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PETITION AGAINST ANNEXATION OF ANY PART TO MUNICIPALITY
OF GLENORCHY AND CITY OF HOBART TOWN.

Presented by Mr. Innes, September 11; and ordered by the Council to be printed
September 12, 1867.



To the Honorable the Legislative Council of Tasmania.

The humble Petition of the Inhabitants of the Augusta Road District of New Town.

SHOWETH :

THAT we the undersigned Ratepayers of the District have seen with deep regret and surprise that a Bill to amend the Rural Municipalities Act is to be brought before your Honorable Council to annex a portion of this District to the Municipality of Glenorchy, and the remainder to the City of Hobart Town; and by the 9th and 10th Clauses of the Act power is given to the Governor in Council to proclaim such annexations; and we protest strongly against such annexations on the following grounds:—

1st. We have been a Road District for nine years, and have taxed ourselves and expended above £7000 on our Roads and Bridges, whilst the Town of New Town and the District of Glenorchy have not paid any rates; and we consider we have no right to be called upon to make their roads unless they pay up the rates for the same period.

2ndly. We strongly object to be added to the City of Hobart Town, inasmuch as they have incurred heavy debts at a time when we had no right of vote, and cannot therefore justly be called upon now to pay rates for the City when we can receive no corresponding benefit.

3rdly. The Act deprives the inhabitants of their right of consent to being annexed, and that if any portion of New Town were added to the City it should be the populous part on the right of the road, and not the scattered and rural part on the left; and as the inhabitants on the right have hitherto paid no rates and made no roads, they would therefore derive that benefit from being annexed.

Wherefore your Petitioners humbly pray your Honorable Council will take these circumstances into their favorable consideration.

And your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[Here follow 41 Signatures.]