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To the Augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania,

Thank you for receiving this submission of comment as a follow-up to my previous submissions OB95 and S23.

While feedback has generally been positive regarding the modifications to **Clark** and the removal of **Franklin**'s discontinuity, it also clear that there is strong objection to the handling of **Lyons** and the proposed inclusion of Glenorchy Council in this historically regionally focused division.

Noting the feedback from several affected local councils – which are perhaps best placed to provide advice as to where their regional interests lie – all bar one (Sorell Council) have stated their objection to the inclusion of Glenorchy Council in **Lyons** and inclusion of Brighton Council in **Franklin**:

- Break O'Day Council
- Brighton Council
- Central Highlands Council
- Glenorchy Council
- Southern Midlands Council

I would like to briefly comment on the other divisions, before turning my attention to the problem of **Franklin** and **Lyons** which I believe can be more adequately resolved with a simple swap of territory. In addition to the maps I presented in my previous submission, I have attached a final map which I believe most effectively upholds the principles stated by the Redistribution Committee and the feedback received so far.

Braddon

No changes have been proposed to **Braddon** and there has been little objection to this. At the next redistribution, it would be nice to include Kentish Council in this division as it has strong connections to the communities along the North Coast.

Bass

While the arguments to include Break O'Day Council in **Bass** are compelling, at this time the inclusion of Greater Launceston's Prospect and Blackstone Heights is the most logical option. For now, the division comprises a core of Launceston and its associated regional areas in the north-east of the state.

Clark

In a parallel to **Bass**, the proposed **Clark** comprises a core of Southern Hobart and its associated hinterland areas in the Channel and the Huon Valley areas. There appears to be limited objection to this particular arrangement of **Clark** despite its departure from longstanding boundaries.

Franklin and Lyons

Thus the main dilemma is how to draw up **Franklin** and **Lyons** in a way that maximises community representation and this is where I strongly encourage the Augmented Commission to go back to the drawing board.

The proposed boundaries for **Franklin**, if maintained, would sadly be a victory for style over practicality. Certainly, using the River Derwent as the western boundary for a division is satisfying, but it has the consequence of creating a **Franklin** and **Lyons** which are a mishmash of inner urban and far-flung regional communities.

As has been argued by several council submissions, Brighton's strongest connections are northward towards the Midlands, westward towards New Norfolk and southward towards Glenorchy. Pairing the entirety of this council area with Clarence Council would be a decision based out of convenience, not out of actual community interests. Furthermore, the consequence of such a move is that Glenorchy must be included in **Lyons** and then itself becomes disconnected from its new home, not only demographically but physically.

