



# Objection 393

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Australian Electoral Commission  
Federal Redistribution

Dear Committee members,

I am writing to you in opposition to the proposed redistribution of Deakin and Aston.

I write this objection in my capacity as a long-time local resident of Heathmont in the city of Maroondah.

My submission is focused on the proposed redistribution to Deakin and Aston.

It is my view that the proposal to divide the electorates along Canterbury Road rather than Dandenong Creek and move parts of Heathmont and Ringwood into Aston is particularly problematic against the 'communities of interest' and 'means of travel and communication' considerations. I believe the AEC should consider having all of Heathmont and Ringwood (in the City of Maroondah) in the one electorate of Deakin.

I have been resident with my wife and family at [REDACTED] for 43 years, since July 1981.

I am also an active member of the "Friends of the Heathmont Village Green" which is actively working with Maroondah Council and other entities to promote the conversion of the land at 127B Canterbury Road onto a village green for the enjoyment of all of the residents of Heathmont.

My wife and I regularly meet friends and family at the coffee shops and restaurants on either side of Canterbury Road. The new redistribution cuts through the middle of the suburb.

The AEC's plan cuts through the very heart of the community – it divides residents in Heathmont and Ringwood from many of its leading schools, associations, and businesses that together lay down the social, economic, and cultural foundations of the community.

For Heathmont, with shops on both sides of Canterbury Road, it places those on the northern side in the electorate of Deakin and the southern side in Aston.

For these reasons I request that the Committee re-examines its proposed redistribution of Deakin and Aston, and implements a different redistribution that collects in one electorate as far as possible the suburbs of the City of Maroondah: Ringwood, Ringwood East, Heathmont, and Croydon.

This, rather than the proposal, will have due regard to the 'community of interest' consideration and accurately reflect the 'means of travel and communication' in these areas.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours sincerely,

Don Kordick