



Submission S23

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To the Redistribution Committee for Tasmania,

Thank you for receiving my submission for the 2025 Tasmanian Federal Redistribution.

With the continuation of Tasmania's entitlement to 5 divisions, this redistribution should be reasonably straightforward, however the Committee should give some consideration to the ongoing treatment of the Greater Hobart Area and whether it can be better consolidated over fewer divisions, now or in the future.

The core mechanism of this redistribution will be that of **Lyons** transferring electors to top up the under-quota **Bass** and **Clark**. With this in mind, it makes the most sense for **Lyons** to shed its parts of urban Hobart and Launceston where possible, so that it can attain a more regional focus itself.

Given the need to balance elector numbers across such a small group of divisions, it may be necessary for **Lyons** to regain West Coast Council from **Braddon**.

While there are strong arguments to address the awkward split of **Franklin** between two disconnected halves, it does not look possible to achieve at this point in time without creating other issues. Thus, the Committee should leave **Franklin** unchanged due to its otherwise strong boundaries and a good balance between two roughly equal halves. At the next redistribution, it may then be possible to redraw **Franklin** completely east of the Derwent River.

Following the 4 suggestions outlined below would lead to a total transfer of 16,585 electors, or 4.01% of the total.

LIST OF SUGGESTIONS

- **A:** Transfer Prospect Vale from **Lyons** to **Bass**
- **B:** Transfer West Coast Council from **Braddon** to **Lyons**
- **C:** Transfer Bridgewater, Herdsmans Cove, Honeywood, Gagebrook and Old Beach from **Lyons** to **Clark**
- **D:** Leave **Franklin** unchanged

SUGGESTION A: Transfer Prospect Vale from **Lyons** to **Bass**

Bass needs to gain electors and with its primary focus on Launceston, it should look to Prospect Vale, which although part of Meander Valley Council, is also part of Launceston's contiguous urban area. This area was included in **Bass** prior to the previous redistribution.

If numbers allow, the Committee may also look to include the adjoining Blackstone Heights in **Bass**.

SUGGESTION B: Transfer West Coast Council from Braddon to Lyons

Since West Coast Council is relatively isolated from the remainder of **Braddon** along Tasmania's North Coast, and to ensure that **Lyons** has enough electors to address the shortfall in **Clark**, it is recommended that the council area be transferred to **Lyons**.

SUGGESTION C: Transfer Bridgewater, Herdsmans Cove, Honeywood, Gagebrook and Old Beach from Lyons to Clark

Considering that **Clark** needs to gain electors from **Lyons**, whether directly or via **Franklin**, the area transferred from **Lyons** should be the area most closely associated with Greater Hobart.

Given the close proximity to the Glenorchy Council area via the Bridgewater Bridge, it makes sense to transfer the 5 localities of Bridgewater, Herdsmans Cove, Honeywood, Gagebrook and Old Beach. Unlike other Hobart satellite townships such as New Norfolk, Richmond or Sorell, these areas are effectively part of Hobart's contiguous urban area and would have a strong community of interest within **Clark**.

SUGGESTION D: Leave Franklin unchanged

At present, **Franklin** does not need to gain or lose electors. It is also more-or-less evenly balanced between its western half (0.48 of a division quota) and its eastern half (0.55 of a division quota).

