



Objection 185

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Redistribution Committee for Victoria

(Via AEC website)

To the Committee

I would like to object to the proposal to move the entirety of my home suburb of Craigieburn, into the electorate of Calwell as part of the 2018 Victorian Electoral Redistribution.

I am concerned that by putting Craigieburn into Calwell, the Electoral Commission is ignoring the unique demographics and makeup of our area.

Craigieburn may seem, given its size, to have a lot in common with its southern neighbours, however when looking at the growth, demographics and infrastructure needs, Craigieburn has far more in common with the suburbs to the north and east in the division of McEwen.

The suburbs south of Craigieburn in the current seat of Calwell, such as Broadmeadows, Dallas and Meadow Heights are established suburbs, with older families. They are higher density suburbs and according to the ABS, a low participation rate in the workforce.

By contrast, Craigieburn, like its northern and eastern neighbours including Wallan, Mernda and Doreen, are rapidly growing suburbs of young families. These are families with children, roughly the same rate of home ownership and average mortgages, similar incomes and high participation in the workforce.

The subcontinental community has significant representation across Mernda, Doreen, Wallan and Craigieburn. At the last Census we had a representation of over 7,100 people in Craigieburn and over 2,000 in Mernda, Doreen and Wallan. This is in contrast to the suburbs in Calwell that have a significantly lower representation of the subcontinental community.

By way of example, we have recently formed a local football club, the Hume Bombers which comes on the back of the successful Bombers Gurdawara Craigieburn Auskick Centre, which was set up in 2013 to give Indian children the chance to learn football. We draw players from right across the outer north including Wallan, Mernda and Craigieburn. This is our community. I believe it would more accurately reflect the communities and their needs in the north to include Craigieburn with the towns it has most in common with, which means it must be included in the McEwen electorate.

Thank you for taking the time to read my submission.

Yours sincerely

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