



# Objection 429

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## Submission to the Redistribution Committee on the proposed boundaries for Wills.

I am the State MLA for Brunswick, and my electoral district currently overlaps the federal electorates of Wills and Melbourne. This submission focuses on the effects of the proposed redistribution on my state electorate.

The proposed redistribution would bring Wills southwards so that the southern boundary would neatly match the southern boundary of my state electorate.

This boundary mainly consists of Princes Street which becomes Alexandra Parade, heading east into the Eastern Freeway. This is busier than any other road in my electorate as it carries traffic to and from the freeway which creates a significant barrier.

The proposed southern boundary unites communities which have a lot in common, including:

- People on both the Carlton North side and the Brunswick side of the current southern boundary (Park St to the west and Glenlyon Rd to the east) often use the same shopping centre, namely Barkly Square, the largest shopping mall in the area.
- The current southern boundary cuts Brunswick East in two.
- Primary and secondary schools in Princes Hill, the Sydney Road Community School and Brunswick South Primary, all accept students from both sides of the current boundary, but generally not from outside the proposed boundary.
- Brunswick residents frequently cross the current boundary to use parks like Princes Park and the Edinburgh Gardens.

Finally, as a state MP I often refer people to their federal MP (and vice versa) for help in that jurisdiction. It would be simpler and more efficient to deal with one federal electoral office rather than having to work with two. This would also make electorate-wide communications simpler and clearer, instead of repeatedly writing “if you live north of Park St and west of Lygon, or north of Glenlyon Rd and east of Lygon, your federal MP is...”

The above points all support the proposed boundary.

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