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Submission – Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances and Entitlements.

Dear Sir,

Please find attached submission in my name, Ivan Dean, Independent Member for Windermere, for an increased Electoral Allowance and changes in Committee sitting allowances. This submission is the identical submission as I sent in last year, as the issues are still relevant, and I believe that decisions will be made as a result of this year's review.

Electorate Allowance

In the amended alignment of electoral boundaries, the Windermere electorate was increased in geographical size to include the township of Lilydale and surrounds, in the North, and Nunamara and surrounds in the East. Prior to the adjustment Windermere occupied an area of 816.36 sq.km, and with the recent change it is now 2047.45 sq.km.

It is noted that the electorate of Montgomery is now 2456.53 sq.km and the electorate of Rumney is 433.93 sq.km, both of which were previously in Group 4.

I also note that the increased change to Windermere is referred to in the "Issues" paper of March 2018 and the Interim Report of May 2018, for consideration, i.e. Moved from Group 5 to Group 4.

The geographical area of Windermere, and when compared to other electorates in Group 4, is entitled to receive the similar Electorate Allowance, in my opinion.

It is my submission, having regard to the facts as referred, that Windermere now move into Group 4 for electoral allowances.

It is appreciated that any increase would be made on an interim basis.

Committee Sitting Fees

I am of the strong opinion that committee sitting fees be re-considered and that allowances applying prior to the previous Parliamentary Salaries, Allowances & Entitlements adjustment, be reinstated.

The amendment made was to delete sitting fees to members other than Chairs. This has created concern for some members and a reluctance to fill committee positions. It is my opinion it has also impacted negatively on attendance by members.

There is an extra workload on committee members in attending meetings and the work required outside the sitting periods.

It is of little surprise that some members have no interest in seeking positions on joint house committees in particular.

The extra work commitment should be recognised and I strongly recommend these sitting fees be reconsidered.

Yours sincerely



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