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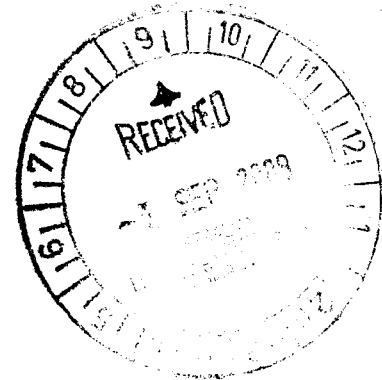
Alderman Doug Chipman

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Ms Marie Neilson  
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Dear Ms Neilson,

**RE: REDISTRIBUTION OF ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES - TASMANIA**

I refer to the recently published report of the Redistribution Committee on "The 2008 Proposed Redistribution of Tasmania into Electoral Divisions which is currently open for consultation and further submissions.

Firstly, may I commend the Committee in its consideration of this matter to date. I was particularly pleased to see the sensitivity that the Committee has quite obviously exercised in its endeavour to achieve synergies in the communities of interest that are proposed with the west coast of Tasmania being included into Braddon and the Bridgewater area being joined in with the neighbouring Brighton community as part of the electorate of Lyons.

There is, however, another area of linked communities of interest which I would like the Committee to give some further consideration to. As an elected representative for the City of Clarence I am mindful that there is a small area of the City that currently is not included in Franklin. The current north boundary between Franklin and Lyons aligns with the former municipal boundary between the City of Clarence and the former Richmond Municipality.

The portion of the former Richmond Municipality (including the Richmond township) was incorporated into the City of Clarence as part of the review of Tasmanian local government authorities which occurred in 1993. Although currently still in Lyons, I believe the Richmond community would be better represented as part of the Franklin electorate given its community of interest focus. I am mindful that local government areas have played a significant part in the Committee's deliberations in other areas of the state recognising that these represent well established and clearly articulated communities of interest. To this end I would recommend that the current boundary between the City of Clarence and the Southern Midland Council would be a more appropriate and practical boundary between Lyons and Franklin.

Looking at the projected growth of the Tasmanian electorates in the form currently proposed in the Committee's report, there appears to still be some scope for the Richmond area to be included in Franklin. I understand that the number of electors for the Richmond area would be in the order of 1,300.

I would be very grateful if the Committee would again consider the possibility, as part of the redistribution of electoral boundaries in Tasmania, of the Richmond area being included together with the rest of the City of Clarence in the Franklin Electorate.

I would be happy to discuss this matter in further detail should this be required. I can be contacted at home on Ph 62447858, or mobile phone 0409704835.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Doug Chipman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alderman Doug Chipman  
**Deputy Mayor**