounds, and to minimise voter confusion in a state where the federal boundaries also flow through to the House of Assembly.

## Impact on state electoral boundaries

We acknowledge that under the *Commonwealth Electoral Act*, state electoral boundaries cannot be explicitly considered by the Redistribution Committee. However, it is a practical reality that the Tasmanian State Parliament historically amends the *Tasmanian Constitution Act* to adopt federal boundaries for the House of Assembly.





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Because of this, Tasmanian voters possess a heightened awareness of their electoral division. Radically shifting the boundaries for over a quarter of the state's population may cause confusion and disruption at state and federal levels. We suggest that the augmented Electoral Commission consider this carefully when making their final determination.

Thank you for considering this submission.

