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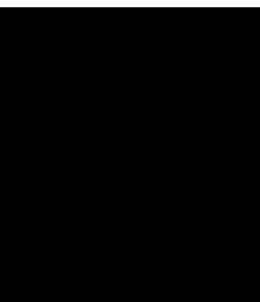
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The Secretary,

Select Committee on the House of Assembly Restoration Bill

Parliament House

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I submit that the number of Members of the House of Assembly must be restored to 35, in order to restore good governance to Tasmania.

Those Members of the Government committed to the ministry and of the Opposition to the Shadow Ministry are forced to carry responsibilities for too many ministries, and can be easily "snowed" by the workload generated by the executive arm of government.

The current number of Members (25) leaves insufficient Members for back bench duties, resulting in a small and overworked pool of Members to fill the places on those back bench Committees, and those Members may have a narrow range of experience to bring to the work of those Committees

The net effect is that the public service and executive of the Tasmania Government operate with insufficient parliamentary oversight.

With the increasing complexity of life and of government activities, the lower numbers of MHA's have an ever-growing workload of constituency matters to deal with, in addition to their parliamentary duties. Restoration of the number of Members to 35 would allow a more even and reasonable workload,

As is currently evident, the resignation or death of only two Members of the Government may result in the effective paralysis of the Parliament.

The current situation has been allowed to continue for too long, and the number of MHA's should be restored to 35.

In good faith,

Andrew James McMahon