

27th February 2017

Executive Officer
Redistribution Tribunal

To whom it may Concern:

I lodge this submission on behalf of the Scottsdale Branch of the Australian Liberal Party, we are concerned about the planned redistribution for the following reasons:

1. With the majority of the population in the newly proposed electorate of McIntyre being in the western half, approximately one third of the area. The economically important and rapidly developing municipalities of Dorset, Break O'Day along with Flinders Island would have little chance of ever being represented by a member living locally as is also the case in the Bass electorate for some of these areas.
The current ABS Census information will be available later in the year, this up to date information would give a more accurate reflection of the Tasmanian population spread, statistics in this proposal have been made on the 2011 census information which could be considered as out of date.
2. The new electorate of McIntyre stretching from Railton in the west to the east coast and north to include Flinders Island, would encompass such a diverse range of interests that would make difficult for an elected member to service effectively.

At the moment Apsley's main economic drivers are:

- Intensive agriculture in pockets of Dorset and the south east.
- Dairying
- Viticulture
- Broad acre grazing Flinders Island, North and East Coast and the Midlands
- Broad acre cropping
- Fishing and aquaculture.
- Forestry
- Tourism based around lavender coastal and marine activities and more recently expanded to include sporting activities such as golf and cycling

Of these drivers only intensive agriculture, forestry and dairying exist to any large degree in the expanded areas included into McIntyre from the municipal areas of Northern Midlands, Meander Valley and Kentish. Therefore the elected member's allegiances would be split between the majority of voters in Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and Kentish and the economic wealth provided by the eastern half of the electorate.

3. Deleting Apsley and Western Tiers which are primarily northern electorates and replacing them with McIntyre and Prosser means moving more of the political

representation from the north to the south. It is the northern half of the state which is the driving force for the state's agricultural, dairying, grazing, forestry and mining industries.

4. Notwithstanding travel to Flinders Island. The travel between the north east, the east coast and Meander Valley, Northern Midlands and Kentish would see the McIntyre member often travel through another two electorates to service each extremity of their electorate.
5. Proposals for the expansion of Break O'Day south to include Bicheno and Dorset to include Lilydale and Nunamara. Also by Southern Municipalities to amalgamate seem not to have been considered, and as we understand with some amalgamations pending and as we understand only one electorate in the State is outside the population guide lines (that being Rumney), we wonder about the need for these changes at all.
6. Irrigation schemes in Dorset and the Midlands have the potential to affect population distribution and appear to have been ignored by the committee.
7. With the majority of the population in the new electorate of McIntyre based in the western half the economically important municipalities of Dorset, Break O'Day and Flinders Island would have little chance of having a local elected member as their representative.

A less aggressive change to boundaries as we understand are proposed by MLC's Tania Rattray and Greg Hall appear to maintain electorates of similar interests while achieving the required population balance and would be supported by the Scottsdale branch of the Liberal Party.

Yours Sincerely

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