

SUGGESTION No 3

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The Liberal Party suggestions for this redistribution involve minor change.

On the basis of the information supplied by the AEC, the Divisions of Denison, Franklin and Bass, all appear likely to comply with the projected quota as at 30 June 2003. In the interests of minimal disruption, the Liberal Party suggests that the boundaries for each of these Divisions should remain unchanged.

On the basis of the estimated voting population as at 30 June 2003, the Division of Braddon will be 4812 projected electors deficient of the quota and the Division of Lyons will be 4261 projected electors in surplus of the quota.

Accordingly, the Liberal Party believes the appropriate adjustment for this redistribution is the transfer of approximately 4500 voters out of Lyons and into Braddon. It is suggested that the manner in which this is best achieved (in accordance with the terms of the Act), is through the **transfer of the Local Government Area of Latrobe from the Division of Lyons and into the Division of Braddon.**

We consider this course to be preferable to the two alternative simple Local Government transfers, which could achieve the same result - those being, the transfer of either the Kentish, or the West Coast Local Government Areas out of Lyons and into Braddon.

Reasoning

- The Latrobe Local Government Area shares an extremely high level of community interest with the Devonport/Ulverstone area of Braddon.
- There is a very high level of commuting between areas of the Latrobe LGA - such as Latrobe itself and Port Sorell/Shearwater/Hawley - and Devonport and also vice versa.
- Devonport is the commercial hub and focus of the Latrobe LGA.
- The AEC itself has acknowledged in its reasoning in previous redistribution determinations, that the level of community interest between Latrobe and Devonport is high and warrants its inclusion within Braddon.
- However, in each of those earlier determinations the inclusion of Latrobe in Braddon, would have failed to satisfy the projected quota requirements at the time. Accordingly, the option could not at that time be considered without further adjustment. However, the transfer of the Latrobe LGA would now very closely satisfy the projected quota.
- The LGA of Latrobe has a growing population. Most of this growth is a direct result of residents of Devonport and its immediate surrounds, moving into areas further out, such as Shearwater. This fact has two consequences. The first is that at least part of the reason for the need for the shift of electors from Lyons to Braddon, is because of the increasingly satellite nature of Devonport's commuter suburbs. These electors will have previously been part of Braddon and will in most cases, have strong ties with Braddon.

- The second consequence of Latrobe's growing elector population, is that its transfer into Braddon will help to increase the relatively slow rate of growth of electors in the rest of Braddon (particularly when compared to the projected rates of growth for Lyons), thereby minimising the need for further adjustment in future.
- The AEC provided ABS figures, project elector growth in Lyons of 5.14% between now and June 2003, but only 1.46% for Braddon. Other studies are more pessimistic, indicating substantial falls in overall population in Braddon. The most recent is *Population Growth*, by Bernard Salt of KPMG Consulting, which in April 1999, predicted substantial falls in population in Tasmania's North West and also, West Coast, over a similar period.
- The transfer of the Kentish LGA from Lyons to Braddon would also result in the projected elector numbers in both Lyons and Braddon falling within the permitted variation from quota. And its increasing elector population supports a similar argument to that made relating to Latrobe above. However, this option is not considered optimal, as the levels of community of interest between Kentish and areas of Braddon (although significant), are not considered to be as great as those between Latrobe and Devonport.
- The transfer of the West Coast LGA from Lyons into Braddon would also result in the projected elector numbers in both Lyons and Braddon falling within the permitted variation from quota. However, Braddon would remain approximately 1.9% below quota, which is at the lower end of the accepted variation. As the rate of increase in electors in Braddon is a lower rate than that in Lyons, this option is likely to result in a further need for transfer of electors from Lyons to Braddon in the near future. The outcome would be far worse if the projected figures forecast in the KPMG Consulting report prove accurate.

Given the above, the Liberal Party believes it is better to shift a group of electors from Lyons to Braddon which will, first, result in Braddon having a number of electors on the high side of the quota (which is desirable – to off-set the low rate of growth) and, secondly, be likely to help balance the growth in the number of electors between both Braddon and Lyons and minimise the need for future redistribution. The transfer of Latrobe from Lyons to Braddon will result in this outcome.

