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The augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania (the augmented Electoral Commission) has undertaken a redistribution of Tasmania. In developing and considering the impacts of the redistribution, the augmented Electoral Commission has satisfied itself that the electoral divisions meet the requirements of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act). The augmented Electoral Commission commends its redistribution for Tasmania.

This report is prepared to fulfil the requirements of section 74 of the Electoral Act.

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About this report

This report outlines the redistribution of Tasmania and the augmented Electoral Commission's reasons supporting this redistribution.

The report consists of the following sections:

- **Executive summary**
- **Chapter 1: Background and context**

This chapter outlines the legislative requirements of the redistribution from the release of the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution to the determination of the names and boundaries of electoral divisions by the augmented Electoral Commission.
- **Chapter 2: The augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and reasons for the redistribution**

This chapter outlines the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and the reasons for this redistribution. Also included is the augmented Electoral Commission's approach to formulating the names and boundaries of electoral divisions.
- **Chapter 3: Implementation of the redistribution**

This chapter outlines what the implementation of the redistribution means in practice for residents of Tasmania.
- **Appendices**

Abbreviations and glossary

Word or acronym	Meaning
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
AEC	Australian Electoral Commission
AEST	Australian Eastern Standard Time – AEST is equal to Coordinated Universal Time plus 10 hours (UTC +10)
augmented Electoral Commission	augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania
augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania	The Electoral Commission, augmented by the members of the Redistribution Committee for Tasmania
COB	comment on objection received
current enrolment quota	(Number of electors enrolled in a state or territory on the day the redistribution commences) / (Number of members of the House of Representatives the state or territory is entitled to) The current enrolment quota for this redistribution is 75,014 electors
EBMS	Electoral Boundary Mapping System – a modification of commercially available mapping software which automatically calculates the revised actual and projected enrolments when boundaries are moved
Electoral Act	<i>Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918</i>

Word or acronym	Meaning
Electoral Commission	The Electoral Commission is headed by a Chairperson, who is selected from a list of names of three eligible Judges submitted to the Governor-General by the Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia. The other members are the Electoral Commissioner and a non-judicial member, currently the Australian Statistician
FI-L	inquiry participant at the inquiry into further objections held in Launceston
FOB	further objection received
Gazette	<i>Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette</i> – gazette notices contain a range of information about legislation, including proclamations and notices of Commonwealth government departments and courts, and other notices required under Commonwealth law
general election	a general election of the members of the House of Representatives
guidelines	Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions
IH	inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections held in Hobart
IL	inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections held in Launceston
Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters	Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters – the role of this Committee of the Australian Parliament is to inquire into and report on such matters relating to electoral laws and practices and their administration as may be referred to it by either House of the Parliament or a Minister
OB	objection received
projected enrolment quota	(Number of electors projected to be enrolled in a state or territory at the projection time) / (Number of members of the House of Representatives the state or territory is entitled to) The projected enrolment quota for this redistribution is 76,983 electors
projection time	The projection time is generally the end of the period of three years and six months after the final determination of electoral division boundaries and names is published in the Gazette. There are circumstances where this time may be varied The projection time for this redistribution is Friday 14 May 2021
redistribution	A redistribution of electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their names and boundaries are reviewed, and may be altered, to ensure, as near as practicable: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ each state and territory gains representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to their population, and ▪ there are a similar number of electors in each electoral division for a given state or territory
Redistribution Committee	Redistribution Committee for Tasmania
Redistribution Committee for Tasmania	The Electoral Commissioner, Australian Electoral Officer for Tasmania, Surveyor General of Tasmania and Auditor-General of Tasmania
SA1	Statistical Area 1 – SA1s are the smallest unit at which the ABS makes available disaggregated Census data. The SA1s which have been used in this redistribution are those which applied at the 2011 Census of Population and Housing
SA2	Statistical Area 2 – SA2s consist of one or more SA1s and wherever possible are based on officially gazetted state/territory suburbs and localities. In urban areas, SA2s largely conform to whole suburbs but can be a combination of suburbs. The SA2s which have been used in this redistribution are those which applied at the 2011 Census of Population and Housing

Executive summary

This report outlines the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania's (the augmented Electoral Commission's) redistribution of Tasmania into five electoral divisions.

The augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the Redistribution Committee for Tasmania's (Redistribution Committee) proposed redistribution with the following modifications:

- the Division of Denison has been renamed 'Clark', in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark,
- the Municipality of Dorset is located in the Division of Bass,
- the Municipality of Flinders is located in the Division of Bass, and
- the Municipality of Meander Valley in its entirety is located in the Division of Lyons.

Background

A redistribution of electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their names and boundaries are reviewed, and may be altered, to ensure, as near as practicable:

- each state and territory gains representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to their population, and
- there are a similar number of electors in each electoral division for a given state or territory.

The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) makes provision for the conduct of redistributions, including procedures, processes and timelines to be followed and how and when public consultation is to occur.

A redistribution of electoral divisions in Tasmania was required as more than seven years had elapsed since the last redistribution was determined. Tasmania remains entitled to five members of the House of Representatives.

The redistribution process commenced with a direction from the Electoral Commission on Thursday 1 September 2016.

The Redistribution Committee released its proposed redistribution on Friday 5 May 2017. Interested individuals and organisations were invited to make written objections on the proposed redistribution and written comments on objections via notices published in:

- the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette* (the Gazette) on Friday 5 May 2017,
- the *Mercury*, the *Advocate*, the *Examiner* and *The Weekend Australian* on Saturday 6 May 2017, and
- the *Huon News* on Wednesday 10 May 2017

Eleven objections were made available for public perusal on Monday 5 June 2017, with eight written comments on objections made available from Monday 19 June 2017. Two inquiries into objections were held:

- six submissions were made at the inquiry held in Launceston on Monday 10 July 2017, and
- five submissions were made at the inquiry held in Hobart on Tuesday 11 July 2017.

The augmented Electoral Commission issued a revised redistribution proposal on Thursday 20 July 2017. As this revised redistribution proposal was deemed by the augmented Electoral Commission to be significantly different to the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution, interested individuals and organisations were invited to make written further objections in notices published in the *Weekend Australia*, the *Mercury*, the *Advocate* and the *Examiner* on Saturday 22 July 2017.

Twenty-two further objections were made available for public perusal on Thursday 27 July 2017, with 10 submissions made at the inquiry into further objections held in Launceston on Monday 7 August 2017.

The augmented Electoral Commission found the written submissions made throughout the redistribution process, together with the submissions presented by those participating in the inquiries, to be a valuable contribution and is appreciative of the time and effort expended by all those who contributed. The redistribution has been informed by a thorough consideration of these submissions and the augmented Electoral Commission has taken them into account in making its determination. However, the augmented Electoral Commission felt unable to implement some aspects of these submissions for the reasons set out in Chapter 2, Appendix F and Appendix L of this report.

This redistribution complies with all relevant provisions of the Electoral Act.

Legislative requirements

The Electoral Act requires Tasmania to be divided into the same number of electoral divisions as the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in Tasmania at a general election. As Tasmania is entitled to five members of the House of Representatives, the augmented Electoral Commission has redistributed Tasmania into five electoral divisions.

In making its redistribution, the Electoral Act imposes two strict numerical requirements on the augmented Electoral Commission. These two numerical requirements provide an overall constraint to ensure that there are approximately equal numbers of electors in each electoral division so that each elector in Tasmania has equality of representation in the House of Representatives.

All electoral divisions are required to be within the range of plus and minus 10 per cent of the current enrolment quota. At the end of Thursday 1 September 2016, the day on which the redistribution commenced, 375,072 electors were enrolled in Tasmania. The current enrolment quota was therefore 75,014. As the Electoral Act requires electoral divisions to be within the range of plus and minus 10 per cent of this quota, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to construct electoral divisions which contain between 67,513 and 82,515 electors.

All electoral divisions are also required to be within the range of plus and minus 3.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota at the projection time of Friday 14 May 2021. As the number of electors projected to be enrolled in Tasmania at this time is 384,915, and the projected enrolment quota is 76,983, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to construct electoral divisions which are projected to contain between 74,289 and 79,677 electors on Friday 14 May 2021.

In relation to each electoral division, the augmented Electoral Commission is also required by the Electoral Act to give due consideration to:

- i. community of interests within the electoral division, including economic, social and regional interests,
- ii. means of communication and travel within the electoral division,
- iv. the physical features and area of the electoral division, and
- v. the boundaries of existing electoral divisions in Tasmania, with this factor being subordinate to the consideration of i, ii and iv.

The augmented Electoral Commission can only balance the different criteria against each other so far as they affect each of the five electoral divisions in Tasmania, and try and achieve the best balance overall. Given the primacy of the two numerical requirements, it is impossible to satisfy all the statutory criteria to the same extent in each electoral division.

Redistribution of Tasmania

The redistribution covers:

- the names of the five electoral divisions, and
- where to draw the boundaries of the five electoral divisions in Tasmania.

Names of electoral divisions

The Redistribution Committee proposed retaining the names of the five Tasmanian electoral divisions.

A substantial number of objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries argued that the Division of Denison should be renamed in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark. After careful deliberation on the arguments to re-name the electoral division, the augmented Electoral Commission concluded it would be appropriate to re-name the electoral division 'Clark' in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark's significant contribution to Australian political and legal systems.

In a revised redistribution proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission therefore proposed renaming the electoral division to 'Clark' in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark.

The augmented Electoral Commission adopted the Redistribution Committee's retention of the names of the Divisions of Bass, Braddon, Franklin and Lyons.

The augmented Electoral Commission's electoral division names have been offered for the reasons set out in Chapter 2 of this report.

Boundaries of electoral divisions

In determining the boundaries of electoral divisions in a state, the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to ensure the enrolment numbers for each electoral division remain within the two ranges of the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division.

While Tasmania's entitlement to members of the House of Representatives remains at five, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to alter the divisional boundaries as two electoral divisions did not fall within the range for the permissible maximum and minimum number of projected electors at the projection time of Friday 14 May 2021. As a consequence, the augmented Electoral Commission was obligated to alter the existing divisional boundaries until this requirement could be met.

The augmented Electoral Commission noted that the Redistribution Committee's proposal met the requirements of the Electoral Act and proposed electoral divisions that can accommodate growth while keeping existing communities of interest together where possible and providing strong and readily identifiable features as boundaries where possible. Further, the augmented Electoral Commission noted the Redistribution Committee's proposal was consistent with the suggestions and comments on suggestions received.

Adjusting the boundaries of existing electoral divisions

The augmented Electoral Commission agreed with much of what was proposed by the Redistribution Committee but found some areas where improvements could be made.

As a number of the changes advocated in objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries were able to be accommodated within the permissible ranges for the number of electors within an electoral division, or with minimal boundary adjustments to the surrounding electoral divisions, the augmented Electoral Commission made these changes. As a result, the composition of two electoral divisions of the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution differ from that proposed by the Redistribution Committee.

While acknowledging the merits of a number of other ideas advocated in objections, comments on objections, submissions to the inquiries, further objections and submissions to the inquiry into further objections, they were unable to be accepted because the resultant adjustments to the boundaries led to electoral divisions which fell outside the permissible ranges. Any alternative adjustments would, in the augmented Electoral Commission's opinion, have caused significant flow-on effects for other electoral divisions across Tasmania under the requirements of the Electoral Act.

Impact on electors

Overall, 22,800 electors enrolled in Tasmania (or 6.08 per cent of all electors enrolled in Tasmania on Thursday 1 September 2016) will change their federal electoral division as a result of changes made to the boundaries of electoral divisions by this redistribution.

In addition, the re-naming of an electoral division will affect 73,993 electors enrolled in Tasmania (or 19.73 per cent of all electors enrolled in Tasmania on Thursday 1 September 2016) as a result of this redistribution.

Implementation of this redistribution

Changes to electoral divisions as a result of this redistribution will apply from the day on which a notice of determination is published in the Gazette. This notice was published on Tuesday 14 November 2017.

Electoral events will not be contested on these new federal electoral divisions until a writ is issued for a general election following the expiry or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

Chapter 1

Background and context

This chapter outlines the legislative requirements of the redistribution from the release of the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution to the determination of the names and boundaries of electoral divisions by the augmented Electoral Commission.

1. A redistribution of electoral divisions is the process where electoral divisions and their names and boundaries are reviewed, and may be altered, to ensure, as near as practicable:
 - each state and territory gains representation in the House of Representatives in proportion to their population, and
 - there are a similar number of electors in each electoral division for a given state or territory.

Compliance with legislative requirements

2. The *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act) specifies that a redistribution process should be undertaken when:
 - the number of members of the House of Representatives to which a state or territory is entitled has changed (relative population change)
 - the number of electors in more than one-third of the electoral divisions in a state (or one of the electoral divisions in the Australian Capital Territory or the Northern Territory) deviates from the average divisional enrolment by over 10 per cent for a period of more than two months, or
 - a period of seven years has elapsed since the last redistribution process was determined.¹
3. The procedures to be followed in conducting a redistribution process are also specified in the Electoral Act. Appendix A summarises the legislative requirements which have been followed in conducting this redistribution. Each of these requirements is discussed in further detail in this chapter.

Background to this redistribution

4. The steps followed from the commencement of the redistribution of Tasmania to the release of the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution are outlined in Chapter 1 of the Redistribution Committee's report: *Proposed redistribution of Tasmania into electoral divisions*.²

¹ Sub-section 59(2) of the Electoral Act specifies when a redistribution process should be undertaken.

² Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, *Proposed redistribution of Tasmania into electoral divisions*, May 2017, page 7–14

Requirement to conduct a redistribution of electoral divisions in Tasmania and commencement

5. A redistribution of Tasmania was originally due to commence in February 2016, however it was deferred.³
6. In accordance with sub-section 59(1) of the Electoral Act, the Electoral Commission published a notice in the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette* (the Gazette) on Thursday 1 September 2016 directing that a redistribution of Tasmania into five electoral divisions commence.
7. On Thursday 31 August 2017, the Electoral Commissioner made a determination under sub-section 48(1) of the Electoral Act of the number of members of the House of Representatives each state and territory would be entitled to at the next general election.⁴
8. As a result of this determination, Tasmania’s entitlement remained at five members of the House of Representatives and therefore had no impact on this redistribution.
9. An explanation of how the representation entitlement of Tasmania has been calculated is in Appendix B.

Current enrolment quota

10. Section 65 of the Electoral Act requires the Electoral Commissioner, as soon as practicable after the redistribution process commences, to determine the current enrolment quota or average divisional enrolment using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Number of electors enrolled in Tasmania as at the end of the day on which the redistribution commenced (Thursday 1 September 2016)}}{\text{Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Tasmania is entitled}}$$

11. In calculating this quota, sub-section 65(2) of the Electoral Act provides that:
 - where the result includes a fraction that is less than 0.5, the number is rounded down to the nearest whole number, or
 - where the result includes a fraction that is equal to or greater than 0.5, the number is rounded up to the nearest whole number.
12. Table A shows the figures used to calculate the current enrolment quota and the resultant range of the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division (discussed further in the section titled ‘Statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution’).

