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# Submission CS1

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Dear Tasmanian Redistribution Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to make this feedback.

As a Bass resident, I primarily write in objection to submissions 9 and 11 in relation to Bass. Although this is somewhat inconsistent with AEC practice, I believe that community cohesion should be a far more important factor in considering boundary changes. The proposal to remove Georgetown and North-Eastern Tasmania from Bass is a poor one. The AEC tried to do this in 2017, where it was, correctly, met with heavy local opposition. It is, with respect, non-sensical to split the Tamar Valley into two electorates. The Tamar is a geographically and economically connected region with similar needs, and having two MPs to represent the area would be ineffective.

Furthermore, incorporating the North-East into Lyons would make Lyons an incredibly large electorate which would be impossible for an MP to accurately represent. As much of Lyons' population base is in the South of the state, former Bass residents would likely receive far less attention. Lyons should not be a "shove whatever doesn't fit" electorate – that is a lazy and democratically deficient option.

Therefore, expanding the geographical size of Lyons should not be considered by the Committee. In contrast, there is near consensus on incorporating the remainder of Prospect and Blackstone Heights into Bass. That is the path that the Committee should pursue.

Regarding Southern electorates, I believe there is merit in exploring some of the more radical suggestions in redrawing Clark and Franklin to resolve the latter's non-contiguity. It is better to proactively make these changes and have an opportunity to improve them in the next redistribution, rather than waiting until the Committee is forced to act.

Kind Regards,  
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