The Tasmanian Hare-Clark Scrutiny Process

1. **Count first preferences of all candidates**

2. **Calculate the quota**
   - Quota = \( \frac{\text{Total formal votes}}{\text{number to be elected}} + 1 \) (excluding any rema

3. **Has any candidate reached the quota?**
   - Yes: **Execute the candidate with the lowest number of votes**
   - No: **Distribute the surplus of the (next) elected candidate to continuing candidates**
     - **Has any continuing candidate reached the quota?**
       - Yes: **Are all positions filled?**
         - Yes: **End**
         - No: **Are there any other surplus still to be distributed?**
           - Yes: **Are there any parcels of the excluded candidate still to be distributed?**
             - Yes: **Was any candidate(s) elected during the distribution of the votes from the excluded candidate?**
               - Yes: **The candidate with the lowest number of votes is excluded and the remaining candidate(s) declared elected**
               - No: **End**
             - No: **End**
           - No: **End**
       - No: **End**
     - No: **End**

4. **Distribute the surplus of the (next) elected candidate to continuing candidates**

5. **Has any continuing candidate reached the quota?**
   - Yes: **Are all positions filled?**
     - Yes: **End**
     - No: **Are there any other surplus still to be distributed?**
       - Yes: **Are there any parcels of the excluded candidate still to be distributed?**
         - Yes: **Was any candidate(s) elected during the distribution of the votes from the excluded candidate?**
           - Yes: **The candidate with the lowest number of votes is excluded and the remaining candidate(s) declared elected**
           - No: **End**
         - No: **End**
       - No: **End**
   - No: **End**

**Definitions:**
- **Parcel of ballot papers:** is the term given to the ballot papers received by a candidate in a particular count.
- **Surplus:** the number of votes an elected candidate has received in excess of the quota.
- **Continuing candidate:** a candidate who has not been elected or excluded from the scrutiny.
- **Term:** if more than one candidate is elected at one count, the order of election of those candidates is from highest to lowest number of votes.