



# Objection 107

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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing today in regard to the draft redistribution that was released recently, especially to the proposed redistribution of the electorate of McEwen.

I am especially concerned since the redistribution places my family and community in the seat of Calwell. If you recall the comment I made in November, I asked that the whole of Craigieburn be included in the electorate of what is now McEwen (because it would unify the whole suburb under one electorate).

However, under the proposed redistribution, Craigieburn would be placed under an entirely different electorate – Calwell.

Like other towns in our region such as Mernda and Wallan, we are seeing lots of development to address population growth. Also, Craigieburn has been a connector suburb for the Hume and Mitchell Shires for many years, providing many towns across McEwen a central shopping and activities hub. Craigieburn is the centre of this region and has easy access by road and rail from North to South and by road from East to West.

That is why I do not support suggestions like this, which either break up our communities or disconnect us from our neighbouring communities. One more concern I have is that if the draft redistribution is implemented, we could miss out on vital infrastructure projects simply because the entirety of the electorate (which would be Calwell) is not considered a growth area. Calwell has many established suburbs like Broadmeadows, Dallas and Coolaroo which have very different perspectives on what we need locally. It would make far more sense to put Sunbury in Calwell, because they have far more in common and share connecting roads etc.

I thank you for your time but consider this objection very carefully – it could have great ramifications for the area, especially Craigieburn.

Yours sincerely

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(A concerned Craigieburn resident)

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