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West Coast Council

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Please find attached our comments on the Public Objections to the re-distribution report.

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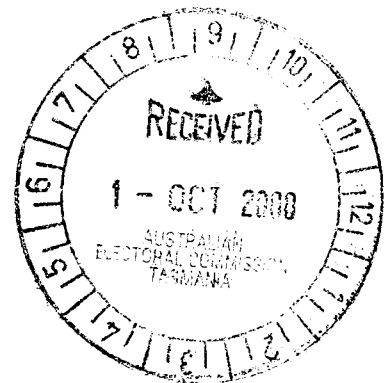
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*29th September 2008*

Australian Electoral Officer for Tasmania,  
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Dear Sir,

## Re Re-distribution Committee for Tasmania – Comment on Public Objections

Most objections to the Re-distribution Committee actually support the West Coast municipality's entry into Braddon when you read them carefully, and the main reasons for objecting to any adjustment is a loss of being in a marginal seat. The Cradle Coast Authority presently has seven member councils in Braddon and will have eight if the proposed re-distribution is accepted.

Some objections to the West Coast being in Braddon are so inaccurate and incorrect that they should be dismissed, some examples of inaccuracy are:

### Public objection 11

-objects because 'they want to add another town on the West Coast into the electorate' comment – there is more than one town on the West Coast.

### Public objection 14

- objects because 'heard that a township on the West Coast was being moved into the Braddon electorate'

Comment – as to 11 and that both have a shallow understanding of the issues and geography.

### Public objection 22

- objects because 'is not in the interests of the West Coast' and 'is not sought by the populous at large'.

Comment – The West Coast Council sought community input with only full support evident for its councils unanimous endorsement of its submission, also no evidence of the ‘populous at large’ objections are evident or given by the objector. The objector also fails to mention that his seat of Gordon when abolished went north into Murchison rather than east.

Public objection 29

Objects because – ‘no community of interest’

-comment – the objector constantly refers to the Mersey-Lyell area which as its name infers includes the West Coast in the Braddon statistical area. In fact some of the objectors comments appear to be discriminatory rather than factually objective and borders, we believe on the pedantic.

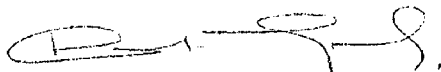
Public objection 42

Objects because – ‘it is only the West Coast that has sought to be moved into Braddon because one or two believe their interest would be better served’.

- comment – ‘one or two’ – the objectors credibility should be questioned or dismissed after that erroneous statement.

Conclusion: The West Coast Council is still fully committed to have its municipality included within the Braddon electorate. It should be noted only one West Coast resident objected to this scenario. We believe that comment received has strengthened our submission and that recognition of our ill fit in Lyons will develop into our rightful inclusion in Braddon. It should be convenient if all members of the Cradle Coast Authority could be within the same electorate boundary but we acknowledge this does not happen within the other two regional authorities. We thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the Redistribution process.

Yours faithfully,



**DARRYL GERRITY**  
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Enc. Previous submission



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23 April 2008

Redistribution Committee for Tasmania,  
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86 Collins Street,  
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Dear Sir,

**Subject – Submission for Change**

The West Coast Council at its ordinary meeting of Council on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2008 moved a unanimous motion for the West Coast Council area, presently in the electoral district of Lyons, to be included in the electoral district of Braddon, and, to forward a submission supporting such a move.

This submission therefore in line with the West Coast Councils motion is attached. Should other evidence or information be required by the redistribution committee we would be happy to oblige.

Yours faithfully

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## **West Coast Councils Submission for Change from Lyons electorate to Braddon electorate**

### **Preamble:**

Since the Murchison highway was installed from the West Coast to the North West Coast in the early 1960's, a substantial shift in socio-economic ties has strengthened between the Braddon area and the West Coast municipal area. This is, and has been, enhanced by the equally diminishing socio-economic ties of the West Coast to the Southern and Eastern geographic areas of Tasmania.

Over the last fifty (50) years since the Murchison highway opened it has been the catalyst to shift the West Coasts economic, social, community interests and focus to the North West Coast and to the Braddon area due to easy access and substantially lower in travelling time and distance than other main centres in the sprawling Lyons area.

