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Good afternoon,

Please find attached Latrobe Council's comments on the objections received by the Redistribution Committee. The original letter will be posted in this evening's mail.

Kind regards,

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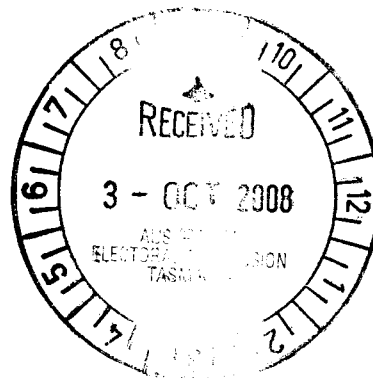
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## **FROM THE MAYOR**

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Dear Committee Members,

### **REDISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL COUNCILS IN TASMANIA**

Thank you for allowing Council to provide comment on the 49 objections received by the Redistribution Committee into the proposed redistribution of Federal electoral boundaries in Tasmania.

Council notes that 29 of the 49 objections received relate to the proposal to transfer Latrobe to the Lyons electorate with the vast majority supporting Council's position on this issue.

Councillors were particularly impressed with the content and arguments contained in public objection no. 29 submitted by Mr Brian Douce and public objection no. 48 submitted by the Liberal Party of Australia (Tasmanian Division).

Council wishes to reiterate the many commercial, tourism and social links that Latrobe has with the North West Coast "Braddon electorate" compared to having little connection with the majority of the population and infrastructure contained in the Lyons electorate. These connections as listed in Council's previous submission are re-produced to reinforce Council's opposition to the proposal that has been put forward.

- **The Mersey General Hospital** – The Hospital is located in the Latrobe Council area and services the North West Coast region with strong links to the Burnie Private Hospital.
- **Devonport Airport** – This regional facility is also located in the Latrobe Council area and the Council has been proactive working with neighbouring Councils to support the expansion of passenger services to the North West Coast.

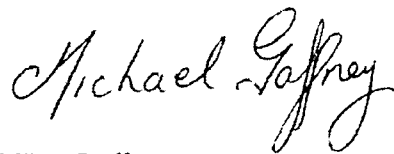
Opportunities have been identified to develop synergies between the Devonport - Melbourne ferry passenger services which carry approximately 360,000 passengers each year and the nearby airport.

- **Dulverton Waste Management Site** – This regional facility is located just outside of Latrobe and is managed by a Joint Authority comprising representatives from Latrobe, Devonport, Central Coast and Kentish Councils. Negotiations are currently taking place to accept waste at the site from the Burnie Council area.
- The Devonport, Central Coast, Latrobe and Kentish Councils each have dedicated tourism promotion personnel who work closely with each other, the regional tourism authority, Tourism Tasmania and tourism operators to co-operatively market the area under the **Devonport and Cradle Country** banner.
- The proposed **Mersey Industrial Estate**, supported by Latrobe and Devonport Councils has great opportunities to increase economic development close to the Devonport Airport and increase airport passenger number similar to what is currently happening with the Translink industrial area near the Launceston Airport.
- The **Cradle Coast Authority** is working with food producers participating with the “Produce of Heaven” promotional campaign to help develop longer term marketing strategies and links between regional foods and the region as a destination. The Cradle Coast Authority has also indicated that Latrobe should remain as part of the Braddon electorate.
- The Council is an active member of the Cradle Coast Authority and the **Cradle Coast Water Authority** which provide services to Councils in the Braddon electorate. The new “Water and Sewerage Corporation” includes Latrobe in the North West “Braddon focused” scheme.
- The Latrobe, Devonport, Central Coast and Kentish Councils work co-operatively on **emergency management** for the region.
- The North West Coast has many **cultural links** with each other. All towns in the current Braddon electorate have very positive relationships. One only has to look at the strong sporting ties and competitions across the North West Coast which makes for a very positive and healthy community spirit.

- **Educationally** all of the schools in the Latrobe Municipality are part of the Barrington District which falls in the Braddon electorate. Our current Braddon State and Federal representatives are familiar with our issues and concerns. It is suggested that it will not be efficient nor effective if education needs for the Latrobe Council area are politically separated from the Braddon electorate.

**In conclusion, Council wishes to reiterate that it strongly opposes the inclusion of the Latrobe Council area in the electorate of Lyons as its social, economic, education, governance and sporting connections are with the North West Coast Region of Tasmania and the Braddon electorate.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Gaffney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Gaffney  
**LATROBE MAYOR**