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## Braddon Lyons Electorate Boundary changes



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Subject Braddon Lyons Electorate Boundary changes

To the Australian Electoral Commission

As a lifetime resident of the City of Devonport and having historical family links with the town of Latrobe I wish to make comment to the Australian Electoral Commission on the recent recommendation to swap the Municipality of Latrobe from the electorate of Braddon to Lyons and the West Coast of Tasmania from the electorate of Lyons to Braddon.

Firstly I strongly object to any alteration of the status quo for Latrobe as I believe that synergies with the North West Coast of Tasmania and in particular the City of Devonport would be severely compromised.

Latrobe and Devonport share two extremely important links such as the Mersey Community Hospital and the Devonport airport.

It would be reasonable to assume that the placement of these entities in to the Lyons electorate would place serious doubts on the ability of our citizens being able to pressure future Governments in to maintaining these most vital facilities at present levels and may well see them downgraded or closed to the total detriment of the Community.

Latrobe and Devonport also share a number of resources such as: the waste transfer station, sewerage facilities, bus services and tourism just to name a few.

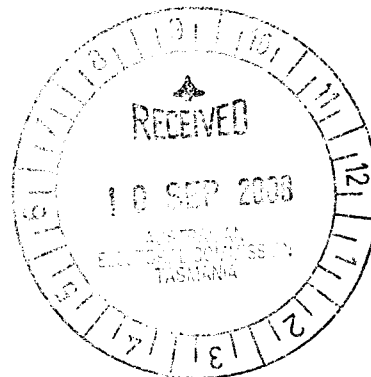
A considerable number of Latrobe residents work, enjoy recreation, shop, socialise, are educated and many other activities necessary for life in Devonport while Latrobe offers the citizens of Devonport access to its many attractions and facilities and all in close proximity.

Latrobe and Devonport cross family boundaries with many families having members in both municipalities

The distance between the CBD(s) of Devonport and Latrobe is approximately five kilometres and in the not to distant future we may well see the amalgamation of these two municipalities into one. We do not want this future combined city to be split into two electorates.

I have no objection or comment on the West Coast becoming part of Braddon but this MUST NOT occur at the expense of Latrobe.

Yours Sincerely  
Jeffrey F. Matthews  
Alderman of the City of Devonport



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