



# Comment on objections 27

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As a long term Sunbury resident I would like to make comments on the objections.

I and residents in this township believe Sunbury's identity and interest are not being served by the Australian Electoral Commission.

I wholeheartedly agree with Objection 223 and 250, Sunbury is a community with a strong sense of identity that are not shared with most other parts of the electorate of McEwen.

The previous Liberal State Government, the Napthine Government released the Northern Growth Corridor Plan in 2012. Whilst Sunbury is set for growth this plan clearly shows Sunbury not to be connected to the wider Northern Growth Plan the same way Craigieburn is to be connected to the future suburbs and towns like Wallan to its north.

Sunbury is a satellite city and should be treated as such, Objection 223 points out how can a town such as Hurstbridge be considered a community of shared interest with Sunbury when "To travel to Hurstbridge in the east of the proposed electorate would take at least 50 minutes, and necessitate travel through four other electorates (Gorton, Calwell, Scullin and Jagajaga)".

As Objection 250 points out "While not big enough to have its own Federal Division, Sunbury deserves to be kept in political connection with its surrounding Communities of Interest, and not used to the convenience of statisticians."

I agree wholeheartedly with Objection 229 "Sunbury's employment and economic prosperity is deeply entrenched in and depend upon the operation of Melbourne Airport. The airport's operations directly employ 14,000 people - almost two thirds of those workers live around the airport, including from Sunbury. "

Melbourne airport is such a big asset to the surrounding communities like Sunbury, Gladstone Park and Tullamarine, it directly impacts the day to day lives of these communities that live around it by economic activity and aircraft noise.

It makes sense that these communities would all be represented by the one Member of Parliament, so lobbying around Melbourne Airports is fair and balanced

Objection 251 and 322 make good points about the Australian Electoral Commission straying into political territory by advocating the removal of Sunbury from Hume Council. The proposed boundaries could be used to say the AEC support the Liberal party's policy of Sunbury's abdication from Hume City Council at the next State Election in November 2018.

It also demonstrates what a dangerous game the AEC are playing by removing Sunbury from Hume Council means it could be used by groups and political parties as affirmation of their policies.

I note Objection 358 a Mr Gunter who is in favour of reuniting Moonee Valley Council at the

expense of segregating other towns from there council areas such as Sunbury out of Hume City Council and removing parts of Melton from being within its Shire.

Regards

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