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Please find attached a submission prepared by Cradle Coast Authority. Hard copy to follow by mail.

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Thank you

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Redistribution Committee for Tasmania
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RE: SUBMISSION TO TASMANIAN FEDERAL ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION

The Cradle Coast Authority is an independent body created by the nine local government Councils of northwest Tasmania to coordinate and drive sustainable development of the region as a whole.

The Cradle Coast region conforms to the boundaries of the ABS Mersey-Lyell statistical division, and covers the local government areas of Burnie City, Central Coast, Circular Head, Devonport City, Kentish, King Island, Latrobe, Waratah-Wynyard and West Coast Councils.

The Board of the Cradle Coast Authority

- **supports** the West Coast Council's submission to this review requesting inclusion of the West Coast Council area in the electorate of Braddon, and Latrobe Council's submission AND
- **requests** that consideration be given to alignment of the boundaries of the Braddon electorate with those of the Cradle Coast/Mersey-Lyell region AND
- **recommends** that the AEC consults directly with any communities that would be directly affected by such changes, should they be considered.

Despite their unique identities, local communities represented by the Cradle Coast Authority are increasingly speaking and acting collectively as a distinct region of Tasmania. Most government services and initiatives that are managed on a regional basis are now aligned to this regional 'community of interest'.

The wellbeing of all communities in the region relies on many essential services, including health, education and transport, that are delivered as highly integrated, whole-of-region systems. Students and residents in Kentish and West Coast (Lyons), for example, use colleges and hospitals in Devonport and Burnie (Braddon), and the transport services that connect them (where they exist).

The Authority's Board believes that the region's state and federal representation would best be served by electoral boundaries that reflect the way the region currently works. This would help to ensure that politicians take account of region- and system-wide problems, not just their local effects.

During the last federal election, for example, this region received enormous political attention, from all levels of government and the media, on issues regarding hospital services at Latrobe, Burnie and Rosebery. There was intense lobbying and debate, and commitments were made regarding specific sites and services. No single politician, however, had electoral responsibility for all three hospitals and the complex systems required for them to operate together to service the entire region.

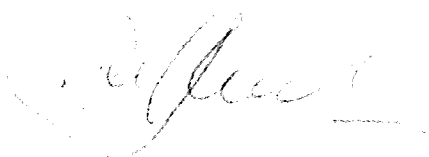
Six months on, the Authority and its member Councils are still trying to get the State and Federal Governments to agree on a whole-of-region health system that delivers their various commitments in ways that meet the region's needs. Having the whole region in one electorate may not have prevented this situation from arising, but there would be greater accountability for the outcome.

The Authority is conscious of the AEC's need to ensure equal representation across electorates. The electorate of Braddon currently has 98 817 residents, or 20.03% of Tasmania's population. The Cradle Coast/Mersey-Lyell region currently has 110 017, or 22.3% of the State total.

Importantly, though, the region has a significantly slower annual population growth trend (0.7% 2002-2007; 0.4% 2006-2007) than the State as a whole (0.9% 2002-2007; 0.7% 2006-2007) and all other regions in the State.

On this basis, the Authority believes that having the whole region in a single electorate is worthy of consideration, on both statistical and 'community of interest' grounds, and would be keen to support and assist any further investigation of this proposal.

Yours sincerely



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EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

CC Cradle Coast Councils

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