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To the Members of the Redistribution Panel,

I am sending this submission in response to the electoral boundary redistribution proposed by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission.

I am seriously concerned that, if adopted, these changes will cause the loss of a northern voice to the south, with Apsley to become Prosser, which would have its heart at Sorell in the state's south. The proposal would affect half of Apsley, an electorate which went to the polls just last year. Creating this change so soon after an election could cause voter disengagement for the current elected Member. A further concern I have is the potential for adding to the difficulty of servicing such large electorates from single member seats.

While I appreciate why these distributions occur, I would respectfully ask the Redistribution Panel to consider whether it can identify another way to meet the requirements of the Act with minimal disruption to Parliamentary representation in northern electorates.

I would be pleased for the opportunity to speak further to my submission when the public hearing is held in Launceston.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Rosemary Armitage'.