



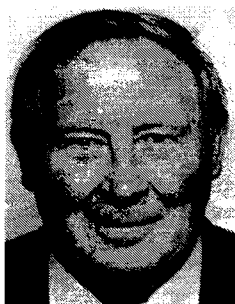
**The Federal Redistribution 2008
Tasmania**



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Objection to the Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Tasmania.

The restructuring of Lyons as proposed is most inappropriate.

The greatest divide in this nation is between city and country, whilst the cities hold around 85% of the population 85% of the wealth is provided from industries that lie outside the cities.

Yet the living standards and service provisions to those living outside the cities is deplorable. This fact is evidenced by looking at education retention rates, youth suicide, health care and life expectancy, to state but a few indicators

Once every electorate has a city as its core the opportunity for country representation is greatly diminished. People do vote parochially.

The Electorate of Lyons as it has been in the past has provided country representation while still retaining the one vote one value principle. The current arrangement ensures that rural Tasmania has a representative in the Federal House of Representatives.

I note that has been a publicly waged campaign to have the west coast attached to Braddon, this is not in the interests of the west coast or any of the other regional areas, and is not sought by the populous at large. If it did occur the cities in Braddon would always have the numbers to overwhelm the county vote. I believe that the change sought is to simply suit a political aspiration in the State sphere .

Community of interest should always be a major factor in determining electoral boundaries and community of interest now exists between like communities in Lyons. Commercial interests do exist between the cities and rural areas but that does not comprise a community of interest, often there is conflict of interest. The existing arrangement should be retained, it was set up this way with due care and for very good reason.

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My Credentials:-

Lived most of my life on the west coast, and still a west coast ratepayer.
Professional Engineer Worked for 33 years in industry.
Served in Local Government for 18 years
Mayor of Queenstown for 3 years.
Member of the Legislative Council (Independent) (Tas) for 11 years.
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Community Awards from Apex, Lions, Rotary and numerous other organisations.

