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The Local Government Board,
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Please accept this as my submission to the Local Government Board for their Review of the future of Local Government. I am sorry for it being a bit late but we do not have the internet or computers here.

I believe we need to have our own voice for our own community, but a voice best representing all people living in our entire Kentish Community, so our proper diversity of views, wether from newcomers, long-term residents, very old families, so people from all walks of life, can be represented properly and fairly, and not just voices of business and for money reasons. This fair representing of our diversity of views of all people actually living here, should keep our wholeness of this true voice.

We do not want Kentish to be amalgamated with Latrobe or any other area, and lose our precious decision-making for looking after our area for future generations that only we - the local residents - have good knowledge for: about its history, its environment, its beauty.

I have travelled widely on the mainland and internationally, and have seen the effects of bad and good decision making for communities. Bad decisions, just for money reasons, can be very disasterous.

It seems particularly important for smaller rural communities (especially on a small Island like Tasmania that so depends on tourism) To keep their independant voice for decision making. We do not want any monstrosity built or something decided externally that badly affects our lives, and that probably be irriversable, or any diminishing of our own small areas chosen character.

Our integrity of our independence is what we are talking about and what our families work for and for our children. As well, this integrity of each communities voice and character, might garantee tasmanias continued economic income from visitors, getting joy and wonder from a place that does look after their own natural wonders, and keeps their individual characters. Otherwise everywhere will become the same and ruled by big money.

I speak for my large family of 3 generations living in the Kentish area.

Thanking You
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