



Comment on objections 1

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To Whom it may concern

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I am a resident of Wallan and have friends and family living in surrounding areas such as Wandong, Kilmore and Craigieburn. In my experience, and from my conversations with others this is common, I find myself with many reasons to visit Craigieburn and feel strongly that it should remain within the same electorate as those in Mitchell Shire.

The communities in the southern part of the current seat of McEwen have been largely seen as commuting areas where residents work in the greater metropolitan areas. However with the rapid growth it means these areas are experiencing more concentrated projects unique to the area which will need united representation, for projects such as the Beveridge interstate Freight terminal will reinforce the economic functioning of this corridor.

The unique area is one zone the North Growth Corridor is seen as one of the most up and coming important industrial regions in Australia, with good road and rail links to metropolitan markets and to New South Wales, in particular, via the Sydney rail line and the Hume Freeway, and because of its proximity to Melbourne Airport.

Also due to the lack of existing services in many of our growing towns, we are reliant on the existing areas close by for our recreation, shopping and entertainment.

I and many others visit Craigieburn frequently to attend the movie theatre at Craigieburn Central, utilise the new Splash Aquatic Centre. This is in large part because of the shared commuting routed between Wallan and Craigieburn, making it the closest and most convenient major suburb in our area.

Due to the Hume Freeway providing the transit spine for our region, commuting to Craigieburn is quick and convenient, and this is mirrored by the shared public transport links with eth Craigieburn train line. These

coordinated services make it possible to get around from Wallan and neighbouring towns such as Kilmore, creating shared communities of interest.

As we see huge population growth both in Wallan and the neighbouring towns, these links become increasingly important, and I am anxious that we have a singular voice advocating for our needs going forward. My concern is that by including Sunbury within the seat of McEwen as opposed to Craigieburn, we will see a dilution of priority on this key issue of infrastructure planning as it related to road and rail.

A key to the success of our region is ensuring that services are well integrated and proactively planned, and I believe taking a huge chunk out of that area and removing it to a different electorate is at cross-purposes with this goal.

We are a growth area with many young families who require access to the types of services mentioned earlier, and I believe that the continued development of a connected and integrated North in Victoria will be significantly assisted by singular representation at a federal level.

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