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Dear Sir,

I forward this submission for your information and consideration please.

I make this submission without regard to the current incumbents and their locations. I also have not looked at the boundaries, in depth of other electorates as will become clear within the submission.

In providing this submission it would be my preference for some minor adjustments around the boundary extremities to balance the numbers in accordance with the legislative requirements.

I am not sure that we should now be placing emphasis on balancing numbers as required and accordingly we should be considering legislative change. I accept that this is another matter and perhaps dealt with at another time. However, having said that, the proposed changes are extensive and should not be rushed and that more time should be provided by way of an amendment to the current Act.

Previously we have been able to comply with the legislative requirement without huge disruption to electorates (Prosser & McIntyre both see significant change and with the loss of a part northern electorate) and I reiterate I perceive this as the most acceptable option in 2017, that is a deferment of these proceedings to insure proper and effective consultation.

I am of the strong position that the proposed electorate boundaries for Windermere, McIntyre, Prosser and Launceston should be further considered. I have discussed at some length with Mr Phil Page from Spatial Data Geodata Services DPIPW, the changes envisaged.

The boundary adjustments are possible and can be done in such a way that each electorate would have the required number of electors. All boundaries may need some tweaking.

My position is that what is now Windermere is in the better position to include an area across the North-East – and include the Dorset and Flinders Island local government areas. The southern part of Windermere and at least south of the North Esk River – the Launceston component, should be removed from the electorate to balance elector numbers. Other minor changes may be necessary.

Mr Page has provided a proposed boundary change for Windermere, as suggested by me, and I recognise his assistance. A map is attached for your information

In this scenario the North Esk River and parts of the Tasman Highway could become the new boundary.

Currently there exists much confusion around the Windermere boundary on the Launceston side and irrespective of the publicity, education and maps provided. It is just too difficult and confusing for many voters.

I think the position as outlined, provides for a more workable and acceptable electorate to cover off the north-east – including Flinders Island. The current proposed boundary for McIntyre seems unrealistic in the circumstances and I suspect this is how the public may see it as well. Windermere simply takes a chunk out of McIntyre and with the incumbent and whomever it will be in the future, having to travel through Windermere to service his/her electorate.

The Launceston electorate should include the more central parts of Launceston at least. Currently Windermere takes a chunk of Launceston – parts of the city area, Newstead, Norwood and Young Town.

The proposed change I have suggested does not compliment me or my current residential status. In fact, it would have me living outside my electorate which I believe is not in a Member's best interests. Having said that, I reiterate I put this submission forward without any consideration to the current sitting members. I agree that this is not about sitting members and is about getting the boundaries and numbers right as required by the legislation.

### **Name Change**

It is my strong contention that "Windermere" is not the right name for the electorate.

Interestingly, the information on “Google” identifies Windermere as a ‘tiny village’ and ‘notable for one thing only – St Matthias Church’. Having referred to the Google information, while it is a lovely place, electors continuously question me about the name and its significance.

Should “Windermere” remain with the proposed boundary change, it seems to me that East Tamar and/or North Esk would be more suitable names. Neither identifies to a “tiny town” position but identifies with a region and a topographical feature – both more appropriate in my opinion and that of many members of the current electorate who have raised the name with me.

There has been opposition to the name East Tamar and when raised with a Tasmanian Electoral Commission officer previously, it was said confusion would exist with the Local Government area on the West Tamar – the West Tamar Council.

Substantial confusion already exists with electors who find difficulty in differentiating between the Legislative Council and Local Council. I do not see a name change to East Tamar as adding to the confusion and it would suit more with the broader Windermere Electorate.

Having said this, “North Esk” could also be considered.

Should the boundary change along the lines outlined in this submission, be considered, then an appropriate name could be ‘North East’ and/or McIntyre.

### **Conclusion**

I have consulted both the City of Launceston and George Town councils relative the issues raised in the submission, and I expect to receive responses prior to the closing date for submissions.

Time frames are tight, as previously referred, and particularly when some councils only meet monthly – as in the case of George Town.

I commend this submission to you as I see it is a logical and practical way forward in meeting the boundary changes now necessary, to meet the Legislative requirements.

Yours sincerely,



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