

## **PARLIAMENTARY EXTENSION**

### **ACT 2008**

*(Brought in by Guilford Young College)*

**An Act to extend the Tasmanian House of Assembly to 35 seats, elected from seven electorates of five representatives.**

Be it considered by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Youth Parliament of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

#### **Short Title**

1. This Act may be cited as the *Parliamentary Extension Act 2008*.

#### **Commencement**

2. This Act commences on the first Tasmanian House of Assembly election after it receives Royal Assent.

#### **Interpretation**

3. In this Act:

*“Newly formed electorates”* means the new electorates created under the provisions of this Act, as approximated in Schedule Two.

*“Hare-Clark”* means the single transferable voting system currently used in Tasmanian House of Assembly elections.

#### **Extension**

4. The Tasmanian House of Assembly will be extended to a seat thirty-five (35) members.

#### **Electorates**

5. All existing Tasmanian House of Assembly electorates shall be abolished, and replaced with seven newly formed electorates.

#### **Members**

6. Each newly formed electorate shall elect five members to the Tasmanian House of Assembly.

**Elections**

7. Elections shall be conducted using the Hare-Clark system, and subject to current electoral practices.

**Boundaries**

8. The electoral boundaries of the newly formed electorates shall be periodically updated to reflect changes in the population.

**SCHEDULE 1 – OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE PARLIAMENTARY  
EXTENSION ACT 2008**

- a. To increase the efficiency of State Government,
- b. To allow greater representation of minority parties in Tasmanian politics,
- c. To alleviate the problems associated with the large geographical expanse of certain existing Tasmanian House of Assembly electorates; and
- d. To further instill the principles of representative democracy.

**SCHEDULE 2 – APPROXIMATION OF NEWLY FORMED ELECTORATES**

- a. Four (4) urban and three (3) rural electorates, as determined by the Tasmanian Electoral Commission.