



Further objection number 2

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Further Objection

I would like to take the time to make comment on the significant change proposed by the Augmented Electoral Commission.

As I said in my objection, I was surprised to see the Redistribution Committee make changes to exclude Dorset and Flinders from Bass, even though it was my own proposal that put forward the suggestion. So, it did not surprise me at all to see the Augmented Electoral Commission return these municipalities to Bass in exchange for Meander Valley.

My original suggestion aimed to keep a focus on Launceston and the immediate vicinity. My reasoning was that that the further afield localities in Dorset and Flinders would not make as coherent a division as the suburban localities in Meander Valley. These changes were only necessary by the desire to include West Tamar in full with Bass. This was on the justification that West Tamar would be isolated and non-contiguous within Lyons, and need to part of Bass after other changes, particularly those to move Latrobe into Braddon.

As I stated, I did not oppose the inclusion of Dorset and Flinders in Bass, and my suggestion was borne out of balancing the numbers after including West Tamar. I therefore have no objection if the Augmented Electoral Commission decided against my suggestion.

Moving now to Hobart, and the long overdue decision to retire the name Denison for Clark. I commend the Augmented Electoral Commission's ability to tune in the general sense of change within the population. I fully support the decision to rename Denison as Clark.

I am disappointed that the Commission, however, did not decide to also pick up on the need for changes with the non-contiguous Division of Franklin and proceed with the less than suitable current arrangement. I look forward to another seven years passing when this issue can hopefully be put to rest, and Tasmanians are given Divisions that are truly representative of their people and culture. It is not as if the numbers make this impossible, as several well thought out proposals clearly demonstrated.

I would like to respond to other comments and objections to state that at no time have I objected to Denison being renamed as Clark, merely, I would like to see both Denison and Franklin retired and replaced with new names and new boundaries incorporating a united and contiguous division taking place of the currently split Franklin.