



Objection 363

Maroondah Business Group

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MAROONDAH BUSINESS GROUP

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OBJECTION TO PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION

1. Background

The “Maroondah Business Group” is a collaboration between the Ringwood Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc (“**Ringwood Chamber**”) and the Croydon Chamber of Commerce and Industry (“**Croydon Chamber**”).

In particular, the Ringwood Chamber represents interests of businesses and customers in the Ringwood district, including Burnt Bridge, Heathmont, Ringwood, Ringwood East, Ringwood North and Warranwood.

While the Croydon Chamber represents the interests of businesses and customers in the Croydon district, which includes Croydon, Croydon Hills, Croydon North, Croydon South and parts of Wonga Park.

Our members are also closely associated with, and often leaders within, other civic, sporting and community groups and organisations in these areas.

These two groups, collectively referred to as the Maroondah Business Group, in partnership with the Economic Development group of Maroondah City Council, has been established to more closely align our increasingly interrelated interests.

We believe that to have one federal Member of Parliament representing the increasingly united interests of the Ringwood and Croydon districts, will be an important step in this unification.

2. Proposed redistribution

We thank the Committee for considering our earlier suggestions on the redistribution (CS36 – Croydon Chamber of Commerce and Industry and CS38 – Ringwood Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc).

We broadly accept the rationale behind the proposed redistribution with respect to the Division of Deakin. In particular, we are grateful that the Committee ensured that central Ringwood was united with Ringwood North and that Croydon was united with Croydon North and Croydon Hills. These were, in our view, clearly sound decisions.

However, we do believe that the proposed redistribution could be improved with some relatively minor (yet important) changes. These are outlined below

3. Separation of Warranwood from Ringwood

We reiterate our suggestion to the Committee (and suggestions from Maroondah City Council) that Warranwood should be reunited with Ringwood in the Division of Deakin.

Indeed, while we acknowledge the primacy of numerical considerations to the proposed redistribution, we believe that the failure to reunite Warranwood with Ringwood in the Division of Deakin must be addressed.

In particular, we believe that it's clear that the inclusion of Warranwood in the Division of Deakin better meets the community of interest criterion.

a) Our reasons for this may be summarised as follows:

- i.** Warranwood strongly orients to Ringwood in almost every way, as opposed to Doncaster or Warrandyte within the Division of Menzies.
- ii.** Warranwood's main roads and public transport predominantly connect with central Ringwood, via Wonga Rd and bus routes 380 and 364 to Ringwood Railway Station.
- iii.** The demographic and socio-economic characteristics of Warranwood correlates much more closely to the Ringwood district and are quite distinct from the peri-urban communities to its north in the Division of Menzies.
- iv.** Access to major retail, light industrial and other employment for Warranwood residents predominantly centres around Ringwood.
- v.** The main access for Warranwood residents to government and other essential services including, health services, orients strongly towards Ringwood and to a lesser extent Croydon.
- vi.** Warranwood falls wholly within the secondary schools zones of Norwood and Melba Secondary Colleges, both of which are located in the proposed Division of Deakin.

Warranwood also falls within the primary school zones of Kalinda, Mullum and Ringwood North Primary Schools, all of which are located in the proposed Division of Deakin. The enrolments of Independent and Catholic schools located within the proposed Division of Deakin such as Yarra Valley Grammar (Ringwood), Aquinas College (Ringwood), Luther College (Croydon), Holy Spirit Primary School (Ringwood North) also draw heavily from Warranwood.

- vii.** The planned extension of Reynolds Rd, will physically separate Warranwood from its north even further, and reinforce its connection and orientation towards Ringwood.
- viii.** Quambee Reserve (home to North Ringwood Football Club, Warranwood Cricket Club and Parkwood Tennis Club), North Ringwood Reserve (home to North Ringwood Junior Football Club, North Ringwood Cricket Club and 1st Maroondah Scout Group), Mullum Mullum Reserve (home to Norwood Football and Cricket

Clubs) and North Ringwood Tennis Club are all located within the proposed Division of Deakin.

These clubs are significant communities of interest whose memberships draw heavily from Warranwood and whose interests would be best served united within the Division of Deakin.

- ix.** Warranwood falls within the Maroondah City Council which is centred on Ringwood and Croydon.

Our calculations indicate that the inclusion of Warranwood within the Division of Deakin would result in an estimated 3,800 electors being transferred from the Division of Menzies. The Division of Deakin will be able to accommodate these additional electors, alongside our further objections at (4) below.

We believe that the numerical requirements of neighbouring electorates, namely the Divisions of Menzies and Casey can both accommodate the transfer of Warranwood to the Division of Deakin.

4. Inclusion of Kilsyth and Kilsyth South in the Division of Deakin

Again, while we broadly accept the rationale behind the proposed redistribution with respect to the Division of Deakin, we believe that retaining part of Kilsyth and Kilsyth South (as indicated in Annexure A) within the Division of Casey will better reflect the community of interest criterion.

