



The Federal Redistribution 2010
Victoria



Further Objection Number 210

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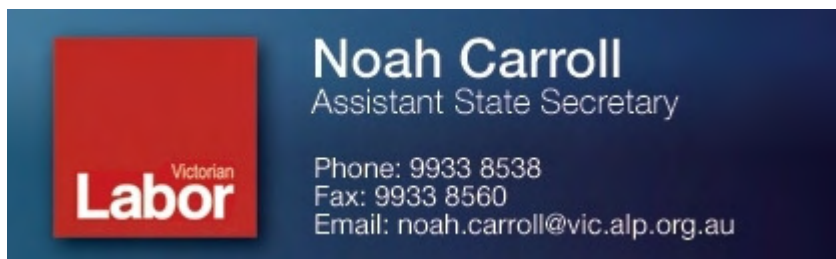
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Hi Jenni,

Please find attached the ALP Submission to the Australian Electoral Commission as it relates to the Victorian Federal Redistribution process.

It would be greatly appreciated if you could please acknowledge receipt of this email at the earliest opportunity.

Kind regards, Noah



1st of November 2010

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To Whom It May Concern,

I make this submission on behalf of the Australian Labor Party in relation to the Australian Electoral Commission process surrounding the Proposed Federal Electoral Boundaries in Victoria for 2010.

We look forward to your consideration of this submission and the process moving forward for the remainder of the calendar year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further clarification.

Yours sincerely,

**Nicholas Reece
Victorian ALP State Secretary**

Objection to the Augmented Electoral Commission's proposal - Deakin

The boundaries of the current Division of Deakin mainly follow the railway line and it contains railway stations at 8 locations/suburbs within the electorate (Laburnum, Blackburn, Nunawading, Mitcham, Heatherdale, Ringwood, Ringwood East and Heathmont).

The development of the suburbs has closely followed the railway lines over the course of their development and this can be traced back to the early 1880's when the railway was put through to Ringwood.

In conjunction with Maroondah Highway (Whitehorse Rd) the railway line forms the major communications spine throughout the electorate with most traffic travelling to the east or the west. There is also a large amount of school students that travel along this line to the various schools in Box Hill, Nunawading and Ringwood that are close to the railway line.

This is also the case in relation to employment in local businesses and for access to the large retail centres that are spread along Maroondah Highway (Whitehorse Rd).

The proposed extension into Croydon would extend this transport spine to 9 stations on the same line and would re-unite Croydon town centre into the one electorate.

At present Croydon town centre is split into two with the Division of Casey, with Mt Dandenong Rd being the principal boundary. Although this boundary has been in place for many years it is still a source of confusion for some constituents.

Similarly this objection proposes to include those parts of Ringwood that are currently within the Divisions of Casey and Menzies.

In addition the inclusion of Ringwood North within the Maroondah LGA boundary is consistent with the aim of including the majority of the suburb within the one electorate and includes areas that were in Deakin prior to the 2003 redistribution.

The suburb of Croydon North has not been a part of the Division of Deakin since the area has been urbanised and is a newer area that does not have the same links to Croydon as more established developments.

This objection proposes that Croydon North be transferred from Casey to Menzies to accommodate the changes proposed in this submission that include parts of Ringwood, Croydon and Ringwood north into the Division of Deakin.

In relation to the changes proposed by this objection at the southern boundary of the Division, a similar transport corridor exists in relation to Burwood Highway which passes through the Southern end of the current Division.

This main Highway is also serviced by the number 75 tram that runs from the city to South Vermont and again, development of suburbs in this area has closely followed the Highway, the majority of traffic movements are in an easterly direction to Knox City or in a westerly direction to the city.

The new Eastlink tollway opened in 2008 and carries large volumes of traffic from north to south but the majority of these commuters and associated road freight traffic pass south through to Dandenong and the Princes Highway, or North through to the connection with the Eastern Freeway.

The proposed addition of Vermont South is well outside the main connection through the current Division of Deakin.