Table A: Current enrolment quota and permissible range for Tasmania

Number of electors enrolled in Tasmania as at the end of the day on which the redistribution commenced (Thursday 1 September 2016)	375,072
Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Tasmania is entitled	5
Current enrolment quota for Tasmania	75,014
Permissible maximum number of electors in an electoral division (current enrolment quota + 10 per cent)	82,515
Permissible minimum number of electors in an electoral division (current enrolment quota – 10 per cent)	67,513

³ *ibid.*, page 7–8

⁴ A copy of this determination is available on the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) website.

13. As part of the redistribution process, the augmented Electoral Commission is required to ensure that the number of electors in a proposed electoral division is within the range of plus 10 per cent and minus 10 per cent of the current enrolment quota (see Appendix C).
14. The number of electors at the commencement date of Thursday 1 September 2016 at both the electoral division and Statistical Area 1 (SA1) level were published on the AEC website when the invitation for interested individuals and organisations to submit suggestions to the redistribution and comments on suggestions was made.⁵

Enrolment projections and projected enrolment quota

15. When determining a redistribution, the augmented Electoral Commission is required by paragraph 73(4)(a) of the Electoral Act to ensure, as far as practicable, that the number of electors enrolled in the electoral division at the projection time will be within the range of plus 3.5 per cent and minus 3.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota (see Appendix C). This quota is calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Estimated total number of electors enrolled in Tasmania at the projection time (Friday 14 May 2021)}}{\text{Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Tasmania is entitled}}$$

16. For the purposes of this redistribution, projected enrolment has been calculated by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).
17. Projected enrolment at the projection time of Friday 14 May 2021, together with the processes used by the ABS to calculate these projections, were published on the AEC website when the invitation for interested individuals and organisations to submit suggestions to the redistribution and comments on suggestions was made. The projections were made available at both the electoral division and SA1 level.
18. Table B shows the figures used to calculate the projected enrolment quota and the resultant range of the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time (discussed further in the section titled ‘Statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution’).

Table B: Projected enrolment quota and permissible range for Tasmania

Estimated total number of electors enrolled in Tasmania at the projection time (Friday 14 May 2021)	384,915
Number of members of the House of Representatives to which Tasmania is entitled	5
Projected enrolment quota for Tasmania	76,983
Permissible maximum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time (projected enrolment quota + 3.5 per cent)	79,677
Permissible minimum number of electors in an electoral division at the projection time (projected enrolment quota – 3.5 per cent)	74,289

⁵ See Appendix H for a discussion of how the AEC uses SA1s. SA1s are the smallest unit at which the ABS makes available disaggregated Census data. At the time of the 2011 Census, there were 54,805 SA1s with populations in the range of 200–800. SA1s, which are part of the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, are defined by the ABS and remain stable between censuses. The SA1s used for this redistribution were defined for the 2011 Census.

Release of proposed redistribution of Tasmania

19. Sub-section 66(1) of the Electoral Act requires the Redistribution Committee to make a proposed redistribution, with section 67 requiring that written reasons for the proposed redistribution be provided.
20. In its report *Proposed redistribution of Tasmania into electoral divisions*, the Redistribution Committee outlined its proposed redistribution of Tasmania and in Chapter 2 and Appendix F explained the reasons behind its proposal.⁶ On Friday 5 May 2017, this report was made available on the AEC website and in each AEC office located in Tasmania.
21. In addition, and as required by sub-section 68(1) of the Electoral Act, the following information was also made available at each AEC office in Tasmania from Friday 5 May 2017:
 - maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division in Tasmania, and
 - copies of the 21 suggestions made to the redistribution and the eight comments on suggestions which were received.

Invitation for interested individuals and organisations to submit objections and comments on objections

22. The Redistribution Committee is required by sub-sections 68(1) and 68(2) of the Electoral Act to draw attention to the redistribution material able to be viewed at AEC offices in Tasmania and to invite written objections relating to the proposed redistribution of Tasmania and written comments on objections via:
 - a notice published in the Gazette on a Friday,
 - a notice published in two newspapers circulating throughout Tasmania, and
 - notices published in such regional newspapers circulating in regions affected by the proposed redistribution as determined by the Redistribution Committee.
23. The notice was published in the Gazette on Friday 5 May 2017. Newspaper notices were published in:
 - the *Advocate*, the *Examiner* and the *Mercury* on Saturday 6 May 2017,⁷
 - *The Weekend Australian* on Saturday 6 May 2017, and
 - the *Huon News* on Wednesday 10 May 2017.⁸
24. In accordance with section 68 of the Electoral Act, these notices included a brief outline of the proposed redistribution, where to view the proposed redistribution, how to participate in the process and where to find further information.⁹ As required by paragraph 68(1)(d) of the Electoral Act, the notices published in the *Mercury*, the *Advocate*, the *Examiner* and the *Huon News* included maps showing the names and boundaries of proposed electoral divisions in Tasmania.

⁶ Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, op. cit., page 20–32 and page 48–58

⁷ The *Advocate* is published in Burnie, the *Examiner* is published in Launceston and the *Mercury* is published in Hobart.

⁸ The *Huon News* covers the Huon Valley communities including Grove, Ranelagh, Huonville, Cygnet, Franklin, Port Huon, Geeveston, Dover and Southport.

⁹ A disc included in *Proposed redistribution of Tasmania into electoral divisions* provided the material which sub-section 68(1) of the Electoral Act specifies is to be made available at each office of the AEC in the state/territory undergoing redistribution.

25. Table C presents information on the options for making an objection or comment on an objection, and the extent to which these options were used.

Table C: Options to make an objection or comment on an objection

Options	Objections		Comments on an objection	
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Form upload on AEC website	3	27.27%	1	12.50%
Email	8	72.73%	7	87.50%
Mail	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Fax	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
In person	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
Total	11	100.00%	8	100.00%

26. Interested parties were able to submit written objections from Friday 5 May 2017 until 6pm AEST on Friday 2 June 2017, the 4th Friday after the publication of the Gazette notice.¹⁰ During this time, 11 objections were received by the Electoral Commission (see Appendix D).
27. As required by sub-section 69(2) of the Electoral Act, copies of these objections were made available to members of the public for perusal at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Tasmania in Hobart from Monday 5 June 2017, the 5th Monday after the publication of the Gazette notice. The objections were also made available on the AEC website on this date.
28. Interested parties were able to submit written comments on objections received from Monday 5 June 2017 until 6pm AEST on Friday 16 June 2017, the 6th Friday after the publication of the Gazette notice.¹¹ During this time, eight comments on objections were received by the Electoral Commission (see Appendix E).
29. As required by sub-section 69(4) of the Electoral Act, copies of these comments on objections were made available to members of the public for perusal at the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Tasmania in Hobart from Monday 19 June 2017, the 7th Monday after the publication of the Gazette notice. The comments on objections were also made available on the AEC website on this date.

Augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania

30. Sub-section 70(1) of the Electoral Act specifies that, for the purposes of a redistribution of Tasmania, an augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania is established. The membership of the augmented Electoral Commission is specified by sub-section 70(2) of the Electoral Act.
31. The membership of the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania is outlined in Table D.

¹⁰ This requirement is specified by paragraph 68(2)(a) of the Electoral Act.

¹¹ This requirement is specified by paragraph 68(2)(b) of the Electoral Act.

Table D: Membership of the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania

Position on the augmented Electoral Commission	Name	Basis for membership
Chairperson	The Hon. Dennis Cowdroy OAM QC	Chairperson of the Electoral Commission
Member	Mr David Kalisch	non-judicial member of the Electoral Commission
Member	Mr Tom Rogers	Electoral Commissioner
Member	Mr David Molnar	Australian Electoral Officer for Tasmania
Member	Mr Michael Giudici	Surveyor General of Tasmania
Member	Mr Rod Whitehead	Auditor-General of Tasmania

Note: Shading indicates the members of the Redistribution Committee (chaired by Mr Rogers).

32. The augmented Electoral Commission is responsible for:
- considering all objections to the Redistribution Committee’s proposed redistribution and all comments on objections which were received by the specified lodgement times,
 - developing a proposed redistribution of Tasmania in accordance with the requirements of the Electoral Act,
 - conducting an inquiry into objections, should one be required,
 - determining the names and boundaries of electoral divisions in Tasmania, and
 - making the reasons for the augmented Electoral Commission’s determination available for public perusal.
33. The augmented Electoral Commission met on:
- Monday 10 July 2017 in Launceston
 - Tuesday 11 July 2017 in Hobart
 - Monday 7 August 2017 in Launceston

Consideration of objections and comments on objections by the augmented Electoral Commission

34. The augmented Electoral Commission is required by sub-section 72(1) of the Electoral Act to consider all objections and comments on objections.
35. In formulating its redistribution of Tasmania, the augmented Electoral Commission considered each of the 11 objections and eight comments on objections. The augmented Electoral Commission found the written submissions made throughout the redistribution process to be a valuable contribution and is appreciative of the time and effort expended by all those who contributed.
36. Chapter 2 and Appendix F outline the key themes contained in these objections and comments on objections, and how the augmented Electoral Commission responded to them, having regard to the requirements of the Electoral Act.

Inquiry by the augmented Electoral Commission into objections

37. Sub-section 72(3) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to hold an inquiry into an objection unless it is of the opinion:
 - the matters raised in the objection were raised, or are substantially the same as matters that were raised, in:
 - suggestions relating to the redistribution lodged with the Redistribution Committee; or
 - comments lodged with the Redistribution Committee; or
 - the objection is frivolous or vexatious.
38. Analysis of the 11 objections to the proposed redistribution indicated the matters to be inquired into as:
 - the electoral division in which the following be located:
 - the City of Hobart, City of Clarence, City of Glenorchy, Municipality of Dorset, Municipality of Flinders, Municipality of Latrobe, Municipality of Huon Valley, Municipality of Kingborough, Municipality of Meander Valley, and Municipality of West Tamar
 - the areas of Hadspen/Carrick, Westbury, Prospect Vale/Blackstone, Richmond, town of Railton and the surrounding parts of the Municipality of Kentish, Kingston Beach and Old Beach
 - whether the boundaries of the Division of Bass should be altered
 - the name of the proposed Division of Denison
 - the name of the proposed Division of Franklin
39. The manner in which inquiries into objections is to be conducted by the augmented Electoral Commission is specified in sub-sections 72(4) to 72(9) of the Electoral Act.
40. The augmented Electoral Commission held inquiries in:
 - Launceston on Monday 10 July 2017
 - Hobart on Tuesday 11 July 2017
41. Invitations to attend the inquiry were sent to those who made objections to the proposed redistribution or commented on objections. A notice of invitation was placed in the *Mercury* and the *Examiner* on Saturday 1 July 2017 and in the *Advocate* on Monday 3 July 2017.
42. Appendix G lists those who made submissions to the inquiries and transcripts are included with this report. The augmented Electoral Commission found the submissions presented by those participating at the inquiries to be a valuable contribution and is appreciative of the time and effort expended by all those who contributed.
43. The augmented Electoral Commission's response to the matters raised at the inquiries is summarised in Chapter 2 and Appendix F.

Conclusion of consideration of objections by the augmented Electoral Commission

44. Sub-section 72(2) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to conclude its consideration of the objections to the proposed redistribution before the expiration of 60 days after the close of comments on objections. As comments on objections closed on Friday 16 June 2017, the augmented Electoral Commission was required to conclude its consideration by Tuesday 15 August 2017.
45. Consideration of objections by the augmented Electoral Commission was concluded on Tuesday 18 July 2017.

Statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution

46. Section 73 of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission adhere to specific criteria in determining boundaries of electoral divisions.
47. The augmented Electoral Commission was required to ensure that the number of electors in each Tasmanian electoral division would:
 - meet the requirement of sub-section 73(4) of the Electoral Act for the number of electors in an electoral division to not be less than 90 per cent or more than 110 per cent of the current enrolment quota of 75,014 electors (Table A indicates the number of electors enrolled in each electoral division in Tasmania must therefore be between 67,513 and 82,515), and
 - meet the requirement of paragraph 73(4)(a) of the Electoral Act for the number of electors projected to be in an electoral division to not be less than 96.5 per cent or more than 103.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota at the projection time of Friday 14 May 2021 (Table B indicates the number of electors projected to be enrolled in each electoral division in Tasmania at the projection time of Friday 14 May 2021 must be between 74,289 and 79,677).
48. The augmented Electoral Commission also gave due consideration to the requirements of paragraph 73(4)(b) of the Electoral Act:
 - i. community of interests in the electoral divisions including economic, social and regional interests,
 - ii. means of communication and travel in the electoral division,
 - iv. the physical features and area of the electoral divisions, and
 - v. the boundaries of existing electoral divisions, with this factor being subordinate to consideration of factors i, ii and iv.
49. Further details regarding these requirements are in Appendix C.
50. Appendix H outlines the mechanics of constructing electoral boundaries.

Public announcement by the augmented Electoral Commission

51. Once its inquiries into objections are completed, sub-section 72(10) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to:
 - make a proposed redistribution of the state, and
 - make a public announcement.
52. While the augmented Electoral Commission is able to choose the means by which this public announcement is issued,¹² sub-section 72(12) of the Electoral Act requires the following content:
 - the substance of the augmented Electoral Commission's findings or conclusions on the initial objections to the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution,
 - the augmented Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution of the state/territory, and
 - a statement whether, in the opinion of the augmented Electoral Commission, its proposed redistribution is significantly different from the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution.¹³
53. The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's public announcement, which was made on Thursday 20 July 2017, is at Appendix I. In this announcement, the augmented Electoral Commission observed that it had modified the Redistribution Committee's proposal by:
 - locating the Municipality of Dorset in the proposed Division of Bass
 - locating the Municipality of Flinders in the proposed Division of Bass
 - locating the Municipality of Meander Valley in its entirety in the proposed Division of Lyons, and
 - renaming the proposed Division of Denison to 'Clark', to recognise the contributions of Andrew Inglis Clark.
54. The augmented Electoral Commission considered this revised redistribution proposal to be significantly different to the Redistribution Committee's proposal.

Invitation for interested individuals and organisations to submit further objections

55. The augmented Electoral Commission's announcement is required by sub-paragraph 72(12)(d)(i) of the Electoral Act to include a statement noting that written further objections may be lodged with the Electoral Commission before the end of seven days from the day on which the announcement is made.
56. A newspaper notice inviting written further objections was also published in the *Weekend Australian*, the *Mercury*, the *Advocate* and the *Examiner* on Saturday 22 July 2017.

¹² Paragraph 72(10)(b) of the Electoral Act states the announcement may be made by a statement to the media or by other expeditious means.

¹³ In the event the augmented Electoral Commission considers their proposed redistribution to be significantly different to that of the Redistribution Committee, paragraph 72(12)(d) of the Electoral Act specifies the inclusion of additional information in the public announcement.

