



# Objection 406

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**Subject:** Objection to the proposed changes to federal electoral boundaries affecting Phillip Island and the western coast of Western Port Bay  
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Dear Sirs,

I wish to object to the proposed changes which will see Phillip Island and the western coast of Western Port bay moved from Flinders to the proposed newly named Monash.

I consider that this is contrary to the guidelines stated in Section 66 of the Electoral Act, which says

*the Redistribution Committee give due consideration, in relation to each proposed Electoral Division, to:*

- (i) community of interests within the proposed Electoral Division, including economic, social and regional interests;*
- (ii) means of communication and travel within the proposed Electoral Division;*
- (iv) the physical features and area of the proposed Electoral Division; and*
- (v) the boundaries of existing Divisions in the State or Territory'.*

and I comment specifically as follows:

- (i) The existing boundaries of the Flinders electorate encompass all coastal regions of Western Port Bay. With its proximity to Melbourne and the expanding south-eastern suburbs, this is a significant tourist region whose economy is driven by different factors to the predominantly rural (current) electorate of McMillan.
- (iv) The coastline of Western Port bay is physically and environmentally different to the Bass Strait Coast. Nowhere else in Victoria is it proposed to split an area of contiguous coastline between two electorates.

Phillip Island and the western coast of Western Port bay have far more in common with the remainder of Flinders (French Island and the Mornington Peninsular) than they do with the (current) electorate of McMillan. I urge the Redistribution Committee to consider carefully all the implications of their proposed change and to keep the Western Port coastal community under one single electorate.

Regards

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