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Dear Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit objections to the Redistribution Committee for Tasmania's (RCT's) proposed changes to the five federal electorate boundaries as published on 22nd of August 2008.

The majority of initial public submissions proposed minimal redistribution changes at existing boundaries to bring voter enrolments within the quota tolerance. The RCT is proposing the most radical boundary redistribution of Tasmania's federal electorate boundaries in over two decades. There will need to be a significant information campaign to educate voters about changes on this scale.

Given the RCT's sentiment for a substantial redistribution and their outlined proposal, I object to change that does not also where possible decrease the number of split Local Government Areas (LGA's) between electorates and consolidate boundaries around communities of interest. LGA's are considered the best indicator of communities of interest. Other earlier submissions have noted that where possible splitting of LGA's between electorates should be avoided.

The RCT's proposed changes still provide capacity for the three remaining Census Collection Districts (CCD's) of the Clarence LGA in Lyons (051304, 051305, 051306) to be transferred into Franklin. Not only will this decrease the number of split LGA's it would bring the major interlinked tourism areas of the Coal River Valley and Richmond into one electorate. There should also be a transfer of the 5 Brighton LGA CCD's (032307, 032308, 032309, 032310, 032312) that comprise the suburb of Gagebrook as well as the split Brighton CCD (032202B) from Franklin into the Lyons electorate on a community of interest basis.

	FRANKLIN	LYONS
2012 Population estimates under RCT proposed changes (quota 73 007)	71 877	73 272
Transferring the 3 Clarence LGA CCD's presently in the Lyons electorate into the Franklin electorate (2012 Projections).	+1499	-1499
Transferring the 5 Brighton LGA CCD's that comprise the suburb of Gagebrook & the split CCD presently in the Franklin electorate into Lyons (2012 projections)	-1631	+1631
2012 Electorate population estimates after suggested transfers	71 745	73 404
Variance from 2012 electorate quota of 73 007 under suggested transfers	- 1.73%	+ 0.54%

The Australian Labor Party's submission of May 2008 stated

"For the Brighton LGA; community, educational, cultural and retail interest largely remain in that community".

This would particularly be the case for Gagebrook which the RCT propose to split into a different electorate from Bridgewater which is the nearest substantive retail and service precinct. Whilst my initial proposal argued that the Brighton LGA CCD's presently situated in Franklin share a greater of community interest with the Glenorchy LGA than the Clarence LGA, it is indisputable they share a greater community interest within the Brighton LGA.

For electorate populations to be within quota tolerance under the RCT's redistribution proposal a split will still be required in the Brighton LGA between Franklin and Lyons. The boundary between the suburbs of Old Beach and Gagebrook is easily defined and the most suitable point to separate Franklin and Lyons.

Yours Sincerely

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