



Objection 126

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Re: Proposed boundary changes to the Federal Electoral Division of Wills

Dear Redistribution Committee.

I am writing to object to the proposed boundary changes to the Federal Electoral Division of Wills.

As an elector who has resided in Wills for 20 years I am very familiar with the demographics of the area. It has a unique and diverse multicultural population who often need assistance from the representing MP. I consider that removing the suburbs of Glenroy, Oak Park, Pascoe Vale and Brunswick West from Wills will have an adverse effect on the voters in these suburbs. The suburbs are all part of Merri-bek council and are well served by the current Federal Member. Splitting off parts of Merri-bek means that the adjacent MP will need to build rapport with an additional LGA for these residents and many voters would be confused with the change of a new electorate. It's not logical. The large multicultural population in these suburbs need to continue to receive the good representation that they deserve. The natural western boundary is the creek/freeway and this makes more sense.

Additionally, I object to the proposal to include the suburbs of Carlton North, Princes Hill and Fitzroy North in the Electoral Division of Wills. Currently these suburbs are part of the LGAs of Yarra and Melbourne and the same logic applies. Demographically they are very different to most of Wills and would require the sitting MP to deal with 3 different local councils.

In summary, I object to these proposed changes to boundaries of the Electoral Division of Wills because they are not in the best interests of the community and I urge you to reject these changes.

Regards

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