



Objection 425

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BRUCE/ISAACS BOUNDARY

- The Hotham/Isaacs boundary is problematic. Eastlink makes a more defined boundary between Bruce and Hotham than Jacksons Rd.
- Dandenong is a major activity centre of the south-east. It is the seat of local government for the City of Greater Dandenong and has had its own state electorate since 1904. Splitting Dandenong between multiple Federal electorates never made sense but the proposed redistribution makes it worse.
- South Dandenong being in Isaacs was a problem in the previous structure but at least South Dandenong was a discrete neighborhood south of the centre of Dandenong. The proposed inclusion of Dandenong West - a neighbourhood strongly connected to the Dandenong Activity Centre - in Isaacs, makes no sense. The core community of interest of Isaacs is as an outer bayside electorate.
- This submission proposed putting all of the residential part of Dandenong in Bruce rather than fragment Dandenong further. While having an electorate where Dandenong was grouped with all of the suburbs of the City of Greater Dandenong would be ideal, the next best thing is to link Dandenong with suburbs in Casey like Dandenong and Hallam where migrants move from Dandenong as a place of first settlement to live in Casey.

BRUCE/LA TROBE BOUNDARY

- Moving the boundary of Bruce and La Trobe to the Cardinia Creek dilutes the community of interest of the electorate.
- The old boundary of Bruce and La Trobe works well as a community of interest, as those living in the eastern parts of Berwick are too far from Dandenong for Bruce to be relevant.
- Also and in particular, the part of Berwick east of Lyall and Clyde Rds have more in common with Beaconsfield, and the semi-rural area between Harkaway and Guy's Hill has a much clearer community of interest with the seat of La Trobe than the outer-metro focus of Bruce.