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As a lifelong resident of Clarence Council, I would propose that given population changes, there is a long overdue opportunity to reunite communities of interest on the Eastern Shore of the Derwent River to make Franklin a compact electorate primarily on the eastern shore of the Derwent.

Currently, the suburbs in the LGA area of Clarence are separated from the suburbs the towns of the Huon by a combination of Storm Bay, The Channel and Huon River. There is also little that directly connects these communities, such as the absence of any direct river transportation such as public transport. It is not possible to drive to the Western half of Franklin without driving through the electorate of Clarke and it would take multiple bus changes to get from Rosny to Kingston.

On the other hand, Sorrell has always had strong ties to the inner Easter shore. Communities in both Clarence and Sorrell have common connections, for examples student from Sorell High School attend Rosny College. People from Sorell use services and facilities in Clarence, such as beaches, golf courses, Cambridge Park, sporting facilities, Eastlands and the Village Cinema. I also know multiple people who live in Clarence and work in Sorell due to the close proximity.

People from the east side of the Derwent, distinctively refer to the whole area as the Eastern Shore and as being from the Eastern Shore. This distinctive sense of identity has partially been shaped by geography and history. Prior to the construction of the Tasman Bridge in 1965, travelling to the CBD was not as quick or convenient as it is today. This sense of separation from the Western Shore was exacerbated when the SS Lake Illawarra hit the Tasman Bridge in 1975, separating both sides for over two years and leaving the only crossing as the Bridgewater Bridge. There have always been strong historic ties between Clarence and Sorell. An example being the Bellerive to Sorell Rail line that existed between 1892 and 1926.

It also makes sense that Kingborough and the Huon share strong road and public transport links to Hobart City Council.

As such, I would propose that all of the Huon LGA and the towns of the channel be transferred to Clark and all of the Sorell and Tasman 3LGAs be transferred to Franklin, along with Richmond.

If this resulted in Clark being over quota, Lyons could expand further into the Northern suburbs of Glenorchy.

These changes would reflect boundaries and recognised communities that already exist at the state level. For example, the Northern suburbs of Glenorchy and New Norfolk are contained in the state electorate of Derwent. Midway point is contained in the electorate of Rumney along with parts of Clarence. Rumney also historically included all of Sorell and the Tasman council.

These changes would have the benefit of making both Lyons and Franklin much more geographically compact. It would also greatly reduce areas of Franklin separate by wide bodies of water.