57. These notices included a brief outline of the augmented Electoral Commission's revised redistribution proposal, where to view the proposal, how to participate in the process and where to find further information.
58. Table E presents information on the options for making a further objection and the extent to which these options were used.

Table E: Options to make a further objection

Options	Further objections	
	Number	Percentage
Form upload on AEC website	9	40.91%
Email	10	45.45%
Mail	1	4.55%
Fax	2	9.09%
In person	0	0.00%
Total	22	100.00%

59. Interested individuals and organisations were able to submit written further objections from Thursday 20 July 2017 until Wednesday 26 July 2017.¹⁴ During this time, 22 further objections were received by the Electoral Commission (see Appendix J).

Inquiry by the augmented Electoral Commission into further objections

60. Sub-section 72(3) of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to hold an inquiry into a further objection unless it is of the opinion:
- the matters raised in the further objection were raised, or are substantially the same as matters that were raised, in:
 - suggestions relating to the redistribution lodged with the Redistribution Committee; or
 - comments on suggestions lodged with the Redistribution Committee; or
 - the further objection is frivolous or vexatious.¹⁵
61. Analysis of the 22 further objections indicated the matters to be inquired into as the:
- electoral division in which the following be located:
 - the Municipality of Dorset, the Municipality of Flinders, the Municipality of Meander Valley, and the Municipality of West Tamar
 - the areas of Hadspen, Prospect, Prospect Vale and Travellers Rest
 - boundaries between the proposed Divisions of Clark and Franklin
 - name of the proposed Division of Clark (known at the time of the redistribution as the Division of Denison)
 - name of the proposed Division of Franklin.
62. The manner in which inquiries into further objections is to be conducted by the augmented Electoral Commission is specified in sub-sections 72(4) to 72(9) of the Electoral Act.

¹⁴ This requirement is specified by paragraph 72(13)(a) of the Electoral Act.

¹⁵ This requirement is specified by paragraphs 72(13)(b) and 72(13)(c).

63. The augmented Electoral Commission held an inquiry into further objections in Launceston on Monday 7 August 2017.
64. Invitations to attend the inquiry were sent to those who made further objections to the augmented Electoral Commission's revised redistribution proposal. A notice of invitation was placed in the *Mercury*, the *Advocate* and the *Examiner* on Wednesday 2 August 2017.
65. Appendix K lists those who made submissions to the inquiry into further objections and a transcript is included with this report. The augmented Electoral Commission found the submissions presented by those participating at the inquiry to be a valuable contribution and is appreciative of the time and effort expended by all those who contributed.
66. The augmented Electoral Commission's response to the matters raised at the inquiry is summarised in Chapter 2 and Appendix L.

Second announcement by the augmented Electoral Commission

67. Once its consideration of further objections was completed, the augmented Electoral Commission:
 - made a proposed redistribution of Tasmania, and
 - made a public announcement.
68. The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's second public announcement, which was made on Wednesday 27 September 2017, is at Appendix M.

Determination made by the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania

69. In accordance with sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, the names and boundaries of electoral divisions for a state are determined when the augmented Electoral Commission publishes a notice in the Gazette.
70. The text of the notice published in the Gazette on Tuesday 14 November 2017 is at Appendix N.

Chapter 2

The augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and reasons for the redistribution

This chapter outlines the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution and the reasons for this redistribution. Also included is the augmented Electoral Commission's approach to formulating the names and boundaries of electoral divisions.

Augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution of Tasmania

71. The augmented Electoral Commission was required to redistribute Tasmania into five electoral divisions.
72. There are two components to the augmented Electoral Commission's redistribution:
 - the names of the five electoral divisions, and
 - where to draw the boundaries of the five electoral divisions in Tasmania.
73. With respect to the names of electoral divisions, the augmented Electoral Commission has:
 - renamed the Division of Denison to 'Clark', in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, and
 - adopted the Redistribution Committee's proposal to retain the names of the Divisions of Bass, Braddon, Franklin and Lyons.
74. The augmented Electoral Commission notes it was required to alter the boundaries of electoral divisions as two of Tasmania's five electoral divisions did not meet the requirement for projected enrolment. To ensure this requirement is met, the augmented Electoral Commission has adopted the boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee with the following modifications:
 - the Municipality of Dorset is located in the Division of Bass,
 - the Municipality of Flinders is located in the Division of Bass, and
 - the Municipality of Meander Valley in its entirety is located in the Division of Lyons.
75. Tasmania's five electoral divisions are outlined in Table F.

Table F: Overview of Tasmania’s electoral divisions

Name of electoral division	Composition of electoral division
Bass	City of Launceston Municipality of Dorset Municipality of Flinders Municipality of George Town Municipality of West Tamar
Braddon	City of Burnie Municipality of Central Coast Municipality of Circular Head City of Devonport Municipality of King Island Municipality of Latrobe Municipality of Waratah-Wynyard Municipality of West Coast
Clark	City of Glenorchy City of Hobart part of the Municipality of Kingborough
Franklin	Municipality of Huon Valley part of the City of Clarence part of the Municipality of Kingborough
Lyons	Municipality of Break O’Day Municipality of Brighton Municipality of Central Highlands Municipality of Derwent Valley Municipality of Glamorgan-Spring Bay Municipality of Kentish Municipality of Meander Valley Municipality of Northern Midlands Municipality of Sorell Municipality of Southern Midlands Municipality of Tasman part of the City of Clarence

Augmented Electoral Commission's approach to naming electoral divisions

76. The naming of federal electoral divisions has been the subject of a number of recommendations from parliamentary committees. The 'Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions' (the guidelines) were developed by the AEC from recommendations made by the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters in 1995 in *Electoral Redistributions: Report on the Effectiveness and Appropriateness of the Redistribution Provisions of Parts III and IV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*. The guidelines were offered to interested persons when this redistribution was advertised, and are publicly available on the AEC website (see Appendix O).

Renaming of electoral divisions in Tasmania

77. The guidelines note that the names of electoral divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons. Any decision to alter the name of an electoral division is therefore one which is not taken lightly.

Consideration of objections to the Redistribution Committee's proposal, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries into objections

78. The Redistribution Committee proposed retaining the names of the Divisions of Bass, Braddon, Denison, Franklin and Lyons, noting that the proposal to do so was consistent with:
- the guidelines,
 - those suggestions to the redistribution which advocated retaining the names of electoral divisions, and
 - those suggestions and comments on suggestions which advocated changing the name of the Division of Denison only if significant changes were made to the boundaries of the electoral division.¹⁶
79. The augmented Electoral Commission received a number of objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries proposing that electoral divisions be renamed.
80. Where an alternative to the Redistribution Committee's proposal was advocated, the augmented Electoral Commission considered whether modifications should be made to address the alternative. The following paragraphs, together with Appendix F, outline the augmented Electoral Commission's decision with respect to the alternatives offered.

Renaming the proposed Division of Denison

81. The Redistribution Committee proposed retaining the name of the Division of Denison.¹⁷
82. Some objections to the proposed redistribution and submissions to the inquiries into objections advocated that the proposed Division of Denison should not be renamed until a major adjustment is made to the configuration of the electoral division.¹⁸

¹⁶ Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, *op. cit.*, page 20

¹⁷ *ibid.*, page 24-25

¹⁸ This matter was referred to by OB1 – Darren McSweeney and IH3 – James Walker.

83. A substantial number of objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries argued that the proposed Division of Denison should be renamed in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark.¹⁹ These arguments were based on:
- Lieutenant-Governor Denison having been a worthy public official of his era who contributed to the development of the colony of Van Diemen's Land over the term of his appointment
 - Andrew Inglis Clark having been a born and bred Tasmanian who had a significant impact on Tasmania and Australia including:
 - drafting a significant number of clauses of the Constitution, including those concerned with constitutional entrenchment of the High Court and for parliamentary creation of federal courts, trial by jury and freedom of religion
 - introducing the Hare-Clark system of proportional representation based on the concept of the single transferable vote
84. The augmented Electoral Commission considered the arguments in favour of and against re-naming the electoral division and concluded it would be appropriate to re-name the electoral division to recognise an individual who had made such a significant contribution to Australian political and legal systems.
85. In a revised redistribution proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission therefore proposed renaming the electoral division to 'Clark' in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark.

Renaming the proposed Division of Franklin

86. The Redistribution Committee proposed retaining the name of the Division of Franklin.²⁰
87. One comment on objections and one submission made to the inquiries advocated changing the name of the electoral division to 'Truganini'.²¹
88. One objection and one submission made to the inquiries supported the Redistribution Committee's proposal to retain the name of the proposed Division of Franklin.²²
89. The augmented Electoral Commission observed that the proposal to rename the proposed Division of Franklin came from outside of Tasmania and no evidence of widespread support to make the advocated change was presented. In addition, it was agreed that arguments offered in support of renaming the electoral division were not substantive enough to warrant change.
90. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal should stand and the electoral division would continue to be known as the Division of Franklin.

¹⁹ Renaming the Division of Denison was referred to by: OB2 – Martin Gordon, OB4 – Bob Holderness-Roddam, OB6 – Margaret and Henry Reynolds, OB7 – Peter Jones, OB9 – Rodney Croome, OB11 – Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch, COB2 – Bob Holderness-Roddam, IL4 – Nigel Burch, IL5 – Martin Gordon, IH1 – Bob Holderness-Roddam, IH2 – Professor Henry Reynolds and IH4 – Rodney Croome.

²⁰ Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, *op. cit.*, page 25–26

²¹ COB1 – Geoff Ellis and IH5 – Geoff Ellis advocating changing the name of the proposed Division of Franklin.

²² OB1 – Darren McSweeney and IL5 – Martin Gordon advocated retaining the name of the proposed Division of Franklin.

Consideration of further objections to the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal and submissions to the inquiry into further objections

91. The augmented Electoral Commission proposed:
 - modifying the Redistribution Committee's proposal so that the proposed Division of Denison be renamed 'Clark', in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, and
 - adopting the Redistribution Committee's proposal to retain the names of the proposed Divisions of Bass, Braddon, Franklin and Lyons.
92. The augmented Electoral Commission received a number of further objections and submissions to the inquiry into further objections advocating that the names it had proposed be altered.
93. Where an alternative to the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal was advocated, the augmented Electoral Commission considered whether modifications should be made to address the alternative. The following paragraphs, together with Appendix L, outline the augmented Electoral Commission's decision with respect to the alternatives offered.

Renaming the proposed Division of Clark

94. The augmented Electoral Commission proposed the Division of Denison be renamed 'Clark' to recognise Andrew Inglis Clark.²³
95. Further objections to the proposed redistribution and submissions to the inquiry into further objections:
 - supported the proposal to rename the electoral division 'Clark' in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark,²⁴
 - supported the proposal to rename the electoral division in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark but advocated that the name should be 'Inglis Clark',²⁵ or
 - disagreed with the proposal to rename the electoral division and advocated for the retention of the name 'Denison'.²⁶
96. The augmented Electoral Commission considered that Andrew Inglis Clark's contributions to the political and legal systems have had a lasting and perpetual impact on Australia. Altering the name of an electoral division which has been in place since 1903 is in no way intended to diminish the achievements of Sir William Thomas Denison. Instead, renaming the electoral division is a means of acknowledging an individual whose work is continuing to influence the Australia we know today.
97. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the revised redistribution proposal was sound and should stand unchanged.
98. The electoral division will be known as the Division of Clark.

23 The augmented Electoral Commission's revised redistribution proposal is reproduced in Appendix I. Further information is available at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2016/tas/announce-final.htm>

24 This matter was referred to by: FOB1 – Bob Holderness-Roddam, FOB2 – Darren McSweeney, FOB10 – Barry Holmes, FOB18 – Lawrence Neasey, FOB20 – Helen Neasey, FOB21 – Australian Labor Party Tasmanian Branch. FI-L6 – Cr. Peter Kearney referred to this matter.

25 This matter was referred to by: FOB4 – Rodney Croome, FOB8 – Robin Banks, FOB11 – Matthew Groom MP, FOB13 – Professor Richard Eccleston, FOB19 – Andrew Wilkie MP. FI-L8 – David Halse Rogers, FI-L9 – Bob Holderness-Roddam and FI-L10 – Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG referred to this matter.

26 This matter was referred to by: FOB7 – Dr John Bennett AM, FOB9 – Michael Roe, FOB12 – Bohdan Bilinsky AM. FI-L7 – Bohdan Bilinsky AM referred to this matter.

Augmented Electoral Commission's approach to formulating electoral boundaries

99. In deciding whether to amend the Redistribution Committee's proposal to incorporate a concept submitted in an objection, comment on objection or submission to the inquiry, the augmented Electoral Commission was mindful whether the suggested amendment would improve the Redistribution Committee's proposal. As the augmented Electoral Commission's formulation of electoral divisions must conform to the requirements of the Electoral Act, potential amendments were also analysed with respect to the requirements of sub-section 73(4) of the Electoral Act.
100. The primary requirement was to ensure each electoral division remains within the permissible maximum and minimum number of electors around the projected enrolment quota (see Table B) and the current enrolment quota (see Table A). In modifying the boundaries of electoral divisions proposed by the Redistribution Committee, the augmented Electoral Commission was therefore required to ensure that each electoral division in Tasmania continued to fall within the permissible ranges for the maximum and minimum number of electors in an electoral division.
101. Similarly, when considering adjusting the boundary of an electoral division to better reflect one community of interest, the augmented Electoral Commission observed that such an adjustment could prompt concerns about one or more different communities of interest.

Adjusting the boundaries of existing electoral divisions

102. In constructing their proposal, the Redistribution Committee considered it would result in electoral divisions which:
 - could accommodate the differing rates of growth across Tasmania,
 - keep together and unite existing communities of interest, as represented by local government areas, where possible, and
 - use strong and readily identifiable features as boundaries, where possible.²⁷
103. The Redistribution Committee made changes to the boundaries of all of Tasmania's five electoral divisions.²⁸

Consideration of objections to the Redistribution Committee's proposal, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries into objections

104. The Redistribution Committee proposed:
 - the Municipality of West Tamar in its entirety be located in the proposed Division of Bass
 - the Municipality of Latrobe in its entirety be located in the proposed Division of Braddon
 - the south-western boundary of the proposed Division of Denison be the Huon Highway
 - the Municipality of Brighton in its entirety be located in the proposed Division of Lyons
 - the Municipality of Dorset be located in the proposed Division of Lyons
 - the Municipality of Flinders be located in the proposed Division of Lyons, and
 - the Richmond area be located in the proposed Division of Lyons.²⁹

²⁷ Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, *op. cit.*, page 22

²⁸ *ibid.*, page 20

²⁹ *ibid.*, page 20

105. The augmented Electoral Commission received a number of objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries advocating that the boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee be altered.
106. Where an alternative to the Redistribution Committee's proposal was advocated, the augmented Electoral Commission considered whether modifications should be made to address the alternative. The following paragraphs, together with Appendix F, outline the augmented Electoral Commission's decision with respect to the alternatives offered.

