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> Submission to Tasmanian Federal Electoral Redistribution



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Please find attached Council's submission to the Redistribution Committee. Kind Regards Gerald

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Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, G.P.O. Box 520, **HOBART TAS 7001**

Dear Sir,

SUBMISSION TO TASMANIAN FEDERAL ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION

The Latrobe Council has considered the proposed Tasmanian Federal Electoral redistribution and urges that the whole of the Latrobe Council area continue to be included within the North West Coast electoral division of Braddon.

The Latrobe Council area includes Port Sorell which is one of the fastest growing districts in Tasmania. It is important that as the area develops the strong community of interest between Latrobe, Port Sorell and Devonport continues to be included in the Braddon electorate to ensure a strong regional voice is available to support infrastructure that will be required in the future.

The estimated enrolment projection for Braddon in 2012 is 73,530 which falls within the estimated average enrolment for the five Tasmanian divisions of 72,050 for this period of time.

The Council notes that there has been a push by the West Coast to be included in the Braddon electorate and if this was to be considered by the Commission then an option is to adjust the boundaries between Lyons (estimated population 2012 - 72,814 – fastest growing electorate in Tasmania), Franklin (estimated population 2012 - 76, 481 – second fastest growing electorate in Tasmania) and Dennison (estimated population 2012 - 70,621 – slowest growing electorate in Tasmania).

Our community of interest is very much with the North West of Tasmania in terms of economic and social activities. The intensive vegetable industry (supplying 80% of Australia's requirements) and all the accompanying infrastructure is largely in the area covered by the Braddon electorate.

Council also notes that the ageing population will also have an impact on electoral enrolments in the future with many areas in Tasmania relying on net migration to increase population. This could result in many rural centres having a steady reduction in population in the future while population in coastal centres such as Kingston and Port Sorell will continue to increase.

Yours sincerely,

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