

FACT SHEET

PRIVATE MEMBERS BILL

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES AMENDMENT ACT 2017

To be brought in by Greg Hall MLC, Deputy President and Chair of Committees.

The purpose of the Bill would be to amend the Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Act (1995) to:

- Delay the determination of the 2016 -17 Legislative Council Electoral Boundaries Redistribution Committee until the most recent Census data (2016) is available from the Australian Bureau of Statistics with population projections (2018).
- Synchronise future Legislative Council Electoral Boundary reviews with the availability of population projections based on the most recent Australian Census data by going to a 10-year review cycle from 2018 instead of the current 9-year review.

The 2016-17 Redistribution Committee is proposing major changes to the divisions of Western Tiers, Apsley and Rumney and the creation of new divisions using population projections based on the 2011 Australian Census data.

These changes are the biggest change to divisions since the reduction to 15 Legislative Council seats in 1998.

Population projections for Tasmania using 2016 Australian Census data will be available in the latter half of this year.

Synchronising Legislative Council boundary reviews with the release of Census-based population data every 10 years would provide a much sounder basis for redistributions.