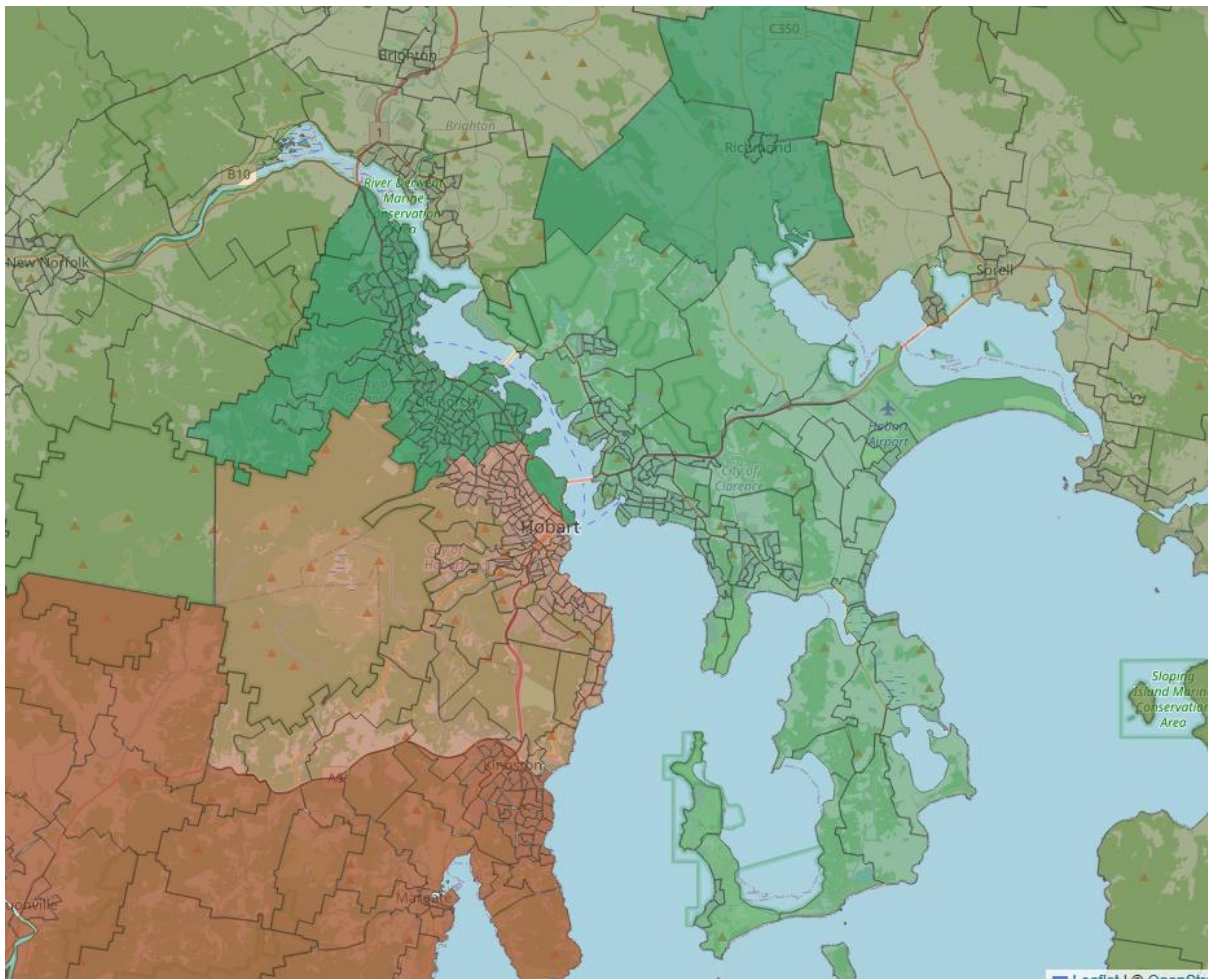
As many have stated, this would also result in carving Greater Hobart's urban core into three separate parts. If we assume that the proposal for **Clark** (Hobart, Kingborough and Huon Valley Councils) is retained, it is absolutely possible to locate the remainder of Greater Hobart's urban core (Clarence and Glenorchy Councils) in a redrawn **Franklin**. This respects the distinct political differences between urban and regional areas

It's clear that some form of discontinuity will exist in Tasmania's new electoral map. The current proposal simply replaces **Franklin**'s discontinuity with an even worse outcome in **Lyons** – a combination of urban Glenorchy with regional Northern Tasmania, but without Brighton.

While the River Derwent would be a satisfying boundary between divisions, a version of **Franklin** separated by the Bowen Bridge (with option to also include the Tasman Bridge) would be the least problematic out of all possible options. While there may exist differences between Clarence and Glenorchy Councils, these two inner urban areas have far more in common than Glenorchy Council has with Northern Tasmania, and that Clarence Council has with the East Coast.

