

**Statement to the Redistribution Tribunal on the Further Proposal for Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries 2016-17.**

**From Greg Hall MLC, Member for Western Tiers  
(Deputy President of the Legislative Council, Chair of Committees)**

Dear Redistribution Tribunal Members,

Since the publication of the Further Proposal by the Redistribution Tribunal on 1 April 2017, I have received numerous expressions of concern from community leaders and voters in the division of Western Tiers about the impact of the electoral boundary changes being proposed.

Sadly, I fear many voters are still unaware of the possible changes, but those who understand the process are bewildered by the composition of the proposed new division of McIntyre and the reasons for such a change.

Their main point of concern is the total lack of Community of Interest between the Meander Valley and the North East.

These are different communities with different councils, in different state and federal electorates and with the population centres of Railton and St Helens more than 200 kilometres apart.

Some of my constituents regard the drastic changes being proposed as disrespectful to the regional and rural communities they live in.

Those voters who understand the impact of the changes question how one Member will be able to adequately represent such disparate communities.

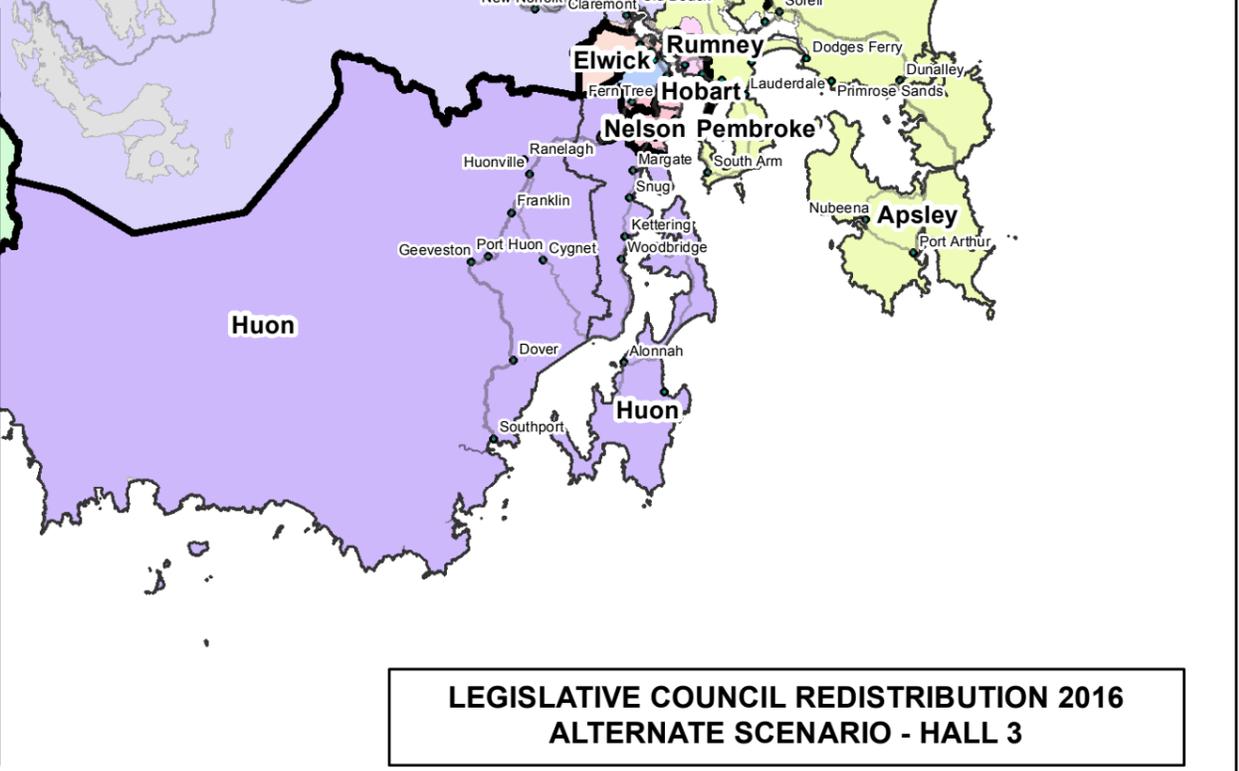
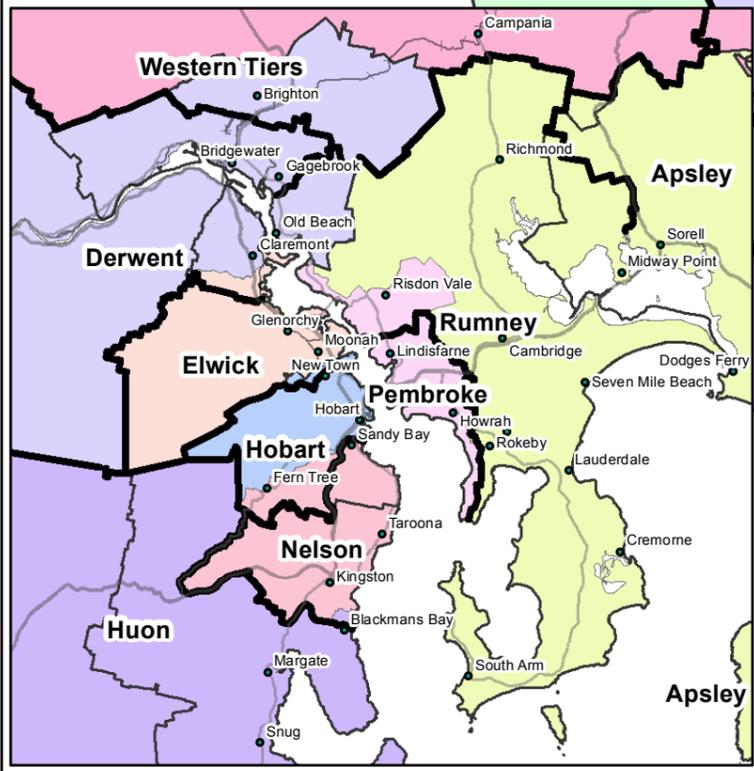
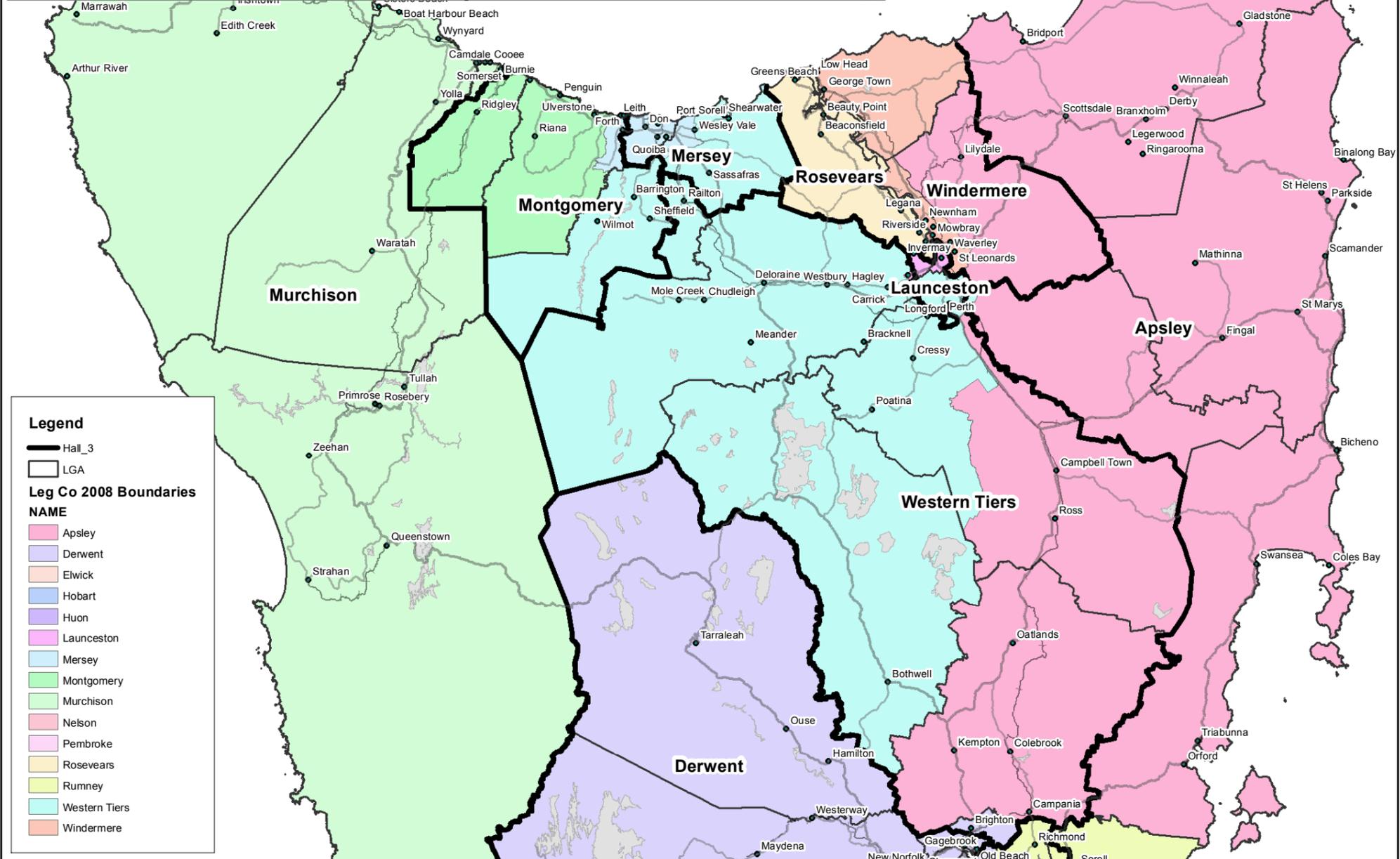
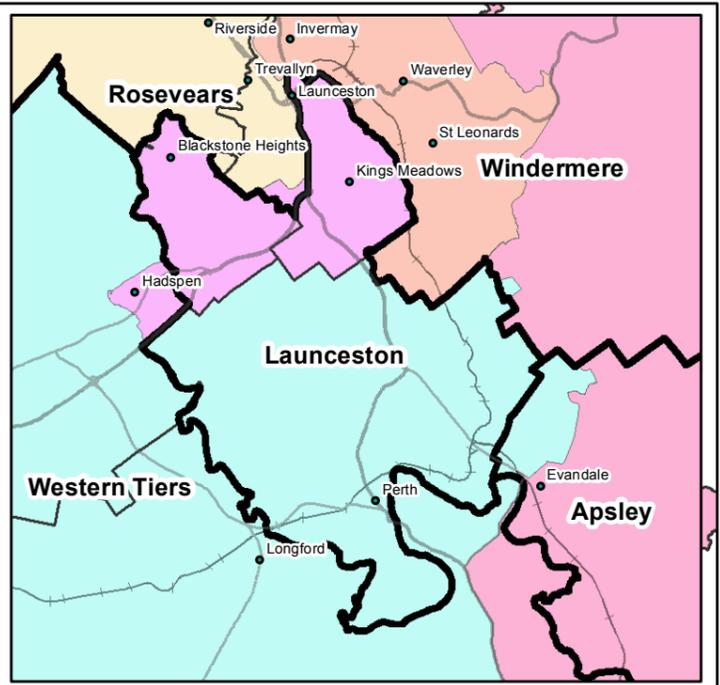
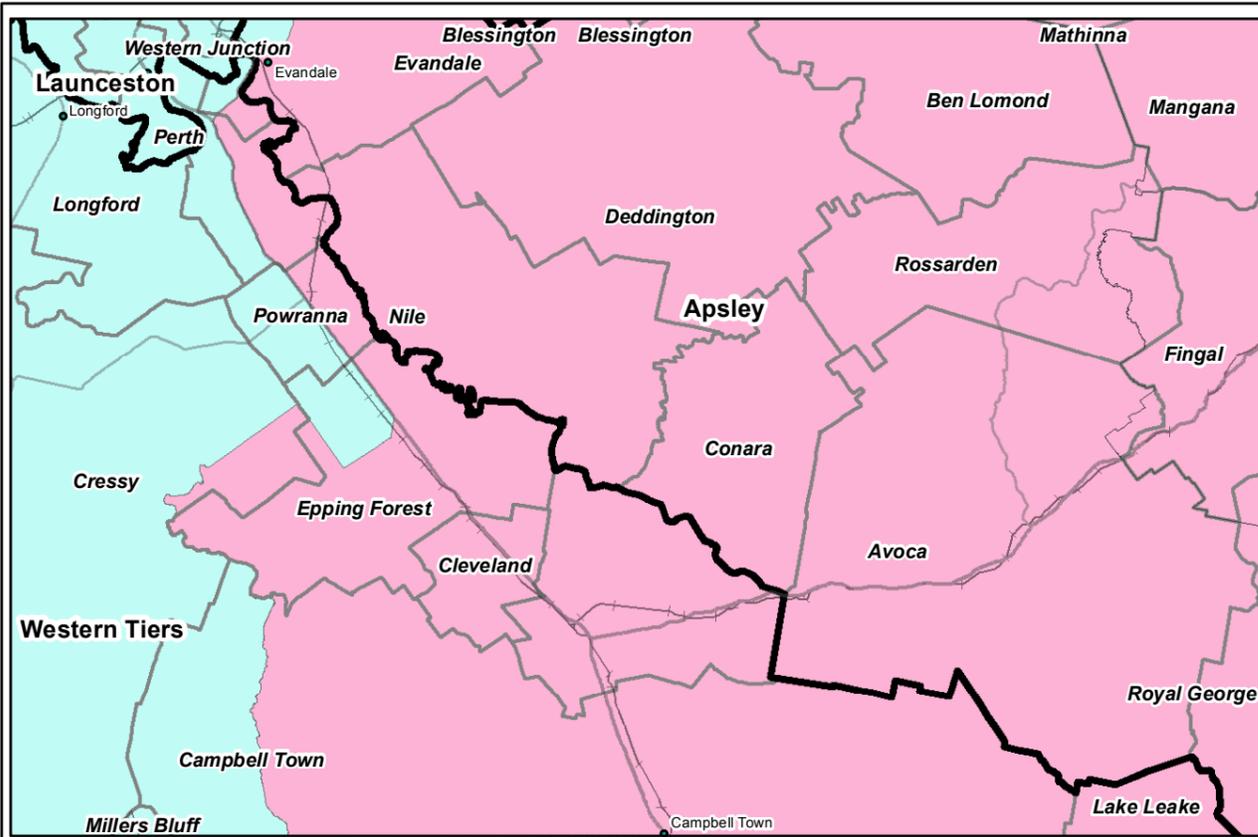
They also cannot understand why the current division of Western Tiers, which is well within the 10 per cent population requirements of the Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Act 1995, should change at all.

Many voters in Western Tiers who have approached me have expressed concern at the many changes to their Legislative Council division over the last 28 years and the confusion this has caused.

Indeed, as late as yesterday whilst I was attending AGFEST many people expressed their incredulity and frustration at the proposed changes.

As I said in my Objection to the Initial Proposal, it is vitally important for the adequate representation of enrolled voters in the existing divisions of Western Tiers and Apsley that a much less disruptive and confusing redistribution proposal is adopted.

I would like to re-submit a Division Map (Hall 3) that retains the well-established north-south orientation of both Western Tiers and Apsley, does not adversely affect the other adjustments in the Further Proposed Redistribution and meets the requirements of the Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Act 1995.



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