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LAUNCESTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



22nd February 2007

Chairperson & Members
Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Redistribution Committee
2nd Floor, Telstra Centre
70 Collins Street
HOBART 7000

Dear Mr Chairperson & Members,

Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Redistribution Tribunal

The Launceston Chamber of Commerce supports the changing of the name of the current 'Paterson' electorate back to 'Launceston'.

To name the electorate that encompasses most of the municipality 'Launceston' makes sense. The current name of Paterson creates confusion for existing constituents and newcomers to the region who automatically assume that the place name and electoral name should be the same.

The Chamber's support of a name change back to 'Launceston' in no way underestimates the important role of our forebears – it is just common sense.

It also maintains the much valued tradition of this electorate being appropriately named Launceston for most of the last two centuries.

The Chamber views seriously the fact that at present our City has no electoral district named after it which is out of step with all other regional Australian cities of similar size. This is considered to be disrespectful of our City and regrettably inappropriate.

Yours sincerely

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