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Dear Julian Type

**RE: 2007 -08 Redistribution of Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries
Initial Redistribution Proposal Reasons**

I commend the depth of research undertaken in this document and the rationale behind the proposed redistributions.

I offer the following objection against the proposed increased in size to the seat of Pembroke.

The need for Council division seats to not exceed a 10% variation from quota is understood. Taking the ABS projections (page 13) at face value, Pembroke's variance will be less than -0.5% in 2012 if the current boundaries remain unchanged. This is an improvement from the 2007 variance of +1.6% and the variance of more than +5% in 2001.

Both post and prior to the change to a 15 member house the seat of Pembroke has been over a quota.

The proposed redistribution does not appear to adequately account for proposed infill activity slated within the current boundaries. In particular the proposal to utilize previous sections of the public golf course on either side of Gordons Hill Road Lindisfarne for higher density age care accommodation.

The proposal for increasing the size of this currently over quota seat rests on balancing the Pembroke enrolment for the guesstimated long term and does not adequately factor the continued over quota status of this seat in the immediate, short and medium terms.

Given that reviews of Council seats occur on a nine year basis. I would ask that representation in the short and medium term be also given appropriate consideration.

Yours Sincerely

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