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Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch)



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Dear Commissioner,

Feedback on Ideas by the Australian Labor Party (Tasmanian Branch) to the Redistribution Committee for Tasmania, 2025–26

Tasmanian Labor thanks the Redistribution Committee for the opportunity to respond to submissions made as part of the Tasmanian Federal Redistribution process.

This response primarily addresses submission 20, as well as recurring themes across multiple individual submissions.

Summary

Tasmanian Labor maintains that the redistribution criteria can be met through minimal boundary adjustments, specifically the transfer of Prospect Vale and Blackstone Heights to Bass, the transfer of Old Beach to Franklin and the southern extension of Clark to include Kingston and Kingston Beach.

While Tasmanian Labor acknowledges submissions proposing more substantial restructuring, it is our view that such approaches sacrifice established communities of interest, create unnecessary voter disruption and fail to deliver any additional benefit in meeting the statutory requirements required to be considered by the Redistribution Committee. This response explains why Tasmanian Labor believes the minimal change approach better balances all relevant criteria.

Bass

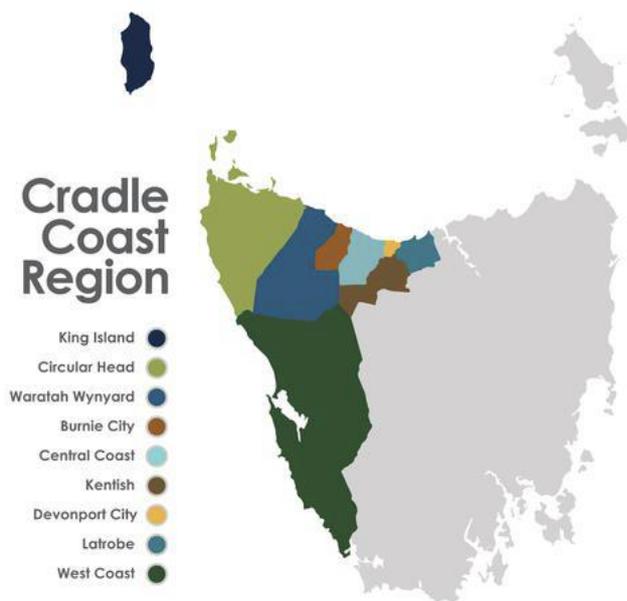
The vast majority of submissions agree that **the suburbs of Blackstone Heights and Prospect Vale should be moved into Bass.**

This consensus reflects the clear alignment of these suburbs with Launceston's urban community of interest, natural travel patterns and physical geographic connection.

Braddon

Tasmanian Labor continues to argue that **no changes to Braddon are necessary to achieve the redistribution requirements**. No local government area within Braddon is currently divided by Commonwealth electorate boundaries (City of Burnie, Central Coast, Circular Head, City of Devonport, King Island, Latrobe, Waratah-Wynyard, and the West Coast). This supports strong communities of interest and the coherence should continue. Braddon would be best served by maintaining the current configuration.

Several submissions propose transferring the West Coast to Lyons. We note the West Coast's strong institutional ties to the Braddon electorate through the Cradle Coast Authority, which promotes and fosters regional economic development, tourism, and service delivery across north west and western Tasmania. The shared coastal identity of the North West Coast and West Coast constitutes a genuine community of interest that would be disrupted by transferring the West Coast into the Lyons electorate. This is captured neatly by the Cradle Coast Region Map.



Cradle Coast Region Map¹

¹ Cradle Coast Authority, *Annual Report 2021*, (Report 30 June 2021) 3 <https://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/legislative-council/taled-papers/2021-50th-parliament/LCTP02_24_11_2021.pdf>. See also Cradle Coast Authority, *Annual Report 2024-25*, (Report 30 June 2025) 3 <<https://cradlecoast.com/resources/cradle-coast-authority-annual-report-2024-25/>>.

Clark

Submission 20 proposes that Clark extend across the Derwent River to include areas currently in Lyons. This would be a significant departure from the current electoral boundaries. This suggestion is at odds with its stated aims of "a conservative approach that limits adjustments". It is our view that transferring Clark across the Derwent River would be a substantial and incoherent step away from the criteria the Redistribution Committee must consider.

Tasmanian Labor opposes Clark crossing the Derwent River for several reasons. First, the Derwent River represents a significant geographic and psychological boundary in Greater Hobart. While Franklin's lack of contiguity across the Derwent River is an acknowledged challenge, extending this problem to a second electorate would compound rather than resolve the underlying difficulty. Additionally, the demographic and socioeconomic features of Clark and Glenorchy differ from the suburbs of Bridgewater and Gagebrook.

