



Comment on suggestion 20

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Dear Sirs / Madams

Please see attached my comment on suggestions in the Victorian redistribution.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Cooper

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Thank you for the chance to give my views on the coming redistribution of Victoria's electoral divisions.

I would like to discuss the McEwen electorate as a long-time resident of McEwen.

I have lived in the Kilmore for many years and I truly hope that our area continues to be part of McEwen, and named in tribute to former Prime Minister John McEwen as it has been since the division began in the 1980s.

It is also important that Kilmore, Wallan, Broadford and Craigieburn – the nearest business district – remain connected. Craigieburn is for many of us here in Kilmore, Broadford and Wallan, the first place to go for shopping, sports and other services.

Many of the families I know have children who travel between these towns to play sport or go to school.

Broadford, Wallan, Kilmore, and Craigieburn share both a railway line and maybe more importantly, the Hume Highway, our most vital connection to work, friends and family, medical services, and to Melbourne.

I regularly travel to Craigieburn, Wallan and Broadford to visit friends, go to service clubs, and other social clubs.

These towns also share the same hurdles because of high population growth. Over the last 15 years or so I have watched these towns grow – to unbelievable effect. Each town faces the strain on our infrastructure and services, and it would benefit our communities to use this shared experience to our advantage. Suggestions 45, 52, 65 and 66 recognise this common need.

The proposals outlined in Suggestions 7, 23, 39 and 50, among others, ignore this fact and are oblivious to our community of interest in our region. To suggest that we have more in common with towns like Woodend, Macedon and Kyneton do not know our area and our way of life.

Special mention should go to Suggestion 63 that turns our electorate and community on its head, dragging us into a division including Shepparton, which bears no relation to us whatsoever.

We are connected in many ways in our electorate, and I think it would best for the people of Kilmore, Broadford, Wallan and Craigieburn that one electorate – the McEwen electorate, represents us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Cooper