The location of the Municipality of Dorset

107. The Redistribution Committee proposed the Municipality of Dorset be transferred from the Division of Bass to the proposed Division of Lyons.³⁰
108. Some objections to the proposed redistribution supported the Redistribution Committee's proposal.³¹ Other objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry advocated the Municipality should continue to be located in the proposed Division of Bass due to shared communities of interest, means of communication and transport links being stronger with the proposed Division of Bass than with the proposed Division of Lyons.³²
109. The augmented Electoral Commission noted the Municipality of Dorset could be located in the proposed Division of Bass if an adjustment was made to the boundaries of the proposed electoral division. As these changes would enable the electoral division to better reflect communities of interest for the Municipality of Dorset, the augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal could be improved.
110. In a revised redistribution proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission therefore proposed locating the Municipality of Dorset in the proposed Division of Bass.

The location of the Municipality of Flinders

111. The Redistribution Committee proposed the Municipality of Flinders be transferred from the Division of Bass to the proposed Division of Lyons.³³
112. Some objections to the proposed redistribution supported the Redistribution Committee's proposal.³⁴ Other objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiry advocated the Municipality should continue to be located in the proposed Division of Bass due to shared communities of interest, means of communication and transport links being stronger with the Division of Bass than with the proposed Division of Lyons.³⁵

³⁰ *ibid.*, page 32

³¹ Support was provided by: OB1 – Darren McSweeney and OB3 – Jeff Waddell.

³² The matter was referred to by: OB2 – Martin Gordon, OB8 – John Beattie, OB10 – Dorset Council, COB3 – Sarah Courtney MP, COB4 – Hon Michael Ferguson MP, COB5 – Senator David Bushby, COB6 – Hon Peter Gutwein MP, COB7 – John Beattie and COB8 – Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch. IL1 – Geoff Page (Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch), IL2 – John Beattie, IL3 – Greg Howard, IL5 – Martin Gordon, IL6 – Jeff Waddell and IH3 – James Walker referred to this matter.

³³ Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, *op. cit.*, page 32

³⁴ Support was provided by: OB1 – Darren McSweeney and OB3 – Jeff Waddell.

³⁵ The matter was referred to by: OB2 – Martin Gordon, OB8 – John Beattie, OB10 – Dorset Council, COB3 – Sarah Courtney MP, COB4 – Hon Michael Ferguson MP, COB5 – Senator David Bushby, COB6 – Hon Peter Gutwein MP, COB7 – John Beattie and COB8 – Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch. IL1 – Geoff Page (Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch), IL5 – Martin Gordon, IL6 – Jeff Waddell and IH3 – James Walker referred to this matter.

113. The augmented Electoral Commission noted the Municipality of Flinders could be located in the proposed Division of Bass if an adjustment was made to the boundaries of the electoral division. As these changes would enable the proposed electoral division to better reflect communities of interest for the Municipality of Flinders, the augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal could be improved.
114. In a revised redistribution proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission therefore proposed locating the Municipality of Flinders in the proposed Division of Bass.

The location of the Municipality of Latrobe

115. The Redistribution Committee proposed adjusting the boundary between the Divisions of Braddon and Lyons such that the Municipality of Latrobe would be located in its entirety in the proposed Division of Braddon.³⁶
116. Objections to the proposed redistribution supported the Redistribution Committee's proposal.³⁷
117. The augmented Electoral Commission noted the support expressed for the Redistribution Committee's proposal.
118. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded that the Redistribution Committee's proposal was sound and should stand unchanged.

Alteration of the boundaries of the proposed Division of Bass

119. The Redistribution Committee proposed altering the boundaries of the Division of Bass to:
 - transfer electors into the proposed Division of Bass from the Division of Lyons in the area of Badger Head, Beaconsfield, Bridgenorth, Frankford, Glengarry, Greens Beach, Grindelwald and York Town. This proposal sought to locate the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar in the proposed Division of Bass, and
 - transfer electors from the Municipality of Dorset and the Municipality of Flinders into the proposed Division of Lyons from the Division of Bass.³⁸
120. Objections to the proposed redistribution, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries observed that, on the boundaries in place at the commencement of the redistribution, the Division of Bass met the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act and therefore no changes were necessary.³⁹

³⁶ Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, *op. cit.*, page 29

³⁷ Support was provided by: OB1 – Darren McSweeney, OB2 – Martin Gordon, OB3 – Jeff Waddell and OB11 – Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch. IL5 – Martin Gordon, IL6 – Jeff Waddell and IH3 – James Walker also indicated their support.

³⁸ Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, *op. cit.*, page 28

³⁹ The matter was referred to by: OB8 – John Beattie, OB11 – Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch, COB3 – Sarah Courtney MP, COB4 – Hon Michael Ferguson MP, COB5 – Senator David Bushby, COB6 – Hon Peter Gutwein MP, and COB8 – Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch. IL1 – Geoff Page (Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch) referred to this matter.

121. The augmented Electoral Commission noted:
- the primary factor for consideration in determining electoral divisions is to ensure the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act would be met,
 - the Division of Bass, as it existed at the commencement of the redistribution, was towards the lower acceptable end of the range for projected enrolment, and
 - as a result of the augmented Electoral Commission's revised redistribution proposal to retain the Municipality of Dorset and the Municipality of Flinders in the electoral division, further change to the boundaries of the proposed Division of Bass would be required for it to meet the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act.
122. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded that changes to the boundaries of the proposed Division of Bass were necessary and proposed:
- retaining the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar in the proposed Division of Bass, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee,
 - retaining the Municipality of Dorset in the proposed Division of Bass,
 - retaining the Municipality of Flinders in the proposed Division of Bass, and
 - re-locating that portion of the Municipality of Meander Valley located in the proposed Division of Bass to the proposed Division of Lyons.

The location of the Municipality of Meander Valley

123. The Redistribution Committee proposed that no changes be made to the electoral divisions in which the Municipality of Meander Valley be located and that it continue to be located in both of the proposed Divisions of Bass and Lyons.⁴⁰
124. Objections to the proposed redistribution and comments on objections noted that locating the Municipalities of Dorset and Flinders in the proposed Division of Bass would require an area to be transferred out of the proposed electoral division. It was advocated that all or part of that portion of the Municipality of Meander Valley located in the proposed Division of Bass be transferred to the proposed Division of Lyons, which would help to unite communities of interest.⁴¹
125. The augmented Electoral Commission considered the arguments advanced in objections, comments on objections and to the inquiries and observed that transferring the portion of the Municipality of Meander Valley from the proposed Division of Bass to the proposed Division of Lyons would unite the Municipality in one federal electoral division. As these changes would enable better recognition of some communities of interest, the augmented Electoral Commission concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal could be improved.
126. In a revised redistribution proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission therefore proposed locating the Municipality of Meander Valley in its entirety in the proposed Division of Lyons.

The composition of the proposed Division of Denison

127. The Redistribution Committee proposed a small adjustment to the boundary between the Divisions of Denison and Franklin.⁴²

40 Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, op. cit., page 54

41 This was advocated by: OB2 – Martin Gordon, IL3 – Greg Howard, IL5 – Martin Gordon and IL6 – Jeff Waddell.

42 Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, op. cit., page 30

128. Objections to the proposed redistribution did not support the Redistribution Committee's proposal and advocated the proposed electoral division should consist of the City of Hobart, the Municipality of Huon Valley and the Municipality of Kingborough or should incorporate the locality of Kingston Beach.⁴³
129. The augmented Electoral Commission considered sufficiently strong arguments in favour of altering the proposed electoral division had not been made.
130. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal was sound and should stand unchanged.

The composition of the proposed Division of Franklin

131. The Redistribution Committee proposed transferring electors out of the Division of Franklin to the Divisions of Denison and Lyons.⁴⁴
132. Objections to the proposed redistribution did not support all of the proposed transfers or advocated the proposed electoral division should consist of the City of Clarence and all, or part of, the City of Glenorchy.⁴⁵
133. The augmented Electoral Commission considered sufficiently strong arguments in favour of altering the proposed electoral division had not been made.
134. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the Redistribution Committee's proposal was sound and should stand unchanged.

Consideration of further objections to the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal

135. In its revised redistribution proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission proposed:
 - locating the Municipality of Dorset in the proposed Division of Bass
 - locating the Municipality of Flinders in the proposed Division of Bass, and
 - locating the Municipality of Meander Valley in its entirety in the proposed Division of Lyons.
136. The augmented Electoral Commission received a number of further objections and submissions to the inquiry into further objections advocating that the electoral divisions it had proposed be altered.
137. Where an alternative to the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal was advocated, the augmented Electoral Commission considered whether modifications should be made to address the alternative. The following paragraphs, together with Appendix L, outline the augmented Electoral Commission's decision with respect to the alternatives offered.

The location of the Municipality of Dorset

138. In its revised redistribution proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission proposed locating the Municipality of Dorset in the proposed Division of Bass to better reflect existing communities of interest.⁴⁶

⁴³ The composition of the Division of Denison was referred to by: OB2 – Martin Gordon, OB3 – Jeff Waddell, OB11 – Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch, IL5 – Martin Gordon and IL6 – Jeff Waddell.

⁴⁴ Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, *op. cit.*, page 54

⁴⁵ This composition of the Division of Franklin was referred to by: OB1 – Darren McSweeney, OB2 – Martin Gordon, OB3 – Jeff Waddell, IL5 – Martin Gordon and IL6 – Jeff Waddell.

⁴⁶ The augmented Electoral Commission's revised redistribution proposal is reproduced in Appendix I. Further information is available at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2016/tas/announce-final.htm>

139. Further objections to the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal supported the location of the Municipality in the proposed Division of Bass.⁴⁷
140. The augmented Electoral Commission noted the support expressed for the revised redistribution proposal.
141. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the revised redistribution proposal was sound and should stand unchanged.

The location of the Municipality of Flinders

142. In its revised proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission proposed locating the Municipality of Flinders in the proposed Division of Bass to better reflect existing communities of interest.⁴⁸
143. Further objections to the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal supported the location of the Municipality in the proposed Division of Bass.⁴⁹
144. The augmented Electoral Commission noted the support expressed for the revised redistribution proposal.
145. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the revised redistribution proposal was sound and should stand unchanged.

The location of the Municipality of Meander Valley

146. In its revised proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission proposed locating the entirety of the Municipality of Meander Valley in the proposed Division of Lyons. The transfer of that portion of the Municipality of Meander Valley located in the Division of Bass to the proposed Division of Lyons would unite the Municipality in one federal electoral division.⁵⁰
147. Several further objections to the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal opposed the location of the more urban parts of the Municipality in the proposed Division of Lyons due to their shared community of interests with Launceston. Further objections advocated that no changes be made to the boundaries of the Division of Bass or argued for alternative boundaries.⁵¹
148. The augmented Electoral Commission noted that the adoption of alternative boundaries could result in additional community of interest concerns, and in some cases would result in electoral divisions which would be outside the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act. Further, the augmented Electoral Commission observed that the small number of federal electoral divisions in Tasmania reduces the latitude available to determine the location of boundaries.
149. The augmented Electoral Commission concluded that:
 - its revised proposal was sound
 - any alternatives proposed or other adjustments necessary to accommodate these changes within the requirements of the Electoral Act would not result in an improved outcome, and
 - for these reasons, its revised redistribution proposal should stand unchanged.

47 This matter was referred to by: FOB2 – Darren McSweeney and FOB16 – Catherine Cowie.

48 The augmented Electoral Commission's revised redistribution proposal is reproduced in Appendix I. Further information is available at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2016/tas/announce-final.htm>

49 This matter was referred to by: FOB2 – Darren McSweeney and FOB16 – Catherine Cowie.

50 The augmented Electoral Commission's revised redistribution proposal is reproduced in Appendix I. Further information is available at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2016/tas/announce-final.htm>

51 This matter was referred to by: FOB2 – Darren McSweeney, FOB3 – Rhiannon Menegon, FOB5 – Donna Sargent, FOB6 – Dr Joanna Ellison, FOB14 – Jill Handley, FOB15 – Cr. Peter Kearney, FOB17 – Meander Valley Council, FOB21 – Australian Labor Party Tasmanian Branch and FOB22 – Michael Ferguson MP.

The location of the Municipality of West Tamar

150. In its revised proposal, the augmented Electoral Commission proposed the Municipality of West Tamar, in its entirety, be located in the proposed Division of Bass.⁵²
151. One further objection to the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal advocated leaving the Municipality split between the proposed Divisions of Bass and Lyons.⁵³ Other further objections supported the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal.⁵⁴
152. The augmented Electoral Commission noted the support expressed for the revised redistribution proposal.
153. The augmented Electoral Commission therefore concluded the revised redistribution proposal was sound and should stand unchanged.

Movement of electors between electoral divisions

154. The Redistribution Committee noted that it was required to alter the divisional boundaries as two of the five electoral divisions fell outside the range for the permissible maximum and minimum number of projected electors as at Friday 14 May 2021. As a result of the geographic location of electors in Tasmania, the Redistribution Committee did not consider that meeting the requirements of the Electoral Act was simply a matter of transferring electors from the Division of Franklin to the proposed Division of Braddon. As a consequence of ensuring the proposed redistribution met the numerical requirements, and accounting for the other factors to be considered under the Electoral Act, the Redistribution Committee made changes to the boundaries of all five electoral divisions in Tasmania.⁵⁵
155. The augmented Electoral Commission was also obligated to make alterations to the boundaries of the Divisions of Braddon and Franklin to ensure that the two numerical ranges permitted by the Electoral Act would be met.
156. As a result of the adjustments to electoral division boundaries made by the augmented Electoral Commission, 991 more electors have been moved between electoral divisions. Table G outlines the extent of elector movements resulting from changes to the boundaries of electoral divisions by the augmented Electoral Commission.

Table G: Summary of movement of electors between electoral divisions

	Number	Percentage
Electors transferred to another electoral division	22,800	6.08%
Electors remaining in their electoral division	352,272	93.02%
Total	375,072	100.00%

157. As a result of the augmented Electoral Commission's decision to rename the Division of Denison to 'Clark', approximately one-fifth of Tasmanian electors live in an electoral division with a new name. Table H displays the number of electors affected by a change in the name of an electoral division.

52 The augmented Electoral Commission's revised redistribution proposal is reproduced in Appendix I. Further information is available at: <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2016/tas/announce-final.htm>

53 FOB15 – Cr. Peter Kearney referred to this matter.

54 This matter was referred to by: FOB2 – Darren McSweeney and FOB16 – Catherine Cowie.

55 Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, op. cit., page 5

Table H: Electors affected by a change in the name of an electoral division

	Number	Percentage
Electors whose electoral division is re-named	73,993	19.73%
Electors whose electoral division retains their name	301,079	80.27%
Total	375,072	100.00%

Redistribution of Tasmania – by electoral division

158. For each of the electoral divisions in Tasmania, Table I presents:

- initial enrolment based on enrolment figures as at Thursday 1 September 2016,
- percentage variation from the current enrolment quota,
- projected enrolment as at Friday 14 May 2021,
- percentage variation from the projected enrolment quota, and
- the approximate area of each electoral division.

