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New Ideas

Please allow me to note that, as best I can see, electorates were defined in times of limited communication. Horse & buggy come to mind. Certainly no electricity, let alone telephone.

A community of shared interests was defined by geography, by locality of dwellings.

In simple terms, electorates are a relic of a distant past.

Communities of interest are no longer defined by locality. Modern communications allow smaller interest groups to exist, if not to thrive.

Today it is very easy for groups to form and be linked by electronic means. Some groups may be quite small, and never have representation in our parliamentary process.

But what if:-

- all of Tasmania was one electorate
- the 35 largest vote getters were the elected members

This would mean no quotas, and no distribution of preferences. Simply the 35 highest. If a seat becomes vacant during a term, #36 would take his place.

It would mean:-

- that small groups would have a chance of getting a seat
- voters would not be disenfranchised for supporting a small group
- reduced administration cost of the electoral process

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.

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