



# Objection 473

Heathmont Tennis Club

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Dear Committee Members,

## **AEC Victorian Redistribution**

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

I write this objection in my capacity as a President of the Heathmont Tennis Club 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.

This proposed change to the boundaries of Deakin & Aston would put the Heathmont Tennis Club in Aston while a significant portion of our members would be in Deakin. Currently, we have a very small percentage of members located in Aston due to the Dandenong Creek and the requirement to travel along either Wantirna Rd or Bayswater Rd, which is inconvenient when other Tennis Clubs located on that side of the Creek within the seat of Aston.

We have discussed the proposed re-distribution as a Committee at the Tennis Club and have come to the conclusion of splitting Heathmont in half, effectively splitting the Tennis Club for our members and the community. This proposed redistribution does not provide for more contiguous and coherent electorates that accurately represent communities of interest with clear and distinct borders and boundaries and means of travel and communication.

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.

Sincerely,

David Scott  
President