



# Objection 476

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Good afternoon

I am primarily writing in support of the draft boundaries proposed by the redistribution committee in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

While I appreciate that this round of submissions is for those objecting to the draft boundaries, I wanted to take this opportunity to commend the AEC for the way it proposes to re-configure the political boundaries in my local community.

I have lived in Donvale for many years and am reasonably active in our community. Donvale, for a range of reasons has been a forgotten pocket. We are closely connected to Mitcham and Ringwood to our east, but until now have not

shared any political representation with these areas.

Mitcham, North Ringwood and Park Orchards are all closely connected and comparable areas, with similar character, and under the proposed boundaries will finally be in the same electorate.

I support using Springvale Rd as the dividing line between Menzies and Deakin, this was a clever decision. This is an obvious and significant place to divide these two electorates.

I mainly use Mitcham Rd and Park Rd when travelling east and both of these roads connect Donvale to Mitcham, North Ringwood and Ringwood pretty well. Old Warrandyte Rd is also a good connecting road to when travelling to

Park Orchards or Warrandyte.

From a personal perspective, I do most of my shopping in Mitcham or Ringwood, with Mitcham and Ringwood being the main hub for Donvale residents with its services and train stations.

The Mullum Mullum tunnel also means that the Eastern Freeway doesn't act as a barrier between Donvale and Mitcham.

So I congratulate the Redistribution Committee for including Donvale with Mitcham and Ringwood within the Deakin area.

I am grateful for your consideration.

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