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Isabella

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Dear AEC,

My name is Isabella and I live in Wonga Park. Wonga Park is a bushy, beautiful suburb in the outer east of Melbourne. It's a part of Manningham council, Warrandyte electorate and to my belief always Menzies.

I am so disappointed that Wonga Park is going to be moved out of the Menzies electorate. I have always loved that Wonga Park and our neighbour Warrandyte, and similar suburbs Warrandyte South, Donvale, Doncaster East, North Warrandyte and Park Orchards have always been together. I have always loved that all of Manningham was together in the electorate too. Our values in Wonga Park align much more to these suburbs, as opposed to the big, built up suburbs of Mooroolbark, Chirnside Park, Lilydale etc. that are in Casey. If you look on the map, Wonga Park's characteristics lines up with many suburbs in Menzies.

We struggle with 5 ways intersection in Warrandyte South, a problem that has been pushed by state and federal members in Menzies. We struggle with lack of buses (again, I understand state but our Menzies member has been very helpful with trying to help with this issue too). Our high priority is to preserve our beautiful, quiet suburb as much as possible. On the contrary, suburbs like Chirnside Park and Mooroolbark are very built up, have lots of infrastructure and the landscape is very different. I prefer to shop in Warrandyte and Manningham, meet with friends in Manningham etc. I love the local feeling being in Manningham, as opposed to the mostly built up Yarra Ranges, where the local shops and restaurants would not know your face. Chirnside Park to me actually is starting to look very American with all the fast food outlets and concrete, and I do not believe Wonga Park is anything similar to this landscape. Wonga Park feels like a quaint country town and I love it.

I love the member we have, Keith Wolahan, and he acknowledges Wonga Park greatly. I strongly believe that Wonga Park is more aligned to Menzies than Casey, and am very sad that this boundary realignment is happening.

Please consider my letter as an objection to the new boundary changes.

Kind regards,

Isabella