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Ford at Ross crossing the Macquarie River ~ before there was a bridge

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Att: Mike Blake ~ Chairperson

Dear Mr Blake,

The plan to have the northern boundary of the proposed seat of Prosser falling north of Campbell Town is a good one.

North of this line there is mainly broad-acre farming for many, many miles, until reaching the northern towns of Perth and Longford.

South of this line there is much in common with the towns of Campbell Town, Ross and Tunbridge in the historic heart of Tasmania.

Noting the Committee's striving to ~ "endeavoured, where possible, to utilise locality and local government area (LGA) boundaries when altering the boundaries of existing divisions." ~ and ~ "Consider the creation of a new central/southern Legislative Council division that has a recognisable community of interest link or regional identity." ~ I can see the sense of this with the inclusion of Campbell Town and Ross in Prosser.

It is an odd quirk of history that when the Northern Midlands Council was formed, it's southern border was drawn on the town boundary of Tunbridge, which was placed in the Southern Midlands Council.

Why would this have happened?

As it is only ten kilometres from Tunbridge to Ross, and another ten kilometres from Ross to Campbell Town, these three towns and the surrounding lands form a natural region, with much in common.

Might we call these three towns and surrounding lands, the heartlands of historic Tasmania?

It would improve planning, development and the cultural evolution of the heartlands to have them all in Prosser.

The heartlands are within the seat of Lyons for both State and Federal representation.

Now I wonder if in a future revisitation of Council boundaries, whether the northern boundary of the Southern Midlands Council will come to match the northern boundary of Prosser.

This would be a logical outcome, and the sooner this happens, the better.

With Campbell Town and Ross having a population of 1133, and the Southern Midlands having a population of 4467, the inclusion of those towns in the Southern Midlands would be a boon for the Southern Midlands, with a larger population of 5600.

From Tunbridge in the Southern Midlands, it is only 20 kilometres to Campbell Town, and thence a very long stretch to towns further north.

The creation of the Upper House seat of Prosser could lead to boundary change between the Northern and Southern Midlands.

This change, if it happens, may be where the municipal boundary should have been.

All details added up, this would be a logical outcome.



