

KENTISH COUNCIL

Promoting
Tasmania's Outdoor Art Gallery



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Dear Sir or Madam

ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES REDISTRIBUTION

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Legislative Council boundary redistribution.

Kentish Council does not support the proposed boundary changes advertised recently by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission that would essentially change the electorate of Western Tiers.

The Kentish Municipality lies inland from Devonport and is bound to the east by the Mersey River and to the west by the Wilmot River. It covers the area from South Spreyton to Cradle Mountain. The three main towns are Sheffield, Railton and Wilmot.

The proposed new electorate of McIntyre stretches from Latrobe in the North West, across Tasmania to the East Coast, and from Flinders Island to Bicheno, taking in the Scottsdale area.

Under the proposed boundary adjustment Railton, previously in Western Tiers, would be included in the McIntyre electorate while South Spreyton to Cradle Mountain, Wilmot and Sheffield would be in Montgomery.

When considering redistribution boundaries a priority is to 'take into account community of interest within each Council division'. Council would argue there is little similarities between Railton and the North East and East Coast of Tasmania.

Rich in history and character the Kentish area is a high tourism region, with the natural attractions of Cradle Mountain and Lake Barrington. The Kentish region is "Tasmania's Outdoor Art Gallery", featuring Sheffield Town of Murals, Railton Town of Topiary, the humorous sculpture of the Wilmot Novelty Letterbox Trail, nature's art in the spectacular scenery, and a myriad working craft studios, galleries and events.

Kentish prides itself on fostering a culture of networking, collaboration, innovation and creativity and Railton is an integral part of what makes Kentish 'Kentish'.

Council strongly supports Railton's inclusion in the proposed division of Montgomery along with the rest of the municipality.

Yours faithfully

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