



The Federal Redistribution 2008 Tasmania



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Redistribution for Tasmania

Dear Committee Members,

I wish to make a brief submission to the Committee.

Based upon the criteria for the redistribution of boundaries and the elector projections provided by the Committee I would suggest that to provide some equality amongst the electorates, that about 4,000 electors (based on the 2012 figures) need to be moved to ensure electoral fairness.

This redistribution has been necessitated by the passage of time (7 years) and the current boundaries will still see all Divisions within tolerance except Franklin.

I propose no changes to the names of electorates and no major movements, other than adjustments between Franklin and Denison to accommodate differential population growth. Without disturbing other boundaries which are essentially within tolerance and causing consequential movements, it appears that Franklin will continue to grow more rapidly than Denison and electors will need to be moved at each redistribution into Denison.

The configuration of Franklin is awkward as it virtually (and has previously) surrounds Denison. Presently there is no road link between the eastern and western portions of Franklin that would not involve travelling through either Lyons or Denison. In time the continued expansion of Denison south will see a greater discontinuity than already exists in Franklin. There are insufficient electors in either side of the Derwent to create a Division on each side of the river, or to do so would require drastic movements with other Divisions.

There are two options that are available, the inclusion of 4,000 Kingston from Kingston would exacerbate the splitting of Franklin, or alternatively moving about 4,000 electors from the northern portion of Franklin in Bridgewater and Risdon Vale. Whilst this involves crossing the Derwent it would bring areas of similar socio-economic interest into the same electorate. The two areas are connected by road bridge to Denison.

In the past Denison has been further south, but there was road access between the two halves of Franklin via the Bowen Bridge.

My proposals are modest in terms of minimising elector disturbance. I look forward to hearing further about your deliberations.

Yours sincerely,

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