Table I: Summary of electoral divisions

Electoral division	Enrolment as at Thursday 1 September 2016		Projected enrolment as at Friday 14 May 2021		Approximate area
	Number	Percentage variation from the current enrolment quota	Number	Percentage variation from the projected enrolment quota	
Bass	74,467	-0.73%	75,653	-1.73%	7,975.96 km ²
Braddon	77,739	3.63%	77,992	1.31%	21,369.24 km ²
Clark	74,054	-1.28%	76,080	-1.17%	292.26 km ²
Franklin	73,304	-2.28%	76,877	-0.14%	10,009.23 km ²
Lyons	75,508	0.66%	78,313	1.73%	35,721.83 km ²
Total	375,072		384,915		

159. Numerical summaries of the electoral divisions are provided in Appendix P. These summaries are provided to assist electors to identify if their electoral division has been altered as a result of this redistribution.

Chapter 3

Implementation of the redistribution

This chapter outlines what the implementation of the redistribution means in practice for residents of Tasmania.

160. In accordance with sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, the electoral divisions described in this report came into effect from Tuesday 14 November 2017 as this is the day on which the augmented Electoral Commission published a notice in the Gazette determining the names and boundaries of electoral divisions in Tasmania.
161. However, members of the House of Representatives will not represent or contest these electoral divisions until after a writ is issued for a general election following the expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives.
162. In practice, this means:
 - electors will continue to be represented by the members of the House of Representatives who were elected at the most recent federal general election on Saturday 2 July 2016 or at a by-election held after this date,
 - members of the House of Representatives represent the electoral divisions which were in place at the most recent federal general election on Saturday 2 July 2016,
 - where relevant, allowances for members of the House of Representatives are calculated based on the electoral divisions in place at the most recent federal general election,
 - from Tuesday 14 November 2017, enrolment statistics will be published based on the electoral divisions described in this report,⁵⁶ and
 - from Tuesday 14 November 2017, members of the House of Representatives are able to request copies of the electoral roll for any electoral division which includes all or part of the electoral division for which they were elected.⁵⁷

When do the new electoral divisions apply?

163. While the new names and boundaries of electoral divisions apply from Tuesday 14 November 2017, elections will not be contested on these new electoral divisions until a writ is issued for a general election following the expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives.

⁵⁶ Section 58 of the Electoral Act requires the Electoral Commissioner to publish on a monthly basis, via a notice in the Gazette, the number of electors enrolled in each electoral division, the average divisional enrolment for each state and territory and the extent to which each electoral division differs from the average divisional enrolment.

⁵⁷ Item 15 of sub-section 90B(1) of the Electoral Act specifies the information from the electoral roll which can be supplied to a member of the House of Representatives whose electoral division is affected by a redistribution.

Do I need to do anything to change my electoral division?

164. Individuals do not need to take any action where their electoral division changes as the result of a redistribution. Section 86 of the Electoral Act requires the AEC to:
- transfer the elector to the new electoral roll, and
 - notify the elector their electoral division has changed.⁵⁸

For how long will the new electoral divisions apply?

165. Sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act provides that the new electoral divisions apply until the determination of the next redistribution via publication of a notice in the Gazette. This determination may be made as a result of sub-section 73(1) or sub-section 76(6) of the Electoral Act.

On which electoral divisions would a by-election be contested?

166. By-elections are conducted using the electoral divisions which existed prior to the determination of the redistribution, as provided by sub-sections 73(6) and 73(7) of the Electoral Act.

How do I find out if my electoral division has changed?

167. You can check your enrolment by using the AEC's online enrolment verification facility available at: **www.aec.gov.au/check**. For privacy reasons, your electoral enrolment will only be confirmed if the details you enter are an exact match to your details on the electoral roll.
168. Alternatively, you can contact the AEC on 13 23 26 or use the 'Find my electorate' tool on the AEC website at **www.aec.gov.au/electorate**, which will enable you to find:
- which federal electorate you live in,
 - a profile and map of your electoral division, and
 - the name of the incumbent member of the House of Representatives for your electoral division.

Do I need to know my electoral division to enrol or update my enrolment details?

169. No, all you need to do is provide the details of your residential address and the AEC will tell you which electoral division you are enrolled for. You can enrol by using:
- the AEC's online enrolment service available at: **www.aec.gov.au/enrol**,
 - using the single page online form available from the AEC website,
 - completing and printing a PDF enrolment form available from the AEC website and returning it to the AEC, or
 - picking up an enrolment form at any AEC office or Australia Post outlet and returning it to the AEC.

⁵⁸ Sub-section 86(3) of the Electoral Act provides for this notification to be via a notice published in a newspaper or a notice delivered to the elector's address.

Where can I find information about the new electoral divisions?

170. Maps and descriptions of the new electoral divisions are available on the AEC website.

Where can I find information about the electoral divisions which applied at the 2016 federal election?

171. Maps and descriptions of previous electoral divisions are available on the AEC website.

Is geospatial data for the new electoral divisions available?

172. Individual state/territory boundaries are available on the relevant redistribution page and on the Maps and Spatial Data page of the AEC website

Appendices

Appendix A: Summary of compliance with legislative requirements

Provision of the Electoral Act	Requirement	Compliance
ss.68(1)	Maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division, copies of suggestions and comments on suggestions and reasons for the proposed redistribution to be made available in each AEC office in the state	The required information was made available in the AEC office in Tasmania from Friday 5 May 2017
ss.68(1) and 68(2)	Invitation to peruse maps showing the names and boundaries of each proposed electoral division, copies of suggestions and comments on suggestions and reasons for the proposed redistribution and to make written objections and written comments on objections	Gazette notice published on Friday 5 May 2017 Newspaper notices were published in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the <i>Mercury</i>, the <i>Advocate</i> and the <i>Examiner</i> on Saturday 6 May 2017, ▪ <i>The Weekend Australian</i> on Saturday 6 May 2017, and ▪ the <i>Huon News</i> on Wednesday 10 May 2017
para 68(2)(a)	Objections close at 6pm on the 4th Friday after publication of the Gazette notice	Objections closed at 6pm AEST on Friday 2 June 2017
ss.69(2)	Objections made available for public perusal starting on the 5th Monday after publication of the Gazette notice	Objections were made available in the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Tasmania and on the AEC website on Monday 5 June 2017
para 68(2)(b)	Comments on objections close at 6pm on the 6th Friday after publication of the Gazette notice	Comments on objections closed at 6pm AEST on Friday 16 June 2017
ss.69(4)	Comments on objections made available for public perusal starting on the 7th Monday after publication of the Gazette notice	Comments on objections were made available in the office of the Australian Electoral Officer for Tasmania and on the AEC website on Monday 19 June 2017
ss.72(1)	Consideration of all objections and comments on objections received by the statutory timeframe	The augmented Electoral Commission considered each of the 11 objections and eight comments on objections received
ss.72(3)	Inquiry/inquiries into objections held (if required)	Inquiries into objections were held in Launceston on Monday 10 July and in Hobart on Tuesday 11 July 2017
ss.72(2)	Consideration of objections is to conclude before the expiration of 60 days after the close of comments on objections	Consideration of objections by the augmented Electoral Commission was concluded on Tuesday 18 July 2017

Provision of the Electoral Act	Requirement	Compliance
para 72(10)(b)	The augmented Electoral Commission announces the proposed redistribution	The augmented Electoral Commission announced its proposed redistribution on Thursday 20 July 2017
ss.72(12) and 72(13)	Further objection period – if required	A further objection period was required as the augmented Electoral Commission considered their proposed redistribution was significantly different to that of the Redistribution Committee
para 72(13)(a)	Further objections close before the end of the period of seven days beginning on the day of the announcement	Further objections closed on Thursday 27 July 2017
ss.72(1)	Consideration of all further objections	The augmented Electoral Commission considered each of the 22 further objections received
para 72(13)(ba)	Inquiry/inquiries into further objections completed before the end of 14 days after the close of further objections	An inquiry into further objections was held in Launceston on Monday 7 August 2017
ss.73(1)	Determination of names and boundaries of electoral divisions published in the Gazette	The names and boundaries of electoral divisions were determined by a notice published in the Gazette on Tuesday 14 November 2017
s.74	Reasons for the determination are stated in writing	The augmented Electoral Commission's reasons for the determination are stated in Chapter 2, Appendix F and Appendix L of this report

Appendix B: Calculating the representation entitlement of Tasmania

Division 3 of Part III of the Electoral Act specifies the legislative requirements to be followed in determining the representation of each state and territory in the House of Representatives.

The Electoral Commissioner is required to follow this process once a House of Representatives has met continuously for a period of 12 months after the day of its first meeting.⁵⁹ At the commencement date of Friday 6 January 2017, the most recent determination was undertaken in November 2014 and Tasmania was entitled to five members of the House of Representatives.⁶⁰

Following the general election on Saturday 2 July 2016, the House of Representatives met for the first time on Tuesday 30 August 2016. Consequently, a determination of the number of members of the House of Representatives each state and territory is entitled to was undertaken on Thursday 31 August 2017.⁶¹

The Electoral Commissioner is first required to ascertain the number of people of:

- the Commonwealth,
- each of the States,
- the Australian Capital Territory,
- the Northern Territory,
- Norfolk Island,⁶²
- the Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands,
- the Territory of Christmas Island, and
- each of the other Territories.⁶³

This ascertainment is to be made using statistics supplied by the Australian Statistician which have most recently before the reference day been compiled and published in a regular series under the *Census and Statistics Act 1905*.^{64 65}

The populations ascertained in 2014 and 2017 are displayed in Table J.

59 Sub-section 46(1) of the Electoral Act specifies this requirement.

60 Once the Electoral Commissioner has determined the number of members of the House of Representatives for each state and territory, section 49 of the Electoral Act requires a certificate containing specified information to be forwarded to the Minister and published in the Gazette. The certificate from November 2014 can be found in Gazette C2014G01876 and is available on the AEC website.

61 The certificate can be found in Gazette C2017G00945 and is available on the AEC website.

62 Norfolk Island was required to be included in this process from Friday 1 July 2016 as a result of amendments made to the Electoral Act by the *Territories Legislation Amendment Act 2016*. These amendments commenced on Friday 1 July 2016.

63 Sub-section 46(1) of the Electoral Act specifies this requirement.

64 Paragraph 46(1A)(a) of the Electoral Act specifies the reference day is the first day after the end of the 12 month period following for the first meeting day of the House of Representatives. The reference day following the first meeting of the House of Representatives in the 44th Parliament was Thursday 13 November 2014 and in the 45th Parliament was Thursday 31 August 2017.

65 The statistics used in the 2014 ascertainment were supplied on Wednesday 22 October 2014 and were published in the Australian Demographic Statistics, March 2014 Quarter (ABS Cat. no. 3101.0) – Table 8 on Thursday 25 September 2014. The statistics used in the 2017 ascertainment were supplied on Friday 28 July 2017 and were published in Australian Demographic Statistics, December Quarter 2016 (ABS Cat. no. 3101.0) – Table 8 on Tuesday 27 June 2017.

Table J: Populations ascertained in 2014 and 2017

Jurisdiction	Populations ascertained in 2014	Populations ascertained in 2017
The States		
New South Wales	7,500,617	7,797,791
Victoria	5,821,269	6,244,227
Queensland	4,708,510	4,883,739
Western Australia	2,565,588	2,567,788
South Australia	1,682,635	1,716,966
Tasmania	514,684	519,050
The Commonwealth^a	22,793,303	23,729,561
The Territories^b		
Australian Capital Territory ^c	386,092 ^d	419,256 ^e
Northern Territory	243,689 ^d	247,512
Norfolk Island	n/a	1,756
The Territory of Cocos (Keeling) Islands	572	550
The Territory of Christmas Island	2,217	1,914
Australian Antarctic Territory	102	57
Territory of Heard Island and McDonald Islands	0	0
Coral Sea Islands Territory	4	3
Territory of Ashmore and Cartier Islands	0	0

- Pursuant to section 45 of the Electoral Act, the number of the people of the Commonwealth does not include the people of the Territories.
- Pursuant to section 38A of the Electoral Act, the Territory of Norfolk Island was not taken to be a Territory for the purposes of the 2014 ascertainment.
- Pursuant to section 4(1) of the Electoral Act, the Jervis Bay Territory is taken to be part of the Australian Capital Territory for the purposes of this ascertainment.
- Pursuant to section 46(2) of the Electoral Act, a Norfolk Island resident who was enrolled in a Territory under section 95AA(3) of the Electoral Act was included in the count of the population of that Territory for the purposes of the 2014 ascertainment.
- Pursuant to sub-section 48(2BA) of the Electoral Act, as Norfolk Island is not entitled to a member of the House of Representatives, the population is added to the population of the Australian Capital Territory and the number of members of the House of Representatives to which the Australian Capital Territory is entitled is recalculated.

To determine the number of members of the House of Representatives each state and territory is entitled to, the Electoral Commissioner is required to calculate the population quota using the following formula:⁶⁶

$$\frac{\text{Number of the people of the Commonwealth as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner}}{\text{Twice the number of senators for the States}}$$

66 This formula is specified in paragraph 48(2)(a) of the Electoral Act.

Table K shows the figures used to calculate the population quota.

Table K: Population quotas calculated in 2014 and 2017

	2014	2017
Number of the people of the Commonwealth as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	22,793,303	23,729,561
Twice the number of senators for the States (2 x (12 x 6))	144	144
Population quota	158,286.8264	164,788.61806

Table L shows the figures used to calculate the number of members of the House of Representatives Tasmania is entitled to.

Table L: Calculation of the number of members of the House of Representatives to which Tasmania is entitled in 2014 and 2017

	2014	2017
Number of the people of Tasmania as ascertained by the Electoral Commissioner	514,684	519,050
Population quota	158,286.8264	164,788.61806
Number of members of the House of Representatives for Tasmania	3.2516	3.14979
Number of members of the House of Representatives for Tasmania – application of rounding rule ^a	3	3
Number of members of the House of Representatives for Tasmania – application of Constitution	5	5

a. Paragraph 48(2)(b) of the Electoral Act specifies that in calculating the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen for a State, when the result of dividing the ascertained population by the population quota is a remainder that is greater than one-half of a quota, that number is increased by one.

Section 24 of the Commonwealth of Australia Constitution Act specifies the requirements for the composition of the House of Representatives, requiring that ‘... five members at least shall be chosen in each Original State’. Original States are defined in section 6 as meaning ‘... such States are parts of the Commonwealth at its establishment’.

As Tasmania is an Original State, it is guaranteed a minimum of five members of the House of Representatives.

As a result of the 2017 determination, which occurred during the course of the redistribution, Tasmania remains entitled to five members of the House of Representatives.