Area	Both parents born overseas (%)	Households where a non-English language is used (%)
Clark CED ²	29.5	19.1
Glenorchy LGA ³	25.9	17.3
Austins Ferry – Granton SA2 ⁴	13.9	8.3
Brighton LGA ⁵	8.0	4.7
Bridgewater – Gagebrook SA2 ⁶	6.3	4.8

It remains Tasmanian Labor's submission that **the boundary for Clark should be extended south to cover Kingston and Kingston Beach**, which better serves the redistribution criteria. These suburbs form an extension of Clark's urban area, where more than 1,200 residents of Kingston already reside within Clark and are oriented towards Clark for employment, services, and community connection.

² Australian Bureau of Statistics, *2021 Census All persons*, (Catalogue CED603, November 20, 2025).

³ Ibid, (Catalogue LGA62610, November 20, 2025).

⁴ Ibid, (Catalogue 601031013, November 20, 2025).

⁵ Ibid, (Catalogue LGA60410, November 20, 2025).

⁶ Ibid, (Catalogue 601011001, November 20, 2025).

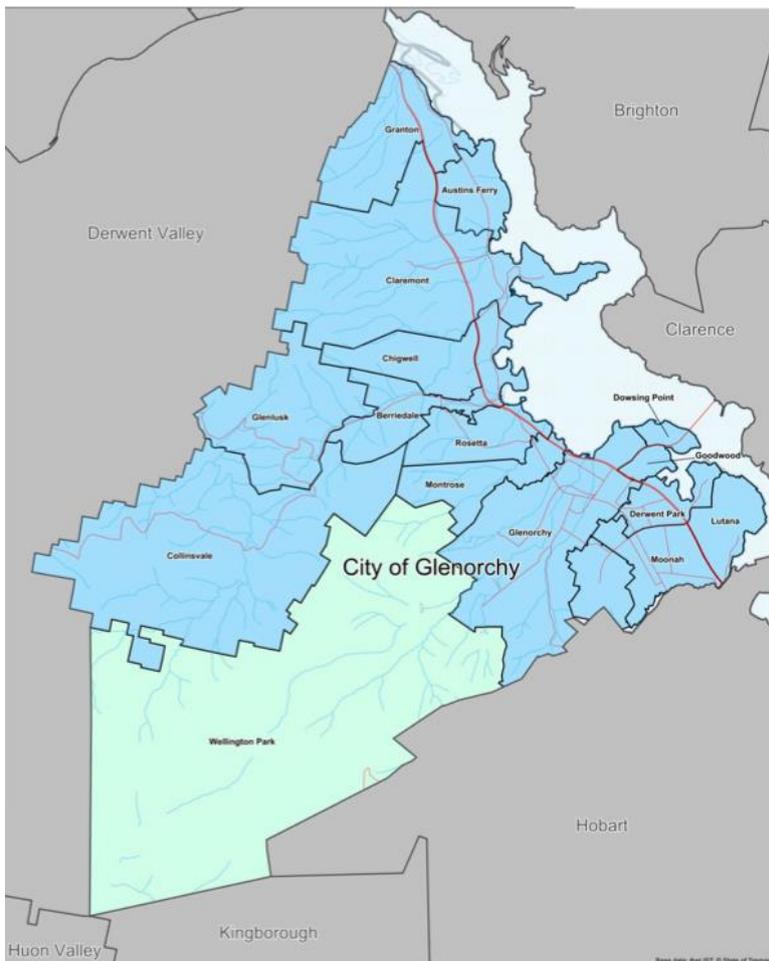
Franklin

As outlined in our original submission, the statutory requirements can be met through targeted boundary adjustments without wholesale restructuring of Tasmania's electoral divisions by **the transfer of Old Beach into Franklin**.

The minimal change approach proposed by Tasmanian Labor accepts Franklin's lack of contiguity as a suitable compromise for preserving existing communities of interest.

Lyons

Finally, Tasmanian Labor respectfully disagrees with transferring parts or all of Glenorchy Local Government area into Lyons. This would create an electorate combining Greater Hobart's Northern suburbs with the rural and regional communities of Northern Tasmania. Such a configuration would split Glenorchy's community of interest from its natural alignment with Greater Hobart's economic and social services.



City of Glenorchy Map⁷

⁷ Glenorchy City Council, *Strategic Plan 2016-25*, (Plan 19 December 2016) 4 <<https://www.gcc.tas.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/strategic-plan-2016-2025.pdf>>.

On behalf of Tasmanian Labor, I thank the Committee for their consideration and remain available to provide any additional information or clarification the Committee may require.

Kind regards



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