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Redistribution Committee for Tasmania
Australian Electoral Commission
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Dear Committee Members,

The Tasmanian Greens are grateful for the opportunity to respond to the proposed redistribution of federal electoral boundaries in Tasmania. We regard the redistribution as a vital part of the democratic process, helping to ensure that all Tasmanians are fairly represented at both federal and state levels, since the same boundaries will also be used for the Tasmanian House of Assembly.

In our initial submission, we proposed two ideas. The first idea attempted to make very minor tweaks to the existing electorates, while the second idea proposed a more large-scale change to improve long-standing issues with the geographical coherence of the *Franklin* electorate. That second idea basically involved a swap of territory. *Clark* gained all of the current western part of *Franklin*, namely Huon Valley Council and the remainder of Kingborough Council, and in return *Franklin* took from *Clark* the whole of Glenorchy City Council. It therefore avoided any split in Kingborough, consolidating all the area on the southern side of Hobart into a single electorate, while turning *Franklin* into a connected, suburban electorate based on the municipalities of Clarence and Glenorchy. *Franklin* would still straddle the Derwent, but it would do so at a point where the Bowen Bridge connects the two halves.

We commend the Committee for addressing the geographical coherence of Franklin in its proposed redistribution. The proposed *Clark* electorate mirrors our second idea, while the proposed *Franklin* electorate extends along the east coast rather than taking in Glenorchy. We find this to be a neat solution to delivering contiguous, logical and sustainable boundaries, grounded in geography and community connections in southern Tasmania. On that basis, we support the adoption of the proposed redistribution.

The redistribution is a difficult task, as all the options available to the Committee have pros and cons. If the feedback process uncovers significant concern about the inclusion of an urban centre (i.e. Glenorchy) in the otherwise mostly rural electorate of *Lyons* (the northern aspect of which isn't especially connected to Glenorchy), our initial submission where *Franklin* is a connected, suburban electorate based on the municipalities of Clarence and Glenorchy would be an alternative for the Committee to potentially reconsider.

Yours sincerely,

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