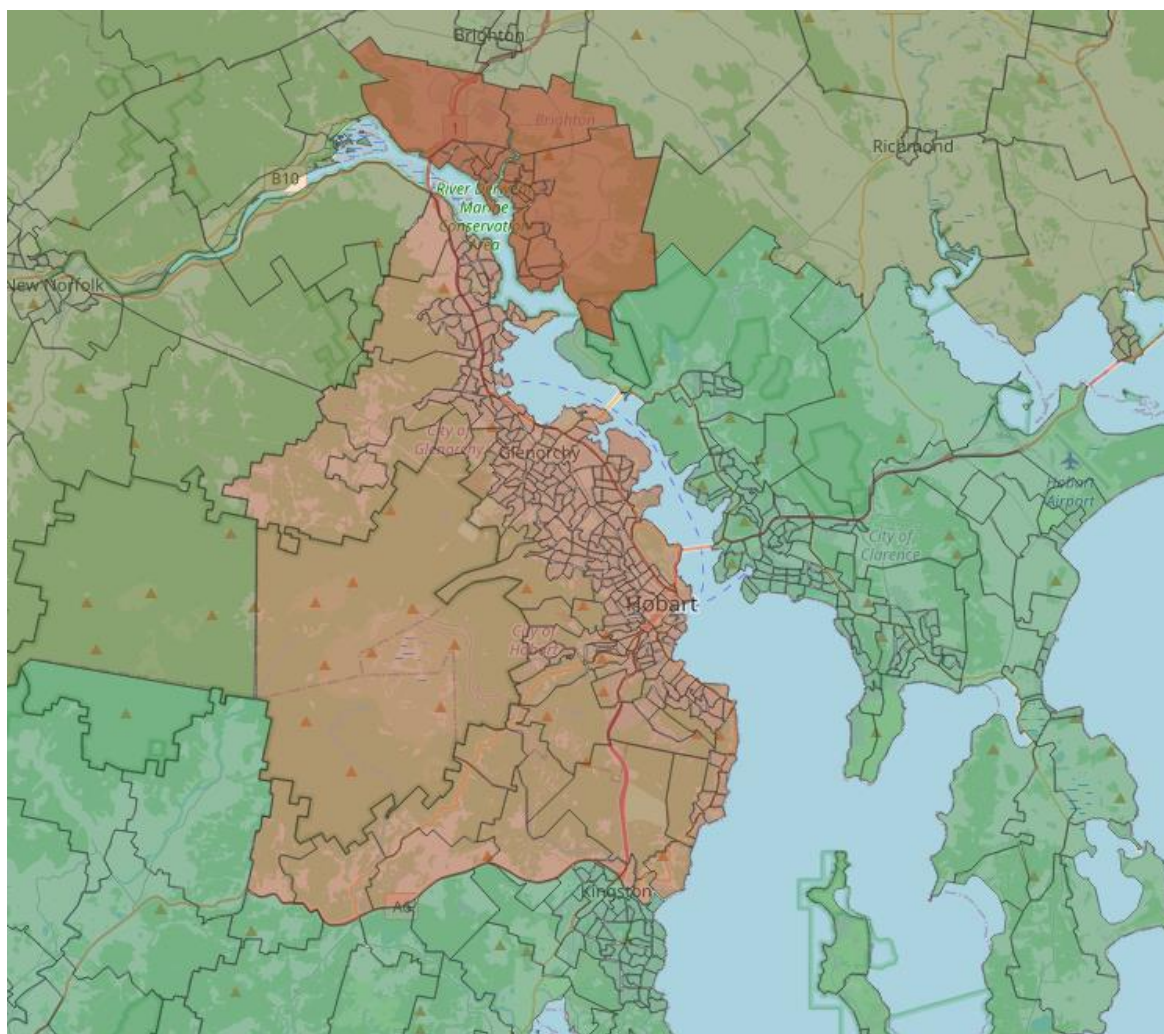
While it would be desirable to work towards transferring the remainder of Kingborough Council to **Clark** and generally consolidate **Franklin** as a division east of the Derwent River, it is not possible at this point in time without splitting the Kingston area down the middle.

Additionally, the part of **Lyons** most suitable to be transferred out, while on the eastern shore of the Derwent River, is actually more closely connected with areas in the Glenorchy Council area, currently in **Clark**.

Overall, while there are strong arguments to remove the split of **Franklin** and consolidate it as an eastern-shore focused division, it is difficult to do so at this stage without creating further issues around Kingston and the Huon Valley, or by splitting **Clark** down the middle. Thus, with its strong boundaries at present, it is recommended to leave the division unchanged until the next redistribution.

PROPOSED BOUNDARIES FOR THE GREATER HOBART AREA

Clark gains the area connected via the Bridgewater Bridge from **Lyons**, while **Franklin** is left unchanged. No split of the Kingston area or Glenorchy is required.



ADDITIONAL NOTES

- If the Committee prefers to shift **Clark** southwards into **Franklin** then a suitable arrangement would be to amend this boundary to follow that of the state upper house districts of Huon and Nelson:
 - all of Kingston, Kingston Beach and Leslie Vale in **Clark**
 - all of Longley and Lower Longley in **Franklin**
 - Blackmans Bay split along Algona Road and Pearsall Avenue
- It is also possible to draw a remodelled **Franklin** fully east of the Derwent River comprising all of Brighton, Clarence, Sorell and Tasman Councils, however this division would need to also include Bruny Island in order to meet tolerance
 - In such a scenario, **Franklin's** western portion would be split between **Clark** and **Lyons**