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Submission CS9

Voices of Franklin

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Tasmanian redistribution

Round 1: feedback on ideas

Dear Australian Electoral Commission

Voices of Franklin (VoF) notes the 24 submissions you received in Round 1. Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on these ideas.

Our concern is the division of **Franklin**, and by extension, **Clark**, which must presumably expand either north or south. If **Clark** was to expand south, we agree with those submissions that favour **Clark** expanding to encompass the Huon Valley municipality.

For instance, the Tasmanian Greens' submission (S22) includes this possibility, although it is unfortunately labelled 'radical' (p6) rather, say, 'major' or a 'complete' solution. It is drawn as Map 5 (p7) in the Greens' submission.

We understand that the commission tries to avoid moving large numbers of electors in a redistribution. We note that under the Greens' major change for **Clark** all the way into the Huon, "just under one-fifth of electors would move to a different electorate" (p7).

It is our belief that the major evil that needs to be overcome in this redistribution is the current geographical separation of **Franklin** into two halves (give or take) where each half, as well as the problem of separation, has little in common with the other. Moving not more than 20% of electors may be somewhat unusual – although not as unusual as abolishing a division – but it would be a one-off, comprehensive fix for a bad situation.

We further submit that moving **Clark** south into Kingston, and stopping, would only exacerbate the geographical separation of **Franklin's** two halves, as the new **Clark** would then present an even larger barrier to cross. In addition, this change would worsen the population disparity between the two halves.

In closing, we note that the new **Franklin** (under this major proposal) would still encompass the eastern shore of the Derwent, while gaining Glenorchy and surrounds.

Regards

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