Appendix C: Operation of statutory requirements for the making of a redistribution

Section 73 of the Electoral Act requires the augmented Electoral Commission to abide by the following requirements:

- make a determination of the names and boundaries of the electoral divisions of Tasmania by a notice published in the Gazette,
- ensure the number of electoral divisions Tasmania is divided into equals the number of members of the House of Representatives to be chosen in Tasmania at a general election, and
- abide by the following requirements:

(4) *In making the determination, the augmented Electoral Commission:*

(a) *shall, as far as practicable, endeavour to ensure that the number of electors enrolled in each Electoral Division in the State or Territory will not, at the projection time determined under section 63A, be less than 96.5% or more than 103.5% of the average divisional enrolment of that State or Territory at that time; and*

(b) *subject to paragraph (a), shall give due consideration, in relation to each Electoral Division, to:*

(i) *community of interests within the Electoral Division, including economic, social and regional interests;*

(ii) *means of communication and travel within the Electoral Division;*

(iv) *the physical features and area of the Electoral Division; and*

(v) *the boundaries of existing Divisions in the State or Territory;*

and subject thereto the quota of electors for the State or Territory shall be the basis for the redistribution, and the augmented Electoral Commission may adopt a margin of allowance, to be used whenever necessary, but in no case shall the quota be departed from to a greater extent than one-tenth more or one-tenth less.

(4A) *When applying subsection (4), the augmented Electoral Commission must treat the matter in subparagraph (4)(b)(v) as subordinate to the matters in subparagraphs (4)(b)(i), (ii) and (iv).*

These statutory requirements are expressed in a hierarchical order.

The purpose of paragraph 3(a) is suggested by its history. It has undergone some transformation since the *Commonwealth Electoral Legislation Amendment Act 1983* stipulated that boundaries were to be drawn, as far as practicable, to achieve equal numbers of electors in each of a state's electoral divisions three-and-a-half years after a redistribution. By 1984 'it was observed that the three-and-a-half year rule had in some areas forced the adoption, on purely numerical grounds, of boundaries which took little account of perceived community of interest'.⁶⁷ Therefore, in 1987,

⁶⁷ Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters, *Electoral Redistributions: Report on the Effectiveness and Appropriateness of the Redistribution Provisions of Parts III and IV of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918*, 1995, paragraph 4.3

the rule was relaxed to permit a measure of tolerance to plus or minus two percent from average projected enrolment. Subsequently, the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters concluded that:

*the numerical criteria do not allow “due consideration”, in the words of the Act, to be given to the qualitative factors. Rather, the political parties and others attempting to frame electoral boundaries essentially find themselves engaged in a mathematical modelling exercise. In order to relax the enrolment requirements to that extent necessary to allow a realistic degree of flexibility the Committee recommends ... that subsections 66(3)(a) and 73(4)(a) of the Electoral Act be amended, so as to extend the variation from average divisional enrolment allowed three-and-a-half years after a redistribution from two to 3.5 percent.*⁶⁸

The Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters also, in the same report, refers to its recommended amendment as one that ‘would maintain substantial restrictions on malapportionment [and] would allow other legitimate policy objectives to be more effectively met’.

Paragraph 4(a) follows this recommendation. The terms of the recommendation, and the discussion which preceded it, make clear the purpose of paragraph 4(a), as it now stands, and how it was intended to interact with the other criteria set out in the sub-paragraphs of paragraph (b), to which also ‘due consideration’ must be given. The Redistribution Committee has considered the suggestions and comments and made its proposed redistribution on this basis.

In summary, the primary criteria are to:

- endeavour to ensure that the number of electors in the electoral divisions are within a range of 3.5 per cent below or above the projected enrolment quota at the projection time, and
- ensure that current enrolments are within 10 per cent below or above the current enrolment quota.

The secondary criteria are community of interests, means of communication and travel, and physical features and area. The augmented Electoral Commission also considers the boundaries of existing electoral divisions; however this criterion is subordinate to the others.

⁶⁸ *ibid.*, paragraph 4.11

Appendix D: Objections to the proposed redistribution of Tasmania

Eleven written objections were received.

No.	Submitted by	Topics referred to	Divisions referred to
OB1	Darren McSweeney	Division names and division boundaries	Bass, Braddon, Denison, Franklin, Lyons
OB2	Martin Gordon	Division names and division boundaries	Bass, Braddon, Denison, Franklin, Lyons
OB3	Jeff Waddell	Division boundaries	Bass, Braddon, Denison, Franklin, Lyons
OB4	Bob Holderness-Roddam	Division boundaries	Denison
OB5	Alex Jago	Division boundaries	Bass
OB6	Margaret and Henry Reynolds	Division boundaries	Denison
OB7	Peter Jones	Division boundaries	Denison
OB8	John Beattie	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons
OB9	Rodney Croome	Division boundaries	Denison
OB10	Dorset Council	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons
OB11	Australian Labor Party Tasmanian Branch	Division names and division boundaries	Bass, Braddon, Denison, Franklin, Lyons

The following objections were submitted by individuals who were not residents of Tasmania at the time of lodgement:

- OB1 – Darren McSweeney
- OB2 – Martin Gordon
- OB3 – Jeff Waddell
- OB5 – Alex Jago

Appendix E: Comments on objections to the proposed redistribution of Tasmania

Eight written comments on objections were received.

No.	Submitted by	Topics referred to	Divisions referred to	Objections referred to in comment
COB1	Geoff Ellis	Division name	Franklin	
COB2	Bob Holderness-Roddam	Division name	Denison	OB1
				OB2
				OB3
				OB4
				OB6
				OB7
				OB9
				OB11
COB3	Sarah Courtney MP	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons	
COB4	Hon Michael Ferguson MP	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons	OB10
				OB11
COB5	Senator David Bushby	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons	OB10
				OB11
COB6	Hon Peter Gutwein MP	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons	OB10
				OB11
COB7	John Beattie	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons	OB1
				OB2
				OB3
				OB8
				OB10
COB8	Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons	OB10
				OB11

The following objection was submitted by an individual who was not a resident of Tasmania at the time of lodgement:

- COB1 – Geoff Ellis

Appendix F: Augmented Electoral Commission's response to themes contained in objections, comments on objections and in submissions to the inquiries into objections

Table M: Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries relating to the name of electoral divisions

Objections and comments on objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
support for the retention of divisional names while electoral divisions retain their current formation	OB1	Darren McSweeney	the names of the Divisions of Bass, Braddon, Franklin and Lyons will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee. The Division of Denison will be renamed 'Clark', in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
the Division of Denison be renamed in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark	OB2	Martin Gordon	the Division of Denison will be renamed 'Clark', in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	OB4	Bob Holderness-Roddam	
	OB6	Margaret and Henry Jones	
	OB7	Peter Jones	
	OB9	Rodney Croome	
	OB11	Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch	
	COB2	Bob Holderness-Roddam	
	IL4	Nigel Burch	
	IL5	Martin Gordon	
	IH1	Bob Holderness-Roddam	
	IH2	Professor Henry Reynolds	
the Division of Denison not be renamed until there is a major adjustment in the configuration of the electoral division	OB1	Darren McSweeney	the Division of Denison will be renamed 'Clark', in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	IH3	James Walker	
the Division of Denison be renamed 'Clark'	OB2	Martin Gordon	the Division of Denison will be renamed 'Clark', in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	IL5	Martin Gordon	

Objections and comments on objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
the Division of Denison be renamed 'Inglis Clark'	OB11	Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch	the Division of Denison will be renamed 'Clark', in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
should the Division of Denison be renamed, it should be 'Clark' rather than 'Inglis Clark'	IL6	Jeff Waddell	the Division of Denison will be renamed 'Clark', in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
the Division of Franklin be renamed in recognition of Truganini	COB1	Geoff Ellis	the name of the Division of Franklin will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	IH5	Geoff Ellis	
supports retaining the name of the Division of Franklin	IL5	Martin Gordon	the name of the Division of Franklin will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

O = objection received, COB = comment on objection received, IH = inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections in Hobart and IL = inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections in Launceston (refer to Appendix D, Appendix E or Appendix G for full list)

Table N: Objections, comments on objections and submissions to the inquiries relating to the placement of electoral divisions and divisional boundaries

Objections and comments on objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that...
	No.	Submitted by	
support for the inclusion of the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar in the Division of Bass	OB1	Darren McSweeney	the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar be located in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB2	Martin Gordon	
	OB3	Jeff Waddell	
	OB5	Alex Jago	
	IL5	Martin Gordon	
	IL6	Jeff Waddell	
the Municipality of Dorset be retained in the Division of Bass and not transferred to the Division of Lyons	OB2	Martin Gordon	the Municipality of Dorset be retained in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	OB8	John Beattie	
	OB10	Dorset Council	
	COB3	Sarah Courtney MP	
	COB4	Hon Michael Ferguson MP	
	COB5	Senator David Bushby	
	COB6	Hon Peter Gutwein MP	
	COB7	John Beattie	
	COB8	Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch	
	IL1	Geoff Page (Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch)	
	IL2	John Beattie	
	IL3	Greg Howard	
	IL5	Martin Gordon	
	IL6	Jeff Waddell	
IH3	James Walker		

Objections and comments on objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that...
	No.	Submitted by	
the Municipality of Flinders be retained in the Division of Bass and not transferred to the Division of Lyons	OB2	Martin Gordon	the Municipality of Flinders be retained in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	OB8	John Beattie	
	OB10	Dorset Council	
	COB3	Sarah Courtney MP	
	COB4	Hon Michael Ferguson MP	
	COB5	Senator David Bushby	
	COB6	Hon Peter Gutwein MP	
	COB7	John Beattie	
	COB8	Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch	
	IL1	Geoff Page (Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch)	
	IL5	Martin Gordon	
	IL6	Jeff Waddell	
the boundaries of the Division of Bass not be altered from those in existence at the commencement of the redistribution	IH3	James Walker	<p>the boundaries of Bass be altered such that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar be located in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee ▪ the entirety of the Municipality of Meander Valley be located in the Division of Lyons, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised proposal
	OB8	John Beattie	
	OB11	Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch	
	COB3	Sarah Courtney MP	
	COB4	Hon Michael Ferguson MP	
	COB5	Senator David Bushby	
	COB6	Hon Peter Gutwein MP	
	COB8	Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch	
if alterations were to be made to the boundaries of the Division of Bass, the localities of Devon Hills and Western Junction be transferred from the Division of Lyons to the Division of Bass	IL1	Geoff Page (Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch)	for community of interest reasons, the localities of Devon Hills and Western Junction be retained in the Division of Lyons, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB11	Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch	

Objections and comments on objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that...
	No.	Submitted by	
supported the proposal to locate the entirety of the Municipality of Latrobe in the Division of Braddon	OB1	Darren McSweeney	the entirety of the Municipality of Latrobe be located in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB2	Martin Gordon	
	OB3	Jeff Waddell	
	OB11	Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch	
	IL5	Martin Gordon	
	IL6	Jeff Waddell	
	IH3	James Walker	
the town of Railton and the surrounding parts of the Municipality of Kentish be transferred from the Division of Lyons into the Division of Braddon	OB11	Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch	for community of interest reasons, the town of Railton and the surrounding parts of the Municipality of Kentish remain in the Division of Lyons, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
does not support the boundaries of the proposed Division of Denison	OB3	Jeff Waddell	the boundaries of the Division of Clark will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the Division of Denison consist of the City of Hobart, the Municipality of Huon Valley and the Municipality of Kingborough	OB2	Martin Gordon	the boundaries of the Division of Clark will remain as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB3	Jeff Waddell	
	IL5	Martin Gordon	
	IL6	Jeff Waddell	
the locality of Kingston Beach be transferred from the Division of Franklin to the Division of Denison	OB11	Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch	the locality of Kingston Beach remain in the Division of Franklin, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
does not support the boundaries of the proposed Division of Franklin	OB1	Darren McSweeney	as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, the Division of Franklin will consist of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipality of Huon Valley, ▪ part of the City of Clarence, and ▪ part of the Municipality of Kingborough
	OB3	Jeff Waddell	
support for the change to the boundary between the Division of Denison and the Division of Franklin along the Huon Highway	IL5	Martin Gordon	the boundary between the Divisions of Clark and Franklin be altered from Sandfly Road and Huon Road to the Huon Highway, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

Objections and comments on objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that...
	No.	Submitted by	
the Division of Franklin consist of the City of Clarence, minus the locality of Richmond, and the City of Glenorchy	OB2	Martin Gordon	as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, the Division of Franklin will consist of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipality of Huon Valley, ▪ part of the City of Clarence, and ▪ part of the Municipality of Kingborough
	IL5	Martin Gordon	
the Division of Franklin consist of the City of Clarence and part or all of the City of Glenorchy	OB3	Jeff Waddell	as proposed by the Redistribution Committee, the Division of Franklin will consist of the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipality of Huon Valley, ▪ part of the City of Clarence, and ▪ part of the Municipality of Kingborough
	IL6	Jeff Waddell	
support for the location of the Municipality of Dorset in the Division of Lyons	OB1	Darren McSweeney	the Municipality of Dorset be retained in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	OB3	Jeff Waddell	
support for the location of the Municipality of Flinders in the Division of Lyons	OB1	Darren McSweeney	the Municipality of Flinders be retained in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	OB3	Jeff Waddell	
the portion of the Municipality of Meander Valley located in the Division of Bass be transferred to the Division of Lyons, uniting the Municipality of Meander Valley in the Division of Lyons in its entirety	OB2	Martin Gordon	the Municipality of Flinders be retained in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	IL3	Greg Howard	
	IL5	Martin Gordon	
	IL6	Jeff Waddell	
the locality of Richmond be retained in the Division of Lyons, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee	OB2	Martin Gordon	for community of interest reasons, the locality of Richmond be located in the Division of Lyons, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the locality of Richmond not be transferred into the Division of Lyons but be retained in the Division of Franklin	OB1	Darren McSweeney	for community of interest reasons, the locality of Richmond be located in the Division of Lyons, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	OB3	Jeff Waddell	
the Municipality of West Tamar in its entirety be located in the Division of Lyons	OB8	John Beattie	the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar be located in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
Hadspen/Carrick and Westbury be transferred from the Division of Bass to the Division of Lyons	OB8	John Beattie	Carrick, Hadspen and Westbury be located in the Division of Lyons, as proposed the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal

Objections and comments on objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that...
	No.	Submitted by	
Hadspen/Carrick and Prospect Vale Blackstone be transferred from the Division of Bass to the Division of Lyons	COB7	John Beattie	Carrick, Hadspen and Prospect Vale be located in the Division of Lyons, as proposed the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	IL2	John Beattie	
the portion of the locality of Old Beach located in the Division of Franklin be transferred to the Division of Lyons, which would result in the suburb of Old Beach and the Municipality of Brighton in their entirety being located in the Division of Lyons	OB11	Australian Labor Party, Tasmanian Branch	for community of interest reasons, locating the Old Beach area in the Division of Lyons, thereby locating the Municipality of Brighton in its entirety in the Division of Lyons, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

O = objection received, C OB = comment on objection received, IH = inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections held in Hobart and IL = inquiry participant at the inquiry into objections held in Launceston (refer to Appendix D, Appendix E or Appendix G for full list)

Appendix G: Inquiries into objections

Six submissions were made at the inquiry held by the augmented Electoral Commission in Launceston on Monday 10 July 2017.