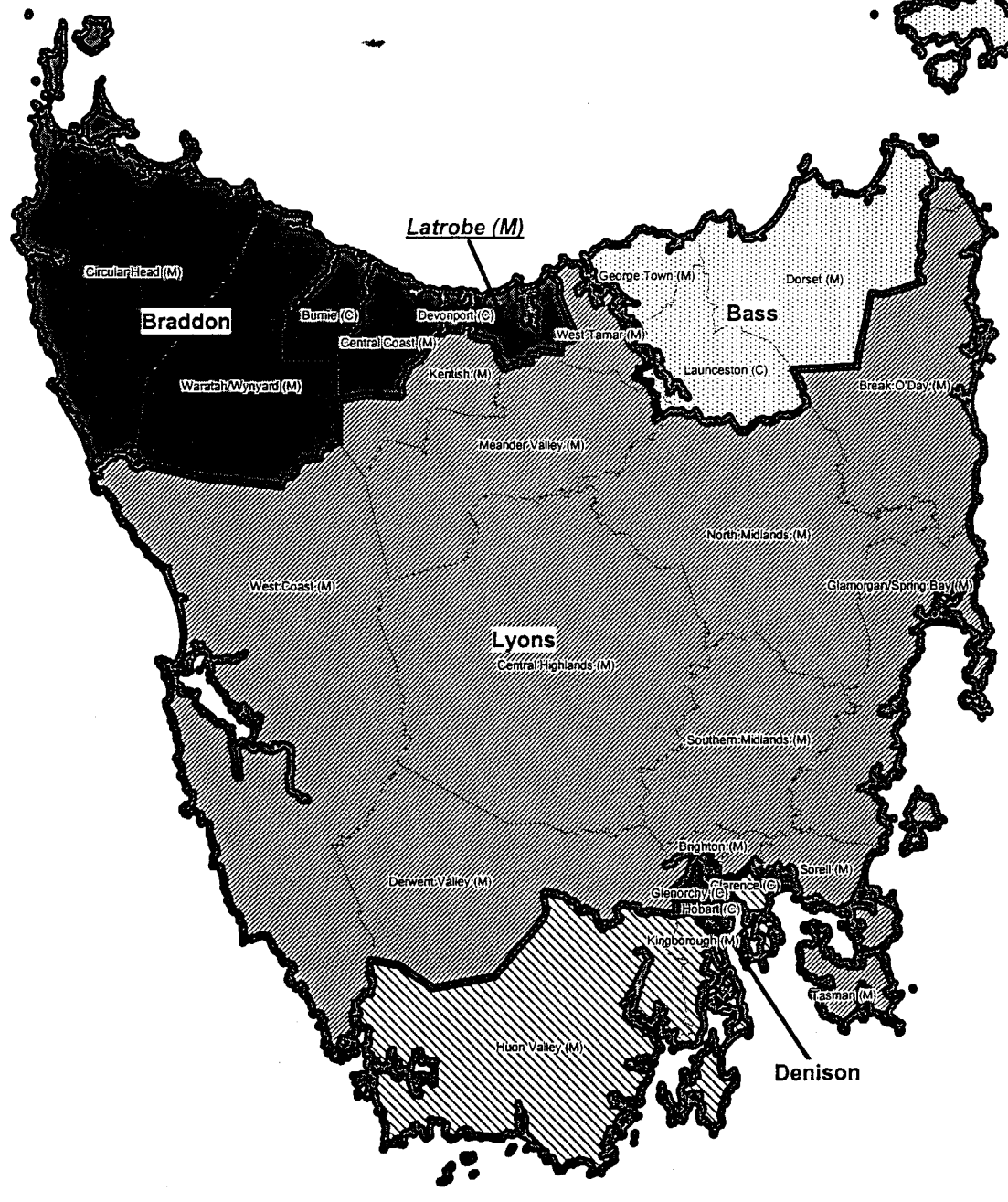
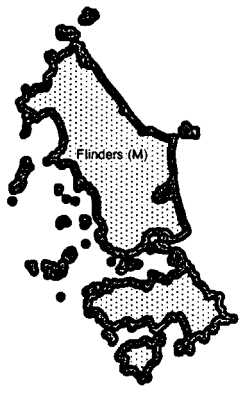
The proposed adjustments are shown below:

Proposed Division of Braddon

How Constituted	Number of electors Date 14 April 1999	Projected Number of Electors Date 30 June 2003
From the Existing Division of BRADDON, LGA's of –		
Burnie	13516	13616
Central Coast	14901	15333
Circular Head	5490	5597
Devonport	17221	17221
King Island	1225	1234
Waratah/Wynyard	9340	9591
	61693	62592
From the existing Division of LYONS, LGA of –		
Latrobe	5663	6045
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TOTAL FOR PROPOSED DIVISION	<u>67356</u>	<u>68637</u>

Proposed Division of LYONS

How Constituted	Number of electors Date 14 April 1999	Projected Number of Electors Date 3- June 2003
From the Existing Division of LYONS, LGA's of -		
Break O'Day	4131	4281
Brighton	2437	2982
Central Highlands	1733	1680
Clarence (part)	1178	1244
Derwent Valley	6410	6481
Devonport (part)	4	0
Dorset (part)	23	32
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	3081	3176
Kentish	3707	4013
Launceston (part)	206	233
Meander Valley	8278	8498
North Midlands	8335	8602
Sorell	7196	8126
Southern Midlands	3955	4187
Tasman	1572	1671
West Coast	3826	3553
West Tamar	6431	6864
	62503	65623
TOTAL FOR PROPOSED DIVISION	<u>62503</u>	<u>65623</u>



King Island (M)

Flinders (M)

