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Dear Redistribution Committee for Tasmania,

I note submissions 5, 11, 14 and 15 and offer comments in response to other submissions.

Submissions 2, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 16 (Part 2) focused on changing the name of the Denison electorate to Inglis Clark. There would seem to be a growing sentiment for this change. It will not be overly expensive and the logic behind the proposal is sound. Given the next state and federal elections are not due until 2010 there is a reasonable period of time for electors to adjust to a name change.

Submission 3 proposes that boundaries for the five federal electorates be incorporated around three state Legislative Council electoral boundaries each. Whilst this has some administrative merit it is not a concern for the Australian Electoral Commission. The Tasmanian Electoral Commission however may choose to base Legislative Council seats within Federal boundaries at some future point.

Submission 8's minimal approach is noted whilst the more radical approach suggested raises concerns by fragmenting present communities of interest in Denison, Franklin and Lyons. The three electorates would also be unrecognizable from their present form.

Submissions 1 and 12 are broadly in line with this author's suggestions (submission 9) making required reductions in Franklin by transferring electors from its north east section into Denison. The local government area boundaries between Clarence City and the Brighton Municipality would be the most logical place for such a transfer of voters from Franklin to the Denison electorate.

In contrast submissions 13 (b, c, d) and 16 (part 1) achieve elector numbers requirements stipulated by further fragmenting the Kingborough municipality between Denison and Franklin.

Submissions 1 and 12 provide justification why a community of interest exists with the Brighton municipalities in the north east area of the Franklin electorate and the northern section of Denison. Submission 13 (b, c, d) and 16 (Part 2) claim a community of interest for Denison encroaching southwards and further dividing Kingborough residents without substantiation of the claim.

The suburb of Taroona has lost its commercial shopping precinct. The nearest commercial and service precinct is clearly in the suburb of Kingston. Both Taroona and Bonnet Hill are in the Kingborough Municipality. As such there are compelling reasons for all parts of the Kingborough Municipality to be situated in the Franklin electorate.

Yours Sincerely

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