No.	Participant
IL1	Geoff Page (Liberal Party of Australia, Tasmanian Branch)
IL2	John Beattie
IL3	Greg Howard
IL4	Nigel Burch
IL5	Martin Gordon
IL6	Jeff Waddell

The following submissions to the inquiry held in Launceston were submitted by individuals who were not residents of Tasmania at the time of submission:

- IL5 – Martin Gordon
- IL6 – Jeff Waddell

Five submissions were made at the inquiry held by the augmented Electoral Commission in Hobart on Tuesday 11 July 2017.

No.	Participant
IH1	Bob Holderness-Roddam
IH2	Professor Henry Reynolds
IH3	James Walker
IH4	Rodney Croome
IH5	Geoff Ellis

The following submission to the inquiry held in Hobart was submitted by an individual who was not a resident of Tasmania at the time of submission:

- IH5 – Geoff Ellis

Appendix H: Constructing electoral boundaries

The AEC maintains the electoral roll on the basis of alignment to SA1s, and is able to provide data on enrolments and projected enrolments at this level. Accordingly, in formulating its proposals, the augmented Electoral Commission used SA1s as its basic building blocks. The SA1s have defined boundaries and are of differing sizes and shapes. In cases where the augmented Electoral Commission considered that a particular SA1 boundary was inappropriate for use as an electoral division boundary, the SA1 was split to provide a more meaningful boundary.

The indicative area of electoral divisions in Tasmania has been calculated by aggregating the area of:

- all land-based SA1s;
- any parts of land-based SA1s; and
- any lakes, ponds, rivers, creeks, wetlands or marshes not already included in land-based SA1s, that are contained within the divisional boundary of each electoral division.

Areas are calculated using the AEC's Electoral Boundary Mapping System (EBMS), developed within the 'MapInfo Professional' software package.

The augmented Electoral Commission used EBMS as an aid to modelling various boundary options.

Appendix I: Announcement of the augmented Electoral Commission's revised redistribution proposal

The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's public announcement of a revised proposal of federal electoral divisions in Tasmania, issued on Wednesday 20 July 2017, is reproduced below.

Revised Tasmanian redistribution proposal announced

The augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania has today announced a revised proposal for Tasmania's federal redistribution and invited further objections.

The Hon. Dennis Cowdroy OAM QC, the presiding member, thanked individuals and organisations who have contributed to the redistribution process so far.

"After thorough consideration of written submissions and inquiry testimony, the augmented Electoral Commission has modified the redistribution proposed by the Redistribution Committee for Tasmania," Mr Cowdroy said.

The augmented Electoral Commission has modified the initial redistribution proposal by:

- locating the Municipality of Dorset in the proposed Division of Bass
- locating the Municipality of Flinders in the proposed Division of Bass
- locating the Municipality of Meander Valley in its entirety in the proposed Division of Lyons,
- renaming the Division of Denison to 'Clark', to recognise the contributions of Andrew Inglis Clark.

The augmented Electoral Commission notes this proposal is significantly different from the proposal of the Redistribution Committee and therefore further input from members of the public is sought.

An overview of the augmented Electoral Commission's conclusions on objections to the Redistribution Committee's proposed redistribution is available at www.aec.gov.au/tas-redistribution.

Further objections

The consultative nature of the redistribution process continues with individuals and organisations now able to lodge further objections to the augmented Electoral Commission's proposed divisions.

Written objections must be lodged no later than 6pm AEST Wednesday 26 July 2017. The best way to lodge an objection is online. Objections can also be submitted via:

- Email: FedRedistribution-TAS@aec.gov.au
- In person: The Australian Electoral Commission (Att: Redistribution Secretariat), at Ground Floor, 2 Salamanca Square, Hobart (business hours only)
- Mail: The Australian Electoral Commission (Att: Redistribution Secretariat), GPO Box 520, Hobart TAS 7001 or
- Fax: 02 6293 7660.

All further objections received by the deadline will be available for public inspection on the Ground Floor, 2 Salamanca Square, Hobart and on the AEC website from Thursday 27 July 2017.

The augmented Electoral Commission may hold an inquiry into further objections should it be required.

Editor's notes:

- Further information about the redistribution process
- Guidance on making submissions

Appendix J: Further objections to the augmented Electoral Commission’s revised redistribution proposal

Twenty-two written further objections were received.

No.	Submitted by	Topics referred to	Divisions referred to
FOB1	Bob Holderness-Roddam	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB2	Darren McSweeney	Division names and division boundaries	Bass, Clark (Denison) and Franklin
FOB3	Rhiannon Menegon	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons
FOB4	Rodney Croome	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB5	Donna Sargent	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons
FOB6	Dr Joanna Ellison	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons
FOB7	Dr John Bennett	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB8	Robin Banks	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB9	Michael Roe	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB10	Barry Holmes	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB11	Matthew Groom MP	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB12	Bohdan Bilinsky AM	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB13	Professor Richard Eccleston	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB14	Jill Handley	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons
FOB15	Cr Peter Kearney	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons
FOB16	Catherine Cowie	Division names and division boundaries	Bass, Clark (Denison), Franklin
FOB17	Meander Valley Council	Division name	Bass and Lyons
FOB18	Lawrence Neasey	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB19	Andrew Wilkie MP	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB20	Helen Neasey	Division name	Clark (Denison)
FOB21	Australian Labor Party Tasmanian Branch	Division names and division boundaries	Bass, Clark (Denison), Lyons
FOB22	Michael Ferguson MP	Division boundaries	Bass and Lyons

The following further objections were submitted by individuals who were not residents of Tasmania at the time of lodgement:

- FOB2 – Darren McSweeney
- FOB7 – Dr John Bennett
- FOB12 – Bohdan Bilinsky AM
- FOB20 – Helen Neasey

Appendix K: Inquiry into further objections

Ten submissions were made at the inquiry into further objections held by the augmented Electoral Commission in Launceston on Monday 7 August 2017.

No.	Participant
FI-L1	Martin Gill
FI-L2	Craig Perkins
FI-L3	John Beattie
FI-L4	Mayor Carol Cox
FI-L5	Tim Watson
FI-L6	Councillor Peter Carney
FI-L7	Bohdan Bilinsky AM
FI-L8	David Halse Rogers
FI-L9	Bob Holderness-Roddam
FI-L10	Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG

The following submissions to the inquiry held in Launceston were submitted by individuals who were not residents of Tasmania at the time of submission:

- FI-L7 – Bohdan Bilinsky AM
- FI-L10 – Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG

Appendix L: Augmented Electoral Commission's response to themes contained in further objections and in submissions to the inquiry into further objections

Table O: Further objections and submissions to the inquiry into further objections relating to the name of electoral divisions

Further objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
support for renaming the Division of Denison in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark	FOB1	Bob Holderness-Roddam	the electoral division will be known as the Division of Clark, in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised redistribution proposal
	FOB2	Darren McSweeney	
	FOB4	Rodney Croome	
	FOB8	Robin Banks	
	FOB10	Barry Holmes	
	FOB11	Matthew Groom MP	
	FOB13	Professor Richard Eccleston	
	FOB16	Catherine Cowie	
	FOB18	Lawrence Neasey	
	FOB19	Andrew Wilkie MP	
	FOB20	Helen Neasey	
	FOB21	ALP Tasmanian Branch	
	FI-L6	Cr. Peter Kearney	
	FI-L8	David Halse Rogers	
	FI-L9	Bob Holderness-Roddam	
FI-L10	Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG		
support for renaming the Division of Denison to 'Clark' in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark	FOB1	Bob Holderness-Roddam	the electoral division will be known as the Division of Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised proposal
	FOB2	Darren McSweeney	
	FOB10	Barry Holmes	
	FOB18	Lawrence Neasey	
	FOB20	Helen Neasey	
	FOB21	ALP Tasmanian Branch	
FI-L6	Cr. Peter Kearney		

Further objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that ...
	No.	Submitted by	
support for renaming the Division of Denison to 'Inglis Clark' in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark	FOB4	Rodney Croome	the electoral division will be known as the Division of Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised proposal
	FOB8	Robin Banks	
	FOB11	Matthew Groom MP	
	FOB13	Professor Richard Eccleston	
	FOB19	Andrew Wilkie MP	
	FI-L8	David Halse Rogers	
	FI-L9	Bob Holderness-Roddam	
	FI-L10	Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG	
the Division of Denison should not be renamed in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark	FOB7	Dr John Bennett AM	the electoral division will be known as the Division of Clark, in recognition of Andrew Inglis Clark, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised proposal
	FOB9	Michael Roe	
	FOB12	Bohdan Bilinsky AM	
	FI-L7	Bohdan Bilinsky AM	
the Division of Franklin be renamed	FOB2	Darren McSweeney	the name of the Division of Franklin will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the name of the Division of Franklin be retained	FI-L6	Cr. Peter Kearney	the name of the Division of Franklin will be retained, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

FOB = further objection received and FI-L = inquiry participant at the inquiry into further objections held in Launceston (refer to Appendix J or Appendix K for full list)

Table P: Further objections and submissions to the inquiry into further objections relating to the placement of electoral divisions and divisional boundaries

Further objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that...
	No.	Submitted by	
Bridgenorth should be retained in the Division of Lyons and not transferred to the Division of Bass	FOB6	Dr Joanna Ellison	as part of the proposal to locate the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar in the Division of Bass, Bridgenorth will be transferred to the Division of Bass, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
does not support the inclusion of the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar in the Division of Bass	FOB15	Cr. Peter Kearney	the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar be located in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	FI-L6	Cr. Peter Kearney	
the Municipality of Dorset be retained in the Division of Bass	FOB16	Catherine Cowie	the Municipality of Dorset be retained in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised proposal
	FI-L3	John Beattie	
	FI-L5	Tim Watson	
the Municipality of Flinders be retained in the Division of Bass	FOB16	Catherine Cowie	the Municipality of Flinders be retained in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised proposal
	FI-L3	John Beattie	
	FI-L4	Carol Cox	
	FI-L5	Tim Watson	
does not support the boundaries of the proposed Division of Franklin	FOB2	Darren McSweeney	to adopt the boundaries of the Division of Franklin as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
	FOB16	Catherine Cowie	
does not support the transfer of the portion of the Municipality of Meander Valley located in the Division of Bass to the Division of Lyons	FOB3	Rhiannon Menegon	the entirety of the Municipality of Meander Valley be located in the Division of Lyons, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised proposal
	FOB5	Donna Sargent	
	FOB6	Dr Joanna Ellison	
	FOB14	Jill Handley	
	FOB15	Cr. Peter Kearney	
	FOB17	Meander Valley Council	
	FOB21	ALP Tasmanian Branch	
	FOB22	Michael Ferguson MP	
	FI-L1	Martin Gill	
	FI-L2	Craig Perkins	
	FI-L6	Cr. Peter Kearney	
supports the transfer of the portion of the Municipality of Meander Valley located in the Division of Bass to the Division of Lyons	FI-L3	John Beattie	the entirety of the Municipality of Meander Valley be located in the Division of Lyons, as proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission in their revised proposal

Further objections recommend ...	Submission		The augmented Electoral Commission has concluded that...
	No.	Submitted by	
the Municipality of West Tamar in its entirety be located in the Division of Lyons	FOB16	Catherine Cowie	the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar be located in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee
the electoral division in which the Municipality of West Tamar is located should be revisited by the augmented Electoral Commission	FI-L3	John Beattie	the entirety of the Municipality of West Tamar be located in the Division of Bass, as proposed by the Redistribution Committee

FOB = further objection received and FI-L = inquiry participant at the inquiry into further objections in Launceston (refer to Appendix J or Appendix K for full list)

Appendix M: Announcement of the augmented Electoral Commission's proposed redistribution

The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's public announcement of their proposed redistribution, issued on Wednesday 27 September 2017, is reproduced below.

Names and boundaries of federal electoral divisions in Tasmania decided

The augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania today announced the outcome of its deliberations on the names and boundaries of the five federal electoral divisions in Tasmania.

The Hon. Dennis Cowdroy OAM QC, the presiding member, thanked the individuals and organisations who contributed to the redistribution by providing written submissions or appearing at a public inquiry during the redistribution process.

"After a thorough consideration of the further objections and submissions to the inquiry into further objections, the augmented Electoral Commission's proposal released on 20 July will be implemented without change," Mr Cowdroy said.

"This decision principally resulted from the need for all of Tasmania's electoral divisions to meet the two numerical requirements of the Electoral Act."

Changes will be made to the boundaries of all five federal electoral divisions in Tasmania and the previous Division of Denison will become the Division of Clark.

The augmented Electoral Commission has retained the names of the Divisions of Bass, Braddon, Franklin and Lyons. The renaming of the Division of Denison to Clark is in recognition of the contribution Andrew Inglis Clark (1848–1907) made to Australia's political and legal systems.

An overview of the augmented Electoral Commission's conclusions on further objections to the revised proposal of federal electoral divisions in Tasmania is available.

The names and boundaries of the federal electoral divisions for Tasmania will apply from 14 November 2017. Electoral events will not be contested on these new federal electoral divisions until a writ is issued for a general federal election.

Overview maps will be available on the AEC website on 14 November 2017. Detailed maps and a report outlining the augmented Electoral Commission's reasons for its formal determination will be tabled in the Federal Parliament and will subsequently be made publicly available.

More information about the Tasmanian federal redistribution is available on the AEC website.

Augmented Electoral Commission’s proposed electoral divisions

Name of proposed electoral division	Name of proposed electoral division
Bass	<p>As proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania, the proposed electoral division will consist of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Launceston ▪ Municipality of Dorset ▪ Municipality of Flinders ▪ Municipality of George Town, and ▪ Municipality of West Tamar
Braddon	<p>As proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania, the proposed electoral division will consist of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Burnie ▪ Municipality of Central Coast ▪ Municipality of Circular Head ▪ City of Devonport ▪ Municipality of King Island ▪ Municipality of Latrobe ▪ Municipality of Waratah-Wynyard, and ▪ Municipality of West Coast
Clark	<p>As proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania, the proposed electoral division will consist of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City of Glenorchy ▪ City of Hobart, and ▪ part of the Municipality of Kingborough
Franklin	<p>As proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania, the proposed electoral division will consist of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipality of Huon Valley, ▪ part of the City of Clarence, and ▪ part of the Municipality of Kingborough
Lyons	<p>As proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania, the proposed electoral division will consist of the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Municipality of Break O’Day ▪ Municipality of Brighton ▪ Municipality of Central Highlands ▪ Municipality of Derwent Valley ▪ Municipality of Glamorgan-Spring Bay ▪ Municipality of Kentish ▪ Municipality of Meander Valley ▪ Municipality of Northern Midlands ▪ Municipality of Sorell ▪ Municipality of Southern Midlands ▪ Municipality of Tasman, and ▪ part of the City of Clarence

Appendix N: Determination of electoral divisions in Tasmania by the augmented Electoral Commission

The text of the augmented Electoral Commission's determination of electoral divisions in Tasmania, published in the Gazette on Tuesday 14 November 2017, is reproduced below.

