



# Comment on suggestion 23

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Dear Commissioner

**Re: Redistribution of the federal electorate division of Indi**

I write to support the maintenance of the existing boundaries of the electoral division as part of the 2020-21 Victorian federal redistribution process.

The current boundaries of Indi stretch from the Murray River in the north east to the Yarra Ranges in the south, and from the Victorian Alps in the east to central Victoria in the west.

I note that in the most recent redistribution Indi both gained and lost significant areas from neighbouring electorates. I think it is important wherever possible to maintain continuity for electors in these recently redistributed areas and for Local Government Areas to align with federal electorate divisions.

These existing boundaries capture communities of common interest, major population centres, shared economies and industry and largely keep intact whole Local Government Areas. Indi's Local Government Areas largely follow geographical divides and reinforce shared economies and communities of common interest. For example, mountains to the east and the south and the Goulburn River to the west.

The major population centres of Indi are all linked by the key transport infrastructure of the Hume Highway and the North East rail line from the south to the north of the electorate. These major centres then provide key services to the smaller communities in the Alpine areas, uniting them as communities of shared economic, social and political interests.

In relation to Indi's future population growth, I further note that as Indi and the majority of its neighbouring electorates are projected to remain within the targeted 2025 projected enrolment quota, that current boundaries should be maintained as closely as possible.

  
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