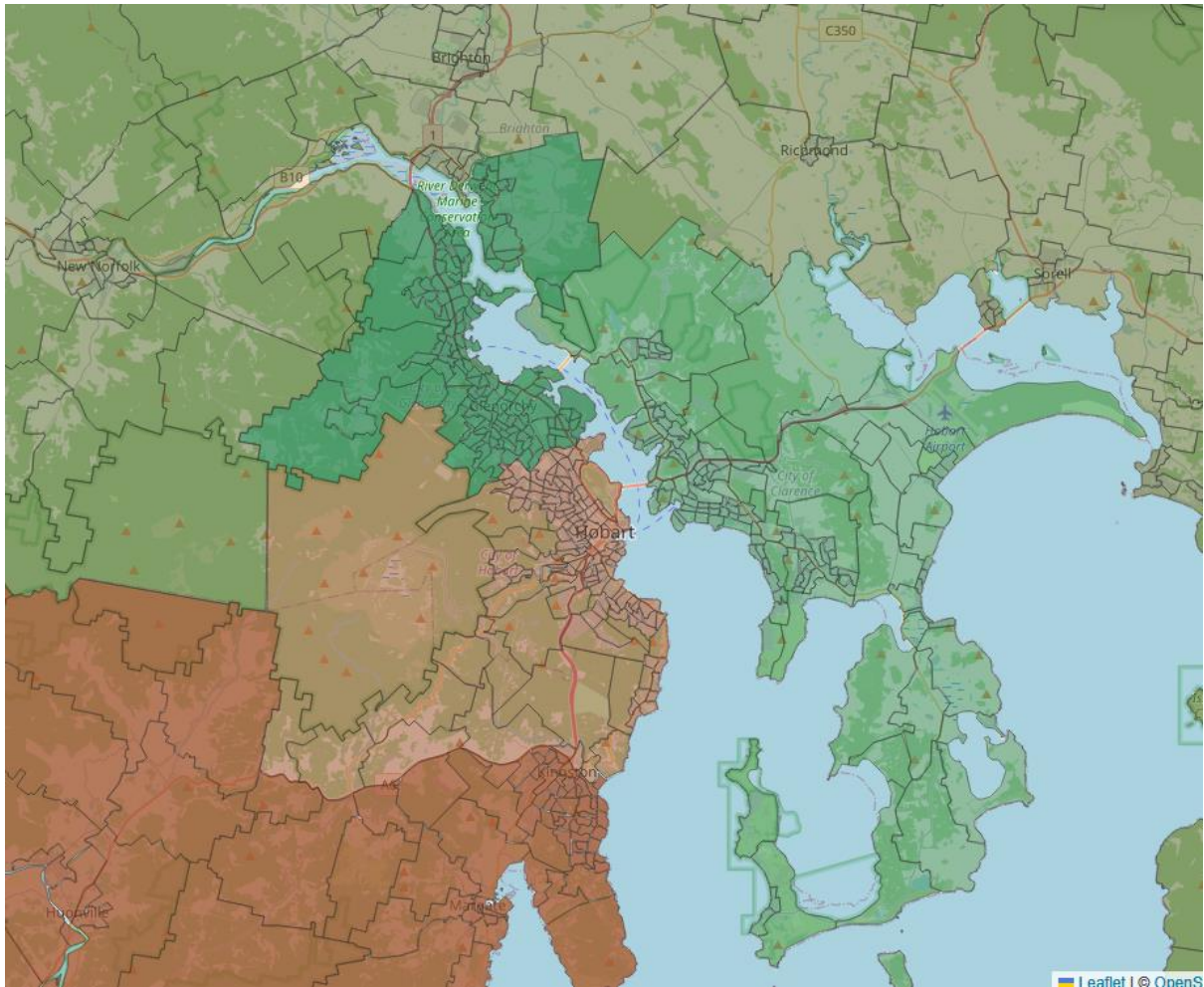
Please recognise that now is not the time to carve Hobart up into three divisions simply for the sake of "neat" boundaries. Respect that Greater Hobart can largely be included in two divisions and that the needs of these voters and regional voters are distinct. **Lyons** can continue to represent regional Tasmania, including the hinterland areas of New Norfolk, Brighton and Sorell.

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL #1



- Transfer the remainder of Kingborough Council and Huon Valley Council from **Franklin** to **Clark**
- Transfer Glenorchy Council from **Clark** to **Franklin**
- Transfer the remainder of Clarence Council from **Lyons** to **Franklin**
- (Optional) Transfer Queens Domain and the part of New Town east of Brooker Highway from **Clark** to **Franklin** (to include the Tasman Bridge in **Franklin**)

ALTERNATIVE PROPOSAL #2



- Transfer the remainder of Kingborough Council and Huon Valley Council from **Franklin** to **Clark**
- Transfer Glenorchy Council from **Clark** to **Franklin**
- Transfer Old Beach and Otago from **Lyons** to **Franklin**
- (Optional) Transfer Gagebrook and Herdsmans Cove from **Lyons** to **Franklin**
- (Optional) Transfer Queens Domain and the part of New Town east of Brooker Highway from **Clark** to **Franklin** (to include the Tasman Bridge in **Franklin**)