

27 February 2017

Ms Michelle Davey
Executive Officer
Legislative Council Electoral Redistribution Tribunal

Via email only: submission@lcredistribution.tas.gov.au

Dear Ms Davey

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL REDISTRIBUTION

I refer to the publication of the Initial Redistribution Proposal and the opportunity to lodge written comment in relation to the Proposal.

Firstly, please accept my apology this advice is provided after the closing date and we hope the Council's concerns are taken into account.

Council objects to the current proposal and raises the following concerns:

- The redistribution proposal would shift one seat on the Legislative Council from the North to the South.
- Northern Midlands Council would be split between McIntyre and Prosser with a significant population base of Perth and surrounding areas annexed to Launceston.
- Northern Midlands Council residents would have greater representation if the area was within one Legislative Council electorate.
- The community will be confused as to which electorate they fall under for the Legislative Council due to splitting the region three ways.
- Not everyone within the affected electorate will be aware of the proposed changes and subsequent impact.

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The Northern Midlands Council strongly advocates for the municipality to be within one Legislative Council electorate, improving representation and removing any confusion as to which electorate the community reside.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Des Jennings', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Des Jennings
GENERAL MANAGER