

Subject: Personal Comment

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To: Redistribution Submissions

Dear Sir

As a former candidate for the Leg Council seat of Tamar in 1989 as well as a regular Scrutineer at Council elections and a person most interested in the process of government I make this Submission.

These proposals seriously affect the current electorates of Western Tiers and Apsley and to a lesser extent, Rumney and they have taken the brunt of the changes far more than any other electorate.

As a result in my opinion it has completely altered the community fabric in these areas.

To suggest the name changes of Macintyre and Prosser would add further confusion for people voting when there there is already much confusion and increasing informal voting.

It is imperative that there should be considerable weight given to the fact that voters need to be represented by a person known to them in their current Local Government area ...with this proposal a great swathe of voters in MacIntyre and Prosser would appear to have been overlooked.

Northern Midlands and Dorset Councils have both expressed concerns at the loss of representation should the redistribution go ahead in the current format.

Believe this proposal is based on 2011 Census statistics. When it is considered that the next ABS Census information will be available later in 2017, it would seem to be more prudent to make changes armed with current data.

Now I can certainly understand the reaction to these proposals by current members Greg Hall and Tania Rattray ... their electorates have suffered huge upheavals with the proposed Boundary changes.

This would render great personal cost to these two members, most likely requiring physical re-location of offices but the more serious and significant point is that voters and communities would be the most affected.

Individuals and communities and Local Government Councils have a sense of identification with their Legislative Council electorate and with this proposal a great deal of goodwill and identity would be lost.

In my opinion the necessity to make these massive changes is not necessary and I have viewed the 'Hall Alternative' and consider this to be far fairer and more in the community's interests than the proposal.

While I acknowledge the legislative requirement to keep electoral numbers even, this proposal has not given the incumbents, the current Electorates nor the communities adequate time to consider before being presented.

It could also be said that the time to make submissions is restricting and the timing in announcing the proposed redistribution close after the holiday break will most likely limit discussion and the subsequent number of submissions.

In conclusion, I do not believe that this huge electoral dislocation is necessary, as the ramifications are huge for all players when there is a 'softer' and what appears to be a fairer, more reasonable and more community friendly model in the 'Hall proposal' available.

As a concerned citizen and a former elected Local Government representative I would ask that the 'Hall proposal' on electoral boundary changes be given the strongest consideration in conjunction with my thoughts and comments.

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