In particular, we suggest that the parts of Kilsyth and Kilsyth South, east of Liverpool Rd and south of Durham Rd, remain with the division of Casey, which can be numerically accommodated within Casey's projected enrolment quota.

a) Our reasons for this may be summarised as follows:

- i.** Businesses and residents in these parts of Kilsyth and Kilsyth South (east of Liverpool Rd and south of Durham Rd), orient strongly toward Montrose and Mooroolbark to a much greater extent than Croydon.
- ii.** The connectivity between Kilsyth and Kilsyth South's to Mooroolbark and Montrose (with bus route 688, to Montrose and 689 to Mooroolbark and Mooroolbark Railway Stations), is much greater than to Croydon.
- iii.** Liverpool Rd as a major thoroughfare, forms a more distinct and appropriate boundary between the division of Casey and the division of Deakin.
- iv.** The parts of Kilsyth and Kilsyth South, east of Liverpool Rd and south of Durham Rd, fall within the Yarra Ranges LGA which is almost wholly located within the division of Casey.

We calculate that leaving these parts of Kilsyth and Kilsyth South (east of Liverpool Rd and south of Durham Rd), within the Division of Casey, will result in the retention of an estimated 3,800 electors in the Division of Casey and accommodate the proposed transfer of Warranwood outlined at (3) above.

Addendum

The included map highlights the parts of Kilsyth, Kilsyth South (Green) and Warranwood (Orange) to be transferred to the divisions of Casey and Deakin respectively.

Yours sincerely



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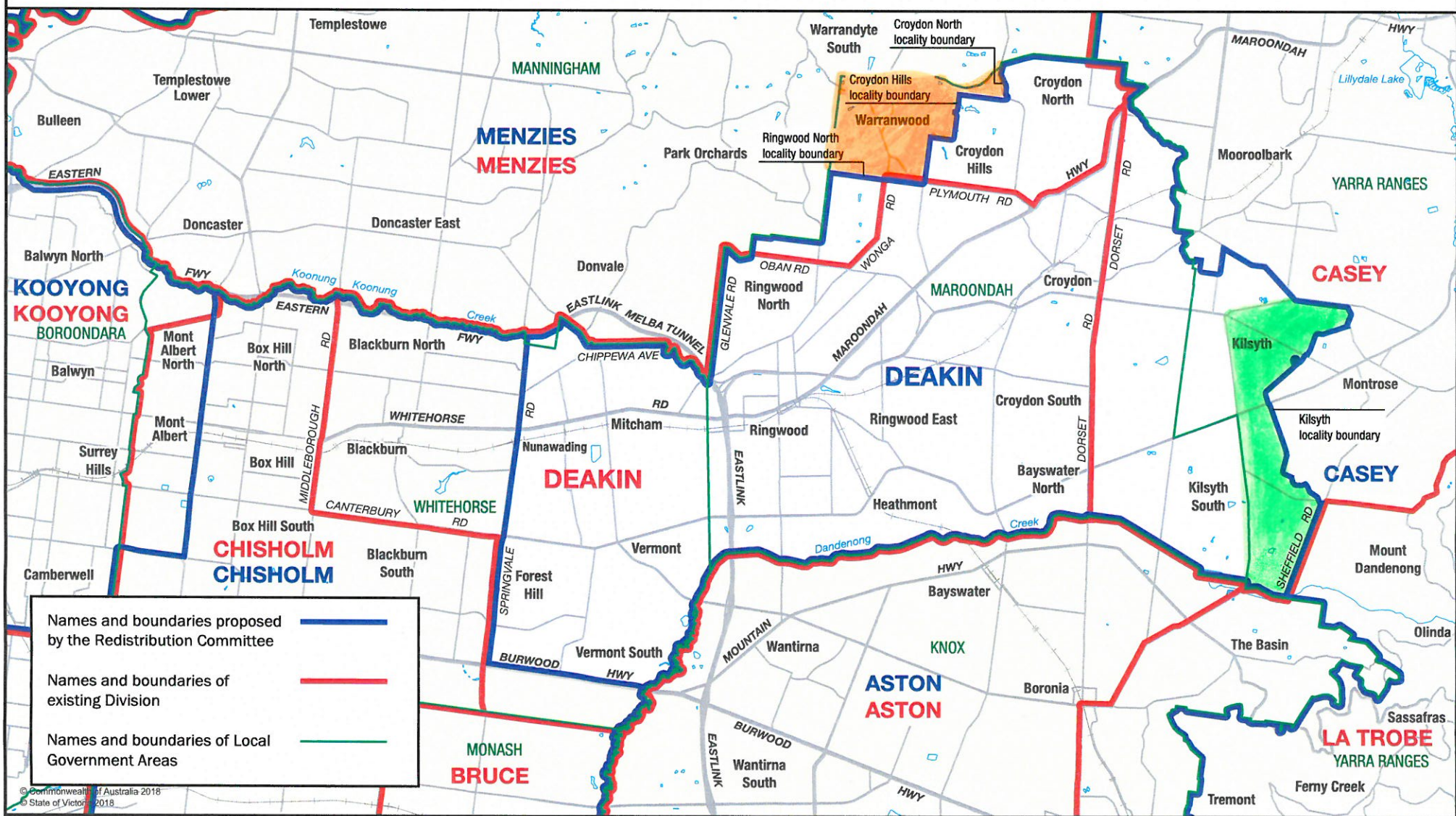
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**MAP OF PROPOSED
 COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISION OF
 DEAKIN**



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Names and boundaries proposed by the Redistribution Committee	
Names and boundaries of existing Division	
Names and boundaries of Local Government Areas	