



# Objection 399

## Room to Move

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I am writing to object to this proposed change to the Dunkley Electorate on behalf of 5 families of the Room to Move facebook group, representing over 130 parents from across Mount Eliza, Mornington, Mount Martha, Frankston South and Frankston that use schools in Mount Eliza. This group was advocating for years for safer parking for their children in Mount Eliza, which was recently fulfilled with a new car park on the corner of Canadian Bay Road and Nepean Highway, Mount Eliza.

Many parents in this group use sporting, school, health, shopping in the common area of Mount Martha, Mornington, Mount Eliza, Frankston South and Frankston.

Parents see these areas as very much linked. To split off Mornington from Mount Eliza and Frankston would be detrimental to a strongly connected community.

Many parents in Mount Eliza itself use services in both Frankston and Mornington, so it makes sense for them to remain connected.

Many parents work in Frankston and live in Mount Eliza and Mornington, or live in Frankston/Frankston South and socialise in Mornington/Mount Eliza/Mount Martha. These coastal bayside towns and suburbs have a lot in common and strongly linked communities.

We value the projects underway and immense community work has been involved to improve our local and connected areas.

The proposed boundary redistribution is unsubstantiated by evidence warranting the changes, and 'due consideration' by a connected community. Community resilience and a community of interest is key for this area and changes to the Electorate don't appear to present opportunities that outweigh efforts currently underway for improved connections.

Connected communities and action should present an opportunity for other electorates to build upon best practice and lessons learnt for improved growth and community connection. They should not be disconnected to provide balance for other electorates.

We request an update on the valid reasons that justify the value of such changes over what already exists for the local residents connected across these areas, and trust that the policy makers and political decision makers take full account of the broader Australian agenda for greater connection and resilience within local communities.