



Objection 485

W-Class Tram Political Action Committee

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OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED REDISTRIBUTION

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the Redistribution Committee of Victoria (the Committee) with regards to the Proposed redistribution of Victoria into electoral divisions (the Proposed Redistribution).

The **W-Class Tram Political Action Committee** congratulates the Committee on their drafting of the Proposed Redistribution, and recommends the adoption of all proposals put forward by the Committee, with one exception.

The submission by the **W-Class Tram Political Action Committee** (this submission) recommends the Committee reconsider their proposed response to **CS51**, as outlined in *Appendix G: Redistribution Committee response to themes contained in suggestions and comments on suggestions - Table V: Suggestions and comments on suggestions relating to the names of Victorian electoral divisions*.

CS51 made the recommendation that an electoral division be named to recognise the W-Class Tram. The Committee has proposed that no electoral division be renamed 'W-Class'.

This submission recommends the augmented Electoral Commission closely examine the propositions outlined by **CS51** and the supplementary material outlined in this submission, to reject the proposal of the Committee in favour of naming an electoral division 'W-Class'.

The **W-Class Tram Political Action Committee** accepts in full the argument put forward by the Committee that electoral division names "should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons", and that such decisions should not be taken lightly.

Paragraph 96 of the Proposed Redistribution report noted that the Committee did "not consider that strong enough reasons to alter existing electoral division names have been provided in suggestions and comments on suggestions".

This submission accepts the view of the Committee in relation to **CS51**, noting that this submission advances new, strong reasons to alter existing names in favour of an electoral division being renamed 'W-Class'.

These reasons are outlined in **Attachment W**, which nominates the proposed electoral boundaries for the Division of 'W-Class'.

These boundaries have been carefully considered to recognise the communities of interest of the proposed division. Significantly, sections of the proposed boundaries cover the City Circle tram line, which as outlined in **CS51** continues to utilise the W-Class tram in the performance of passenger carrying duties.

In drawing the boundaries, consideration has been given to the electors that would reside within W-Class tram, to ensure electors are well aware as to the boundaries of their electoral division. The unique design of the proposed boundaries shall ensure that all electors who are aware of the name of the electoral division shall have intuitive awareness as to whether they are a resident of that division, without needing to rely on geographical features.

This submission notes the augmented Electoral Commission may need to undertake minor consequential amendments to neighbouring electoral divisions in order to accommodate the electoral division of 'W-Class', and provides a Key in **Attachment W** to assist with the construction of neighbouring electoral boundaries.



Pictured: An iconic W-Class Tram on a leisurely stroll

ATTACHMENT W:

