



Submission S1

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Dear Tasmanian Redistribution Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to make suggestions regarding the upcoming Tasmanian redistribution. As a Bass resident, I primarily am concerned with the redistribution of my electorate.

Noting that Bass is slightly under the redistribution quota, I would suggest that all or some of the below areas be incorporated into the electorate:

- The remainder of Prospect, Prospect Vale, and Blackstone Heights
- Hadspen and Travellers Rest
- Relbia
- Western Junction, Perth, and Evandale

As explained in the following paragraphs, the incorporation of these areas would assist with Bass becoming more compatible with the redistribution criteria. Furthermore, these changes would not only address Bass' negative deviation, but they would also help reduce Lyons' positive deviation.

Community of interests

Prospect and surrounds are a part of Launceston and the Tamar Valley, which is the central hub for the electorate of Bass. The interests of these areas are the same as those adjoining suburbs which are in Bass. It does not make sense to have these suburbs in the primarily regional electorate of Lyons, rather than the Launceston-focussed electorate of Bass.

Whilst Hadspen and the Western Junction area are not part of Launceston, they economically and socially rely on Launceston. Major retail purchases, secondary education, and important medical affairs can only be performed in Launceston. Considering their dependence on Launceston, it is reasonable that they be incorporated into the rest of Bass, which has similar dependence.

Means of communication and travel

As discussed above, there is significant travel between the suggested incorporations and the rest of Bass, with major highways connecting the areas. Importantly, Launceston Airport, the primary airport for Bass and surrounds, is located in Western Junction.

Physical features and areas

The South Esk River, a major feature of the Launceston and Tamar Valley, runs through Hadspen, Blackstone Heights, Perth, and Evandale. There are no mountains or other physical features that separate the proposed incorporations and the rest of Bass.

Existing boundaries

The suggested incorporations would not greatly impact the existing boundaries of Bass, apart from minor extensions to the south around Launceston. It would make the boundaries in areas like Prospect and Blackstone Heights far clearer for residents, who are arbitrarily in a different electorate to the rest of Launceston.

Other electorates

When addressing Clark's significant negative deviation, incorporating parts of Franklin, namely Hobart's Eastern shore (e.g. Lindisfarne and Rosny), should be considered. These areas are integrally linked with the remainder of Hobart and represent a more similar constituency than the more regional areas of Franklin.

Lyons is far too geographically large and diverse. Notwithstanding Braddon's minor positive deviation, areas including Railton and Sheffield are far more connected with Braddon than Lyons and should be considered for incorporation.

Once more, I thank you for the opportunity to make a submission, and I look forward to seeing the proposed redistribution.

Kind Regards,
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