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**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION
INQUIRY**

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2.32 PM, THURSDAY, 11 MAY 2017

MR BLAKE: Welcome, and thank you for making a submission to the further redistribution proposal. Last time around I made a long statement. I'm not proposing to do that. You can see who we all are. The five of us make up the tribunal. I'm just keen to hear what you want to add to your written proposal. So
5 over to you.

MR MULDER: I don't have my written proposal with me - - -

MR BLAKE: Okay.
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MR MULDER: - - - because there's been some office moves and shakes and – no, no, it's fine, I can speak to it. I think it's – I am aware of what I said in it, in general terms. I made two suggestions I – or I made a suggestion that, basically we have a North-South Clarence electorate, Clarence LGA, and split it north and south. It was
15 a difficult thing for me to be making any submissions at all on a redistribution process that was on foot while I was in elections. So it was a little bit awkward because what I was doing was projecting I, as the future member, would feel about having to service an electorate which basically, you know, circles around another electorate.
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And so my main argument was – is that I, for one, thought it was a difficult electorate to service. The style of service that I was using in Rumney, for example – you know, if you've ever driven past Sorell you cannot be mistaken for knowing that I'm centrally located and, you know, and I like to be where most of my constituents
25 can easily get and find me. But the other argument I had was that I know that the shrinking and contraction of electorates where the population changes is based on an extrapolation method. I think we had that at the leg co-hearing that – and I, for one, think that that is a little flawed. I think you need to look at the urban growth boundaries within those things.
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But, you know, that is very much a secondary consideration in terms of the capacity for a sitting member to serve an electorate. The point I would make is that following last Saturday, my view, obviously, takes a much less substantive view, and I've been in contact with the – with at least the leader of the Labor Party, who is now going to
35 be the person in the seat of Rumney, and they have no such concerns at all. So in a sense, since it's none of my business, maybe I should be withdrawing the submission. Because it was made on those bases that I thought that the member would have difficulty serving. But if the member doesn't feel that way.

40 Add to that the fact that I'm aware that Vanessa Goodwin, the Member of Pembroke, despite being, you know, in that unfortunate situation she finds herself, she wasn't there when we were having these discussions, and I know she's not in favour of my proposed Pembroke/Rumney split. So now you've got two members whose electorates are being affected who don't like it. So as a sense that I will sort of, you
45 know, take my submission and in a sense you can give it – I'm not asking her to withdraw it. I'm saying you can now give it the amount of weight it probably gets

because you've now got the opinion of the two members and not the person who made the submission.

5 MR BLAKE: Yes, I respect that and thanks for saying that, but that doesn't mean what you said isn't worth us considering, so - - -

MR MULDER: No, no, I – but I was saying it was coming from that context.

10 MR BLAKE: So we will give it – yes, I understand.

MS WARDLAW-KELLY: Thank you.

MR GUIDICI: Yes, yes.

15 MR MULDER: It was a difficulty that I had, that I thought was just a mess of an electorate to try to service as I did. I mean, the question that came to me is where do I put my electorate office in this thing.

20 MR GUIDICI: Yes.

MR MULDER: You know, how do the people of Old Beach and the people of Rokeby find a common spot to drop in to see the Member or to come into the office when they have a concern. But I believe that the Labor Party are actually looking at moving into Rosny Park, in the centre of Pembroke, to put their electorate office to service those areas. So, you know – but that's their call. And as I say, the rationale behind my concern was as a serving member, and I'm not that serving member, so, you know – and now, you know, so I split out and say, you know, that's really why I made that submission. But if the current member has no – does not have those concerns, then I think you've probably got to give a bit more weight to the current member's concerns than mine.

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MR BLAKE: Yes, I think we also have to give weight to where we see population trends moving beyond the next member or the current member.

35 MR MULDER: Yes.

MR BLAKE: So I think that's what we've done.

40 MR MULDER: Yes.

MR BLAKE: Yes. So all right. Thank you for taking your time to come and see us today.

45 MR MULDER: Yes. Well, thank you very much. I was climbing into the suit this afternoon. I thought, "I don't think I'm going to have to buy any more new suits for a while." All right. Okay.

MR BLAKE: Thank you, Tony.

MR GUIDICI: All right, then.

5 MS FROST: Thank you, Tony.

MR MULDER: Unless you've got any questions of me, I guess, but - - -

10 MS WARDLAW-KELLY: No, but thank you.

MS FROST: Thank you for making your submission.

MR MULDER: Yes. Excellent.

15 MS FROST: Thank you.

MR GUIDICI: Yes.

20 MR MULDER: No worries. Have a good day.

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[2.38 pm]

25 **RESUMED**

[2.38 pm]

MR BLAKE: Yes. Agree with that?

30 MR GUIDICI: Yes.

MS FROST: Agreed.

35 MR BLAKE: Agreed. Okay. So I think, for purposes of the hearing, can we just note, we also received a submission from the Labor Party who, am I right in saying, chose not to come along today.

MR: Yes.

40 MR BLAKE: And we did receive a late submission from Mr Greg Hall, and I think we should note whilst that was late, we are willing to accept that late submission. I've read it and have had regard to it, and we can discuss it in our subsequent meeting.

45 MS FROST: Agreed.

MR BLAKE: Okay. All right. Thank you. With that in mind, then, can we draw this to a close? Thank you.

MR GUIDICI: Yes.

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MATTER ADJOURNED at 2.39 pm ACCORDINGLY