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Legislative Council Electoral Redistribution Tribunal
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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing on behalf of Break O'Day Council in regards to the process undertaken for the Legislative Council Electoral Redistribution of Boundaries.

Council advised that they reject the proposed boundary redistribution on the following basis:

1. The boundaries have been altered without any key consideration for groupings around 'areas of interest' of the population, and a concern for the loss of Legislative Councillors (decision-makers and political influencers) in the North East to be redistributed and located in the South.
2. It has failed to take into account the community of interest which exists along the length of the East Coast and between the communities of the East Coast. The Northern boundary for Prosser is North of Bicheno, and yet Bicheno has been working with Break O'Day Council about how that community cooperates with Break O'Day as they are an established 'community of interest' that aligns with St Helens and the North East Coast.
3. The report has been presented as a fait accompli with no other options canvassed or presented for consideration.
4. It has also failed to consider a broader redistribution involving the Launceston based electorates which could bring the Georgetown area into Apsley.

Please note that Council also expressed its disappointment that the opportunity to access the complex mapping software to examine options for redistribution was effectively only available in Hobart except for a few hours in the north despite the statements on availability in the proposal paper which was provided.

Yours faithfully



John Brown
GENERAL MANAGER

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