



Objection 320

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Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

I am the Ukrainian Ambassador to Australia. I write extremely concerned about the proposal to remove Mornington from the electorate of Dunkley.

There are many Ukrainian businesses, such as Blue Bay Cheese in Mornington, and Ukrainian-Australians living in Mornington, Mount Eliza and other surrounding places in the electorate of Dunkley.

The Member for Dunkley, Mr Crewther, is Chair of the Ukraine-Australia Parliamentary Friendship Group, in particular due to the strong Ukrainian communities based in the Dunkley electorate and the request of the local Ukrainian population for him to take on this key position.

I believe that the Ukrainian community in Dunkley will be disadvantaged by separating Mornington from the electorate, where many reside.

One example is the ever-growing Blue Bay Cheese that has businesses in both Mornington and Frankston. This is a successful Ukrainian-Australian owned business. They and their many mainly Ukrainian-Australian employees should not have to deal with two members of parliament, particularly given they deal with many immigration and employment related matters on a regular basis.

I am also concerned about the long-term impact on this key community of interest in Dunkley by it being split off into another electorate, particularly given the relationships and extensive meetings that have occurred such that the Member for Dunkley is fully aware of all the issues facing Ukraine and the Ukrainian-Australian population, both here and abroad.

Ukraine-Australian relations can only be strengthened further by Mornington remaining within the Dunkley electorate.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission.

Yours sincerely,



Ambassador of Ukraine to Australia

Dr Mykola Kulinich

Kind Regards Embassy of Ukraine