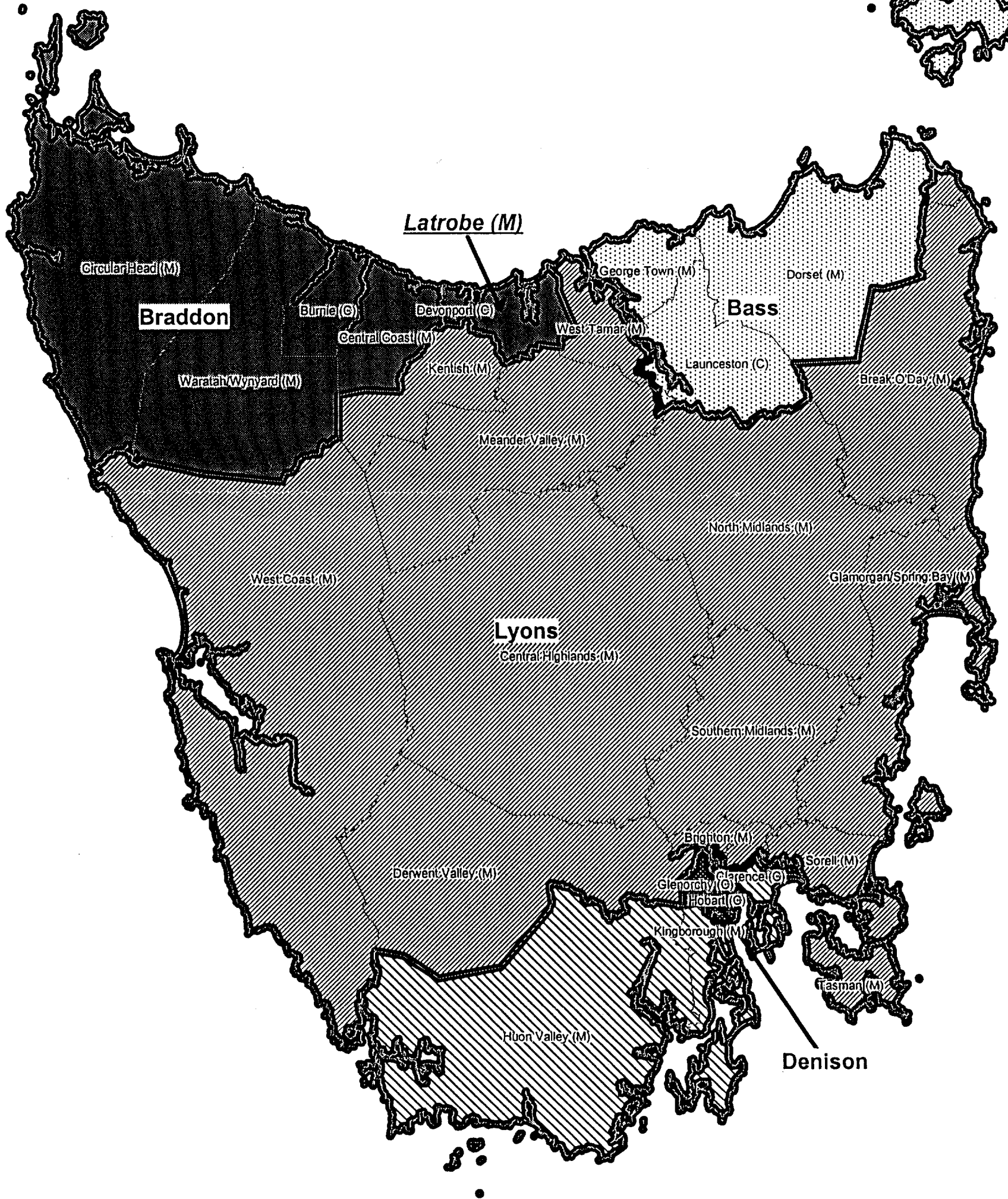
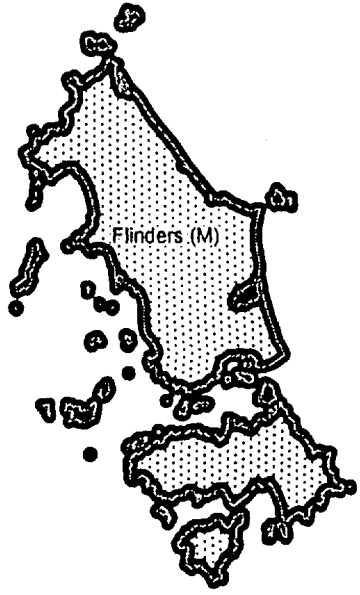
Latrobe (M)

Braddon

Bass

Lyons

Denison



King Island (M)

Flinders (M)

Latrobe (M)

Circular Head (M)

Braddon

Birnie (G)

Devonport (G)

Central Coast (M)

Kentish (M)

West Tamar (M)

George Town (M)

Dorset (M)

Bass

Launceston (C)

Break O' Day (M)

Waratah/Wynyard (M)

Meander Valley (M)

North Midlands (M)

West Coast (M)

Glamorgan/Spring Bay (M)

Lyons

Central Highlands (M)

Southern Midlands (M)

Brighton (M)

Sorell (M)

Denison

Denwent Valley (M)

Glenorchy (G)

Hobart (G)

Kingborough (M)

Tasman (M)

Huon Valley (M)