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Dear AEC Tasmanian Redistribution Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on ideas submitted in response to the proposed boundary adjustments for Tasmanian federal electorates. As always, this feedback is my own and should not be considered as representing the views of any entity I may be associated with.

CLARK

There seems to be a high degree of support for new Clark. Neither City of Hobart Council or their Councillors have not expressed concerns with the proposal. This is also the case for Kingborough and Huon councils. Whilst alternatives were proffered to keep Hobart and Glenorchy in the same electorate, none of the options were durable or elegant. If adopted such options would lead to greater challenges in future redistribution processes.

FRANKLIN

I again offer my support for the Redistribution Committee's proposed changes to the Franklin electorate. I hope the Augmented Electoral Commission of Tasmania will also see the merit in dealing with the non-contiguous configuration of the present electorate. Noting that this would only continue to become more exaggerated with future demographic growth patterns.

With the proposed changes to Clark being strongly supported, alternative solutions entertained Glenorchy and Clarence being put together to make a numerically compliant Franklin electorate. This proposal is weaker on durability and community of interest grounds. It would also again see the Franklin electorate separated by a water course. It would still see one of the Tasmanian electorates with a small geographic footprint compared to remaining four. This layout would make future redistributions less predictable and elegant.

South East councils involved in the Redistribution Committee's proposed new Franklin already collaborate through the South East Regional Development Authority. They would be able to better collaborate with a single federal representative. If future boundary adjustments are required, they will be able to occur in a predictable and rational fashion,

Sincerely

James Walker

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