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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to you to strongly object to the proposed boundaries of the Federal Electoral Division of Wills, as per the proposed redistribution report released on 31 May 2024.

I vehemently oppose the removal of parts of Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West and Glenroy from our electorate. These changes are not only unnecessary but also detrimental to the community's cohesion and representation.

The central reasons I believe that these suburbs should not be removed from the electorate of Wills are:

- 1.** These suburbs have a deep and historical connection to the Merri-bek Council (formerly Moreland). This isn't just about geography; it's about the fabric of our community. Residents rely on Merri-bek's services and dividing them into separate electorates would undermine the cohesive representation they currently enjoy. Imagine the chaos of having two MPs for one suburb within the same Local Government Area—it's a bureaucratic nightmare and a disservice to the people.
- 2.** The current border along Park Street and Lygon Street is not just a line on a map; it's a natural and recognizable divide that has effectively separated the Electoral Division of Wills and Melbourne for years. Tampering with this well-established boundary will only lead to confusion and disruption.
- 3.** The distinct communities of interest within the Electoral Division of Wills and Melbourne are invaluable. Australia prides itself on its multicultural harmony, and the Division of Wills is a testament to this. Splitting these vibrant, diverse ethnic groups into different electorates threatens to dismantle the strong community bonds that have been nurtured over time. These communities deserve to stay united within Wills, where their unique interests and voices can be adequately represented.

The proposed changes do not reflect the true interests of our community. They seem to be made without a genuine understanding of the local dynamics and the real-life implications for residents. Our community's integrity and effective representation are at stake here.

The proposed changes to the Division of Wills do not reflect the community's interests. I urge you to reconsider and reject these changes.

Thank you for your time and consideration.