

# The Federal Redistribution 2008 Tasmania

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Attached please find a proposal for how the electorates within Tasmania could be redistributed. I have also attached a spreadsheet to show in more detail how the present numbers of electors could be allocated within new electorates.

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#### Redistribution — Tasmania 2008

The present distribution of electorates needs to be reviewed to better reflect communities of interest. There are two key areas that should be addressed. These are the West Coast and the West Tamar. The West Coast is clearly more aligned to the Burnie Wynyard area than it is to the Lyons electorate. The West Tamar is a single area with common interests and it would be appropriate to redistribute this area so it is within a single electorate.

#### Minimal approach

It is suggested that the area of the Lyons electorate can be reduced by removing the West Coast from Lyons and attaching the area to Braddon. This would make sense because of the close relationship between the west coast towns and Burnie.

The outcome is a transfer of 3297 projected enrolments from Lyons to Braddon. This would make Lyons too small in electors and Braddon too large.

If the LaTrobe area were transferred to Lyons this would increase Lyons by 6655 + 602 = 7257. The net change between Braddon and Lyons would be 7257 - 3297 = 3960. This would address the balance.

#### A more radical suggestion

Three new electorates could be established in the South and Midlands. These would be

- Hobart and South
- Clarence and East
- Glenorchy and North and West

An electorate could be constructed to include Hobart, Kingborough and Huon. This would be essentially Hobart and then to the south west. It would include the rapidly developing areas of Kingborough and Huon. Many people in this area commute into Hobart and so there is a community of interest within this new alignment.

An electorate could be created to the East from Clarence, Break O'Day, Glamorgan Spring Bay, North Midlands, Sorell, Tasman and Southern Midlands. This would make a change to Franklin, which is presently inappropriately divided by Denison. It would provide an electorate of about the right size both in number of electors. It would gather together the Eastern shore and then all areas to the east and south.

Glenorchy, Brighton and Derwent Valley would form a further grouping, which would extend to the North and West to include sufficient electors.

In the North there would be two electorates, one based on Burnie and the West coast, and the other based on Launceston and the north east. All of the West Tamar would be included within the Launceston electorate.

This would provide 5 electorates with a greater community of interest than the present arrangement. The attached spreadsheet shows how present local council areas could be gathered into the new electorates.

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