



THE FEDERAL
REDISTRIBUTION
TASMANIA

Submission COB9

Barry Batchelor

From: [REDACTED]
To: [FedRedistribution - TAS](#)
Subject: Proposed redistribution boundaries
Date: Thursday, 9 April 2026 12:55:54 PM

[REDACTED]

Good morning;

I'm writing on behalf of myself and 2 other electors that reside in the City of Glenorchy. We DO NOT support the proposed transfer of GCC primarily urban residents into the rural electorate of Lyons. This concept is not supported by the regional electors in Lyons, nor the metropolitan electors of Clark, as it would alter the nature of each division to achieve a shuffling of numbers in a table.

While the proposed redistribution has some minor elements that could be seen as common sense (Brighton & Bridgewater included in Franklin; Prospect Vale & Blackstone Heights into Bass), the wholesale changes suggested in the proposed model aren't in the interest of the electors. I have family in West Hobart, Lenah Valley and St Helens, issues-wise it is clear there is more in common with those that live in the same metro area. We in Glenorchy would not be able to vote for our elected rep, that would no longer be in the same electorate. I don't see that the electorate of Franklin having 2 sections has been a negative, indeed it's a point of difference. I'm sure Clarence residents have more in common with Kingston residents, than those in Bicheno.

It could also be argued, that the proposal is not in the interests of the elected reps, and by the extension the taxpayers. A number of members' offices would no longer be where their 'power base' lies. I am considering State Parliament members re this as well, as the flow-on effect of Federal electorate changes traditionally affects State electorate boundaries in Tas. The resulting logistical and financial ramifications may not have been fully considered by the committee focused on numbers.

Two of us have lived / worked in every electorate in Tas (I've been enrolled in 4 here, and in other states as well), so understand the nature of the electorates, especially Lyons, perhaps better than most. I've worked for AEC & TEC on multiple elections and a referendum, including while on an ANARE station. I've also managed multiple executive election processes for an international federation, so feel that I have the background experience to provide a reasoned opinion.

Thanks for considering this submission, and reviewing the proposed changes through a 'common sense lens', rather than simply as numbers on a page - each of these numbers is a living, breathing, thinking person.

Barry Batchelor + 2; (all enrolled electors since at least the mid-1970s)
City of Glenorchy.