



# Objection 491

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Dear AEC Committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express my concerns regarding the proposed redistribution in Wills. As a resident of Pascoe Vale, I am deeply troubled by the potential impact of this proposal on our community.

I strongly oppose the removal of parts of Glenroy, Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, and Brunswick West from Wills. These suburbs share common interests and needs, and relocating them to Maribyrnong fails to recognise the cohesive community we have fostered in Wills.

As a member of the Muslim community, a community of interest within Wills, I highly value the local connections and services that cater to our cultural needs. In Pascoe Vale, I regularly visit neighbouring areas such as Oak Park and Glenroy to access halal products and support local businesses operated by Islamic community groups. Access to culturally sensitive healthcare is equally vital for our community. Medical clinics in Glenroy, where several general practitioners speak Farsi, play a crucial role in effectively meeting our healthcare needs. Finding comparable services in neighbouring electorates has proven challenging due to language barriers and cultural disparities.

I do not feel the same sense of belonging in Fitzroy North, Princes Hill, Carlton North, or the suburbs of Maribyrnong, where there are fewer individuals who share my cultural background and where such community-focused businesses are less prevalent.

Therefore, I urge the Committee to retain Oak Park, Glenroy, Pascoe Vale South, and Brunswick West within the Wills electorate. This decision is essential to preserve our community's unity, ensure access to essential services, and maintain representation that aligns with our shared interests and needs.

Thank you once again for considering my submission.

Best regards,

Amir Golriz