Extending the western boundary of Deakin as proposed would have the effect of uniting the Central Activity District of Box Hill with the suburbs serviced by the Ringwood railway line and Whitehorse Rd (Maroondah Hwy).

This extension westwards, in addition to the CAD would also include the Box Hill TAFE and the former City of Box Hill town hall which is still used extensively by the City of Whitehorse and the numerous community groups who use this space through arrangements with the Council.

This proposal would also add the major rail station and bus interchange at Box Hill to the Division of Deakin and provide a connection between the two State Government Central Activity Districts of Box Hill and Ringwood.

In summary, this objection proposes that the current Division of Deakin be extended to the West into Box Hill and to the North to cover the divided suburbs of Ringwood, Ringwood North and Croydon.

It also proposes that the Division of Chisholm be extended along the Burwood highway transport corridor to take in the suburb of Vermont South. This would be complementary to the Augmented Electoral Commission's proposal to include Burwood East, Blackburn South and part of Forest Hill within their proposed boundaries for Chisholm.

This change would also have the effect of uniting the suburb of forest hill within the one Division.

Importantly, all the changes proposed in this objection would be within the boundaries of the two LGA's that currently overlap Deakin (Whitehorse and Maroondah).

ALP SUBMISSION TO THE AUGMENTED REDISTRIBUTION PANEL

DIVISIONS OF CHISHOLM, DEAKIN and MENZIES

Effect of ALP Objection:

To make Canterbury Rd the main northern boundary of Chisholm. The communities of interest within the area covered by both the divisions of Chisholm and Deakin run east-west(ALP objection) and not north-south(commissioners proposals); to unite the suburb of Croydon North in one Division (Menzies) and the suburb of Ringwood in Deakin; to also make greater use of Mannington LGA as both a northern and north-western boundary for Deakin.

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>Augmented Commission</u>	<u>1/02/2010</u>	<u>17/06/2014</u>
<u>1. CHISHOLM</u>		<u>93 839</u>	<u>100 024</u>
<u>Less</u> Whitehouse (C) –Box Hill (part) <u>To Deakin</u>		-14 421	-15 879
(all that part east of Edgar Rd and north of Canterbury Rd; west of Edgar Rd and north of Kenmare St)			
<u>Plus</u> Whitehorse (C) Nunawading East (part) <u>Ex Deakin</u>		+15 723	+16 088
(all that part which the commissioners had proposed be transferred from the Division of Aston to Deakin)			
<u>GRAND TOTALS</u>		<u>95 141</u>	<u>100 233</u>

2. DEAKIN	96 808	101 741
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<u>Less</u> Whitehorse (C) Nunawading East (part) To Chisholm	-15 723	-16 088
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(all that part which the commissioners had proposed be transferred from the Division of Aston to Deakin)

<u>Less</u> Mannington West To Menzies	-219	-220
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<u>Less</u> part Maroondah (C) Croydon To Menzies (balance of the suburb of Croydon North) CCD's 2170201-2; 5-6; 12-14	-4 078	-4 375
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<u>Plus</u> Whitehouse (C) –Box Hill (part) Ex Chisholm	+14 421	+15 879
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(all that part east of Edgar Rd and north of Canterbury Rd;
west of Edgar Rd and north of Kenmare St)

<u>Plus</u> part Maroondah (C) Ringwood Ex Menzies (balance of the suburb of Ringwood)	+5 020	+5 285
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GRAND TOTALS	96 229	102 222
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3. <u>MENZIES</u>	95 490	98 443
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<u>Less</u> part Maroondah (C) Ringwood To Deakin (balance of the suburb of Ringwood)	-5 020	-5 285
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<u>Plus</u> part Maroondah (C) Croydon Ex Deakin (balance of the suburb of Croydon North) CCD's 2170201-2; 5-6; 12-14	+4 078	+4 375
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<u>Plus</u> Mannington West Ex Deakin	+219	+220
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GRAND TOTALS	94 767	97 753
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