



Submission S16

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To whom it may concern,

I grew up in Bridgewater. its part of the Brighton municipality which, along with Sorell, accounts for around 30% of voters in Lyons.

There a concern that there is a real chance that Brighton LGA may be carved off into Clark. It is my opinion that this is a very bad idea. Instead I would argue that the Derwent Valley LGA offers a better option.

Taking the Derwent Valley LGA from Lyons removes a significant landmass and number of votes and places then in a small and otherwise densely populated electorate allowing for better representation of a rural area.

I would also argue that carving off portions of the north west of the electorate also makes sense from a community perspective as those communities are better served by bass and Lyons this includes the municipal enclave of Launceston in Lyons and everything west of Perth and north of poatina.

Though this will bear little weight on your consideration, the size of Lyons means that it's elected representatives essentially have to carve out bailiwicks within the seat to give effective representation. 600km daily commutes are considered a 'milk run' as I am led to understand.

Carving out the areas I have suggested avoids jumping natural boundaries like rivers and mountains. Something I know the AEC is not fond of. It avoids creating the same issue with Franklin whereby the seat is split by the Derwent into to vastly different demographics. And it allows a rural area to access better representation and resources.

Brighton LGA has historically always been the hub for South Central Tasmania. During a famine in the early 1800s it was here that the staging point for exploration and expansion in the Midlands kicked off. It was here that contact the the local first nations people happened. It is here that much of central Tasmania comes for food and healthcare and access to services. And it is here that those services hub out to.

For every person living within the municipality we easily support another living without. Our community extends from Old Beach to encompass most of the southern Midlands and through to Bothwell and Oatlands, including all of the surrounding smaller towns.

As Tasmania's next city we have always maintained closer ties to our rural roots than we have with our neighbours in Clark. We are routinely and wrongly referred to as a 'Northern suburb' of Hobart despite as a community not being part of the Greater Hobart council association, or whatever it's called, consisting of Hobart, Glenorchy, Clarence, and Kingborough.

We are, as often quoted by our council, the front door to the city, and the backdoor to the

bush. Our rural ties run deep in a community that despite have one of the most sense populations by landmass of any LGA has still maintained its small community feel. It is critical to the cutler of our community to maintain that. Placing us in an urban electorate risks losing that. It risks us losing our voice to the concerns of the city.

The risks also apply to New Norfolk however as stated before, it often falls outside the bailiwick of any local member outside of the upper house and would greatly benefit from having access to an electorate overcrowded with MPs who think a busy day is 3 engagements between Battery Point and Granton.

The Derwent should remain the right and proper boundary for electorates. Rural Lyons deserves to have a major population centre of its own, centrally located that can help drive the cause for issues. That has been the role of Brighton LGA for a long time now. Allow us to continue in the role.

As I understand, Brighton Council is also offering a submission. In our community we trust our leaders to speak for us on matters of importance instead of trying to organise a chorus of individuals. This matter is no different.

Thank you.