

Subject: Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Redistribution
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To: Redistribution Submissions

To the Redistribution Panel –

With respect to the proposed change of the electoral boundary for the Seat of Hobart in the Legislative Council, I have no issue.

With respect to the timing of such a change, I believe the 1st January 2018 would be appropriate, as candidates for the May 2018 election would have sufficient notice to factor in campaign activity in the additional areas within the electorate.

Should a later date be considered (e.g. post the May 2018 election), it would prove problematic, as effectively candidates would be campaigning in areas that would shortly cease to be in the electorate. This would disenfranchise a certain percentage of voters to a degree, in terms of their choice of member for the full term of that electoral cycle.

Should the Panel require further feedback on this particular matter I would be most happy to oblige.

Kind Regards

Rob

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