Governance of the West Coast has also shifted from Hobart to the North West Coast for many Government Departments, agencies and private firms.

### **Criteria for Redistribution Consideration.**

#### **(i) Community of interests etc:**

The following organisations have their governance or jurisdiction now centred in the Braddon area for administration of the West Coast –

Tasmania Police  
Department of Health and Human Services  
Forestry Tasmania  
Tasmanian Fire Service  
Department of Education

Dental Services  
State Emergency Service  
Tasmanian Ports Corporation  
Crown Land Services

Department of Economic Development  
Parks and Wildlife Service  
Banking and Automatic teller Services  
Australia Post Services  
Magistrate Court  
Telstra Services  
Aurora and Transend  
Centrelink  
NWFA & Darwin Football Associations  
Cradle Coast Authority  
64 Telephone Directory area  
R.S.P.C.A.  
Home and Community Care  
Petroleum Services & Delivery  
LPG Delivery & Services  
West Coast Freight Companies  
Service companies i.e.: Electrical, Refrigeration, Heating, Hydraulic, Appliance mechanics, Tyre & Battery Services

(ii) Means of Communication and Travel etc:

(a) As you would be aware the West Coast area is within the 64 telephone area and all West Coast residents and businesses are listed within the yellow and white pages of the North West and West Coast phone directory.

(b) The West Coast Council's legal requirements of advertising are normally carried out via the 'Advocate' newspaper which services the North West and West Coasts.

(c) The 'Advocate' reports all West Coast news and in addition provides a supplement called 'The Western Herald' as an insert that contains West Coast local and community news along with West Coast advertisers.

(d) West Coast Tourism interests are contained within the Cradle Coast Tourism brochure which publishes all nine member councils of the Cradle Coast Authority and distributed widely.

(e) Also under the item of communication we feel it is important to mention our lines of communication with our political representatives. No political representative lives on the West Coast and our Lyons representatives both State

and Federal live in Hobart or Launceston, or on the east of the Midlands Highway apart from one member who lives in New Norfolk. These members are approximately 150 km or an extra 1 ½ hours away than our potential Braddon members. It should also be noted that when the State upper house seat of Gordon was abolished we were moved north into the seat of Murchison.

(f) Travel is substantially easier and shorter to the main centres of Braddon than the centres of Lyons, as mentioned before some 1 ½ hours or 150 km shorter.

(g) Almost all of the West Coast produce is railed or freighted out via the Braddon area. No rail link with Lyons exists. The West Coast produce of aquaculture, trawl fish, lobster, abalone etc is all transported north through to Braddon sea and airports. Our timber and mineral wealth is also transported to Braddon ports for export.

(h) Communication with transport to the outside world is normally by Wynyard and Devonport airports or via the sea ferry from Devonport. These exit points mentioned are far cheaper in cost and time to access than any Lyons exit points.

(i) The greater percentage of 'drive in drive out' workers in the booming West Coast mining industry also come from the Braddon area due to close proximity of the West Coast.

(iv) The Physical Features etc:

(a) The Braddon and West coast Municipal areas have many geological commonalities that make a connection. The Mt Read volcanic belt encompasses both areas as does the many mountain ranges that traverse both areas. These mountain ranges also have rivers and streams emanating from them that run north, northwest and west. Mineralization via the Mt. Read belt gives the region its mines and mining history.

(b) The Franklin Wild Rivers National Park, the Cradle Mountain World Heritage Area and the South West National Park are all interconnected and with the proposal for a Tarkine Wilderness Area the region will have the greatest concentration of connected wilderness areas. The Western Explorer road is also a connector of these wilderness areas and values.

(c) A Mining Heritage Trail from the North West to the West is also proposed by the Cradle Coast Authority to promote the regions mining history which is an affinity the West Coast has with the North West and nowhere else.

Conclusion:



We believe we have put forward a compelling argument for consideration by the Committee for our West Coast area to be re-admitted into the Braddon Electorate. The voter numbers on the West Coast are small so that it would appear that radical boundary adjustments will be unnecessary and only minor adjustments or massaging of other areas may be necessary. Other evidence can be supplied if required.