

2016-17 Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Initial Transition Proposal

Comments from the perspective of Apsley

As the current member for Apsley I note the decisions of the Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Redistribution Tribunal dated 8 July 2017:

- The creation of new Divisions for McIntyre and Prosser;
- The decision to allocate the current members for Apsley and Western Tiers jointly to the new Division of McIntyre until the end of our current terms, (Mr Hall in 2018 and myself in 2022);
- The new Division of Prosser comprises 44% of the existing Division of Rumney, 41% of the existing Division of Apsley and 15% of the existing Division of Derwent; and
- The new Division of Prosser to go to the polls in 2018.

Joint members for McIntyre until May 2018

I would like to begin by thanking the Tribunal for coming up with a proposed transition solution which serves the best interests of the affected voters, as well as the two affected members of the current Legislative Council. I will be happy to commit to working collaboratively with Mr Hall as joint members for the Division of McIntyre until May 2018, and then as the sole member after that time.

My commitment to the voters of Prosser until May 2018

There has been some concern raised that the electors in the newly created Division of Prosser will be without formal representation in the Legislative Council until after May 2018. This affects approximately 9,100 voters from the existing Division of Apsley, 9,800 from Rumney and 3,500 from Derwent.

I wish to inform the Tribunal that I intend to continue to provide the same level of representation to the Apsley constituents that will transfer to Prosser as I will to those in McIntyre until a member for Prosser is elected, to ensure that there is adequate representation during the interim period. I have already spoken with the member for Rumney and we are both committed to continuing to provide appropriate representation to the constituents of Prosser for this period.

Thank you again for the opportunity to contribute to this process.