Determination of names and boundaries of federal electoral divisions in Tasmania

As determined by the Electoral Commissioner on 31 August 2017, Tasmania is entitled to five members of the House of Representatives.

Pursuant to sub-section 73(1) of the *Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918* (the Electoral Act), the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania has determined the names of the five electoral divisions are:

- Bass
- Braddon
- Clark
- Franklin
- Lyons

Pursuant to sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, the augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania has determined that the boundaries of these electoral divisions are as shown on the maps displayed on the Australian Electoral Commission website at www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions and lodged in file number 17/590 at the National Office of the Australian Electoral Commission in Canberra.

The augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania has made decisions in accordance with the requirements of sub-sections 73(3), 73(4) and 73(4A) of the Electoral Act.

As provided for by sub-section 73(1) of the Electoral Act, and subject to the provisions of the Electoral Act, the electoral divisions determined by this notice will apply from 14 November 2017 until the next determination of names and boundaries of electoral divisions in the Tasmania is published in the *Commonwealth Government Notices Gazette* pursuant to sub-section 73(1) or sub-section 76(6) of the Electoral Act.

Until the next following expiration or dissolution of the House of Representatives, the redistribution does not affect the election of a new member to fill a vacancy happening in the House of Representatives.

The Hon. Dennis Cowdroy OAM QC
Chairperson
Augmented Electoral Commission for Tasmania

Appendix O: Guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions

Determining the names of federal electoral divisions is part of the process of conducting a federal redistribution within a state or territory.

The criteria used by redistribution committees to propose the names of electoral divisions, and used by augmented electoral commissions to determine the names of electoral divisions, have previously been the subject of recommendations from the Joint Standing Committee on Electoral Matters. From these recommendations, a set of guidelines were developed as a point of reference only.

It should be noted that redistribution committees and augmented electoral commissions are in no way bound by the guidelines.

Naming after persons

In the main, electoral divisions should be named after deceased Australians who have rendered outstanding service to their country.

When new electoral divisions are created the names of former Prime Ministers should be considered.

Federation Divisional names

Every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation electoral divisions.

Geographical names

Locality or place names should generally be avoided, but in certain areas the use of geographical features may be appropriate (e.g. Perth).

Aboriginal names

Aboriginal names should be used where appropriate and as far as possible existing Aboriginal divisional names should be retained.

Other criteria

The names of Commonwealth electoral divisions should not duplicate existing state districts.

Qualifying names may be used where appropriate (e.g. Melbourne Ports, Port Adelaide).

Names of electoral divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons.

When two or more electoral divisions are partially combined, as far as possible the name of the new electoral division should be that of the old electoral division which had the greatest number of electors within the new boundaries. However, where the socio-demographic nature of the electoral division in question has changed significantly, this should override the numerical formula.

Appendix P: General description of how electoral divisions are constituted

The following tables show how each electoral division has been constructed and are intended to assist electors to identify if their electoral division has been altered as a result of this redistribution.

The unit to display this construction is Statistical Area 2s (SA2s).⁶⁹ Each SA2 comprises a number of SA1s. The SA1s and SA2s which applied at the 2011 Census of Population and Housing have been used.

Electoral divisions are displayed in alphabetical order.

⁶⁹ SA2s are an area defined in the Australian Statistical Geography Standard, and consist of one or more whole SA1s. Wherever possible, SA2s are based on officially gazetted state/territory suburbs and localities. In urban areas SA2s largely conform to whole suburbs and combinations of whole suburbs, while in rural areas they define functional zones of social and economic links. Geography is also taken into account in SA2 design.

Division of Bass

Division make up	Enrolment as at Thursday 1 September 2016	Projected enrolment as at Friday 14 May 2021
Electors retained from the former Division of Bass		
Dilston – Lilydale	3,040	2,974
George Town	4,994	4,989
Grindelwald – Lanena (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	8	8
Invermay	2,168	2,175
Kings Meadows – Punchbowl	2,961	2,953
Launceston	3,699	3,821
Legana (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	2,760	2,935
Mowbray	2,198	2,235
Newnham – Mayfield	5,789	5,789
Newstead	3,643	3,786
Norwood (Tas)	2,983	3,061
Ravenswood	2,527	2,457
Riverside (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	4,735	4,980
Scottsdale – Bridport	5,839	5,857
South Launceston	3,249	3,369
St Helens – Scamander (part located in Municipality of Dorset)	0	0
Summerhill – Prospect	3,612	3,619
Trevallyn	3,439	3,523
Waverley – St Leonards	2,507	2,605
West Launceston	3,102	3,119
Youngtown – Relbia (part located in City of Launceston)	3,539	3,570
Total electors retained from the former Division of Bass	66,792	67,825
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Bass		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Lyons		
Beauty Point – Beaconsfield (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	2,992	2,980
Deloraine (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	0	0
Grindelwald – Lanena (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	4,387	4,548
Legana (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	180	182
Prospect Vale – Blackston (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	0	0
Riverside (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	84	86
Westbury (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	32	32
Total transferred from the former Division of Lyons	7,675	7,828
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Bass	7,675	7,828

Division make up	Enrolment as at Thursday 1 September 2016	Projected enrolment as at Friday 14 May 2021
Total for Division of Bass	74,467	75,653
Electors transferred from the former Division of Bass to another electoral division		
Electors transferred to Division of Lyons		
Hadspen – Carrick (part located in Municipality of Meander Valley)	1,821	1,915
Prospect Vale – Blackstone (part located in Municipality of Meander Valley)	5,019	5,318
Total transferred to Division of Lyons	6,840	7,233
Total electors transferred from the existing Division of Bass to another electoral division	6,840	7,233

Division of Braddon

Division make up	Enrolment as at Thursday 1 September 2016	Projected enrolment as at Friday 14 May 2021
Electors retained from the former Division of Braddon		
Acton – Upper Burnie	2,424	2,461
Burnie – Ulverstone Region (part located in City of Burnie, part located in Municipality of Central Coast and part located in Municipality of Waratah-Wynyard)	3,843	3,908
Burnie – Wivenhoe	2,678	2,591
Devonport	10,398	10,237
East Devonport	3,501	3,505
King Island	1,128	1,033
Latrobe (part located in Municipality of Latrobe)	3,074	3,223
Miandetta – Don	2,530	2,694
North West	2,728	2,706
Parklands – Camdale	4,540	4,542
Penguin – Sulphur Creek	3,901	3,986
Port Sorell (part located in Municipality of Latrobe)	273	278
Quoiba – Spreyton	2,249	2,370
Romaine – Havenview	2,581	2,606
Sheffield – Railton (part located in Municipality of Central Coast)	0	0
Smithton	2,758	2,697
Somerset	2,986	2,931
Turners Beach – Forth (part located in City of Devonport and part located in Municipality of Central Coast)	2,471	2,490
Ulverstone	5,404	5,354
Waratah	2,798	2,860
West Coast (Tas)	2,999	2,866
West Ulverstone	3,188	3,193
Wilderness – West (located in Municipality of West Coast)	0	0
Wynyard	4,756	4,755
Total electors retained from the former Division of Braddon	73,208	73,286
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Braddon		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Lyons		
Latrobe (part located in Municipality of Latrobe)	377	401
Port Sorell (part located in Municipality of Latrobe)	4,145	4,296
Sheffield – Railton (part located in Municipality of Latrobe)	9	9
Total transferred from the former Division of Lyons	4,531	4,706
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Braddon	4,531	4,706
Total for Division of Braddon	77,739	77,992

Division of Clark

Division make up	Enrolment as at Thursday 1 September 2016	Projected enrolment as at Friday 14 May 2021
Electors retained from the former Division of Denison		
Austins Ferry – Granton (part located in City of Glenorchy)	2,630	2,672
Berriedale – Chigwell (part located in City of Glenorchy)	3,950	4,009
Claremont (Tas) (part located in City of Glenorchy)	5,621	5,677
Derwent Park – Lutana	2,962	3,062
Glenorchy	7,748	8,081
Hobart	5,513	5,643
Kingston – Huntingfield (part located in Municipality of Kingborough)	1,578	1,656
Lenah Valley – Mount Stuart	6,348	6,491
Margate – Snug (part located in Municipality of Kingborough)	173	173
Montrose – Rosetta	3,615	3,661
Moonah	3,726	3,876
Mount Nelson – Dynnyrne	3,085	3,318
Mount Wellington (part located in City of Glenorchy, part located in City of Hobart and part located in Municipality of Kingborough)	0	0
New Town	4,217	4,393
Sandy Bay	8,207	8,266
South Hobart – Fern Tree	4,628	4,748
Taroona – Bonnet Hill	2,686	2,657
West Hobart	4,617	4,802
West Moonah	2,689	2,834
Total electors retained from the former Division of Denison	73,993	76,019
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Clark		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Franklin		
Margate – Snug (part located in Municipality of Kingborough)	61	61
Total transferred from the former Division of Franklin	61	61
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Clark	61	61
Total for Division of Clark	74,054	76,080

Division of Franklin

Division make up	Enrolment as at Thursday 1 September 2016	Projected enrolment as at Friday 14 May 2021
Electors retained from the former Division of Franklin		
Bellerive – Rosny	4,806	5,150
Bruny Island – Kettering	2,448	2,490
Cambridge	5,885	6,059
Cygnets	3,117	3,255
Derwent Valley (part located in Municipality of Huon Valley)	0	0
Geeveston – Dover	2,721	2,693
Geilston Bay – Risdon	2,600	2,768
Howrah – Tranmere	8,083	8,623
Huonville – Franklin	6,025	6,314
Kingston – Huntingfield (part located in Municipality of Kingborough)	6,400	6,721
Kingston Beach – Blackmans Bay	7,772	8,150
Lindisfarne – Rose Bay	5,632	5,837
Margate – Snug (part located in Municipality of Kingborough)	5,216	5,484
Mornington – Warrane	3,231	3,400
Old Beach – Otago (part located in City of Clarence)	431	473
Risdon Vale	1,692	1,708
Rokeby	4,011	4,449
South Arm	3,234	3,303
Wilderness – East (part located in Municipality of Huon Valley)	0	0
Total electors retained from the former Division of Franklin	73,304	76,877
Total for Division of Franklin	73,304	76,877
Electors transferred from the former Division of Franklin to another electoral division		
Electors transferred to Division of Clark		
Margate – Snug (part located in Municipality of Kingborough)	61	61
Total transferred to Division of Clark	61	61
Electors transferred to Division of Lyons		
Old Beach – Otago (part located in Municipality of Brighton)	2,391	2,705
Sorell – Richmond (part located in City of Clarence)	1,302	1,354
Total transferred to Division of Lyons	3,693	4,059
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Franklin to another electoral division	3,754	4,120

Division of Lyons

Division make up	Enrolment as at Thursday 1 September 2016	Projected enrolment as at Friday 14 May 2021
Electors retained from the former Division of Lyons		
Austins Ferry – Granton (part located in Municipality of Derwent Valley)	303	309
Berriedale – Chigwell (part located in Municipality of Derwent Valley)	0	0
Bridgewater – Gagebrook	4,659	4,731
Brighton – Pontville	3,886	4,255
Burnie – Ulverstone Region (part located in Municipality of Kentish)	0	0
Central Highlands	1,591	1,581
Claremont (Tas) (part located in Municipality of Derwent Valley)	6	6
Deloraine	4,202	4,137
Derwent Valley (part located in Municipality of Derwent Valley)	2,142	2,164
Dilston – Lilydale (part located in Municipality of Northern Midlands)	14	14
Dodges Ferry – Lewisham	5,325	5,766
Forestier – Tasman	1,821	1,870
Grindelwald – Lanena (part located in Municipality of Meander Valley)	2	5
Hadspen – Carrick (part located in Municipality of Meander Valley)	654	674
Longford	3,043	3,096
New Norfolk	4,815	4,954
Northern Midlands	2,692	2,662
Old Beach – Otago (part located in Municipality of Brighton)	320	384
Perth – Evandale	3,843	3,950
Scottsdale – Bridport (part located in Municipality of Break O' Day)	9	9
Sheffield – Railton (part located in Municipality of Kentish)	4,556	4,659
Sorell – Richmond (part located in Municipality of Sorrell)	5,132	5,418
Southern Midlands	4,493	4,683
St Helens – Scamander (part located in Municipality of Break O' Day)	4,880	4,964
Triabunna – Bicheno	3,568	3,664
Turners Beach – Forth (part located in Municipality of Kentish)	10	10
Westbury (part located in Municipality of Meander Valley)	3,006	3,053
Wilderness – East (part located in Municipality of Central Highlands and part located in Municipality of Derwent Valley)	2	2
Youngtown – Relbia (part located in City of Launceston)	1	1

Division make up	Enrolment as at Thursday 1 September 2016	Projected enrolment as at Friday 14 May 2021
Total electors retained from the former Division of Lyons	64,975	67,021
Electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Lyons		
Electors transferred from the former Division of Bass		
Hadspen – Carrick	1,821	1,915
Prospect Vale – Blackstone	5,019	5,318
Total transferred from the former Division of Bass	6,840	7,233
Electors transferred from the former Division of Franklin		
Old Beach – Otago part located in Municipality of Brighton)	2,391	2,705
Sorell – Richmond (part located in City of Clarence)	1,302	1,354
Total transferred from the former Division of Franklin	3,693	4,059
Total electors transferred from another electoral division into the Division of Lyons	10,533	11,292
Total for Division of Lyons	75,508	78,313
Electors transferred from the former Division of Lyons to another electoral division		
Electors transferred to Division of Bass		
Beauty Point – Beaconsfield (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	2,992	2,980
Deloraine (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	0	0
Grindelwald – Lanena (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	4,387	4,548
Legana (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	180	182
Prospect Vale – Blackstone (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	0	0
Riverside (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	84	86
Westbury (part located in Municipality of West Tamar)	32	32
Total transferred to Division of Bass	7,675	7,828
Electors transferred to Division of Braddon		
Latrobe (part located in Municipality of Latrobe)	377	401
Port Sorell (part located in Municipality of Latrobe)	4,145	4,296
Sheffield – Railton (part located in Municipality of Latrobe)	9	9
Total transferred to Division of Braddon	4,531	4,706
Total electors transferred from the former Division of Lyons to another electoral division	12,206	12,534