



Suggestion 7

Cardinia Shire Council



28 September 2020

Australian Electoral Commission

Submission for Victorian Federal realignment

I make a submission regarding the Victorian Federal redistribution on behalf of Cardinia Shire Council. This submission is provided from an administrative perspective only. Neither elected members nor community have been consulted on this matter due to the timing with Victorian Council elections and us being in the election caretaker period.

Cardinia Shire has diverse geography and communities of interest ranging from some of Australia's prime agricultural areas to one of Australia's fastest growing urban growth areas. The population of Cardinia Shire has significantly increased over the past twenty years and is set to double again over the next twenty. In the coming decade, Cardinia Shire will also be home to approximately 60,000 new jobs which provide employment not only for local residents but the whole south east Melbourne region.

Due to our rapidly growing population and infrastructure requirements, Cardinia Shire seeks out and benefits from many government grants and the relationships with other levels of government and state and local member of parliament are critical to us. From an administrative point of view, having the whole of the Shire included in one electorate would certainly be administratively easier, however I cannot comment on the views of community regarding this due to the diversity of our communities of interest.

Cardinia Shire Council will be interested in the results of the review and would appreciate receiving any correspondence that relates to this matter.

Yours sincerely

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