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Such a change would result in the retention of only one suburb of the Shire of Mornington Peninsula--Mount Eliza-- being retained in Dunkley. This would cause unnecessary complication and a likely imbalance in the delivery of Federal Services across the Mornington Peninsula. Further difficulties are foreshadowed for the residents of the Mornington Peninsula residing in Mount Eliza if the sitting members for Flinders and Dunkley are of different political parties.

Plans are afoot for the electrification and duplication of the rail line between Frankston and Baxter and it would seem logical to retain Baxter in Dunkley to enable a smooth process to achieve this and subsequent management of related services, including parking provision for commuters. A further community- desired wish is that the electrified rail service continues to Mornington.

Many Baxter residents commute to Frankston as a major retail centre for work and shopping, including to the Power Centre and University serviced by the existing Stony Point rail line. To cross local government and federal electoral boundaries to achieve and manage an electrified rail and related services to Baxter via Langwarrin, and potentially to Mornington as a next step, would be to introduce a myriad of complexities which are unneeded and unwanted.

Baxter and Mornington contribute to the valued rural land areas--including Green Wedge Land-- within the electorate of Dunkley and should be retained to allow breathing spaces for the people of Dunkley, open rural vistas and essential agricultural uses. An electorate should not be all about housing people and suburban living.

The current electorate of Dunkley is essentially a seaside electorate with close affinities with the coastal city of Mornington. More than one million visitors a year are attracted to Frankston and close- by beaches bringing benefits for the health, recreation and well- being of residents and visitors as well as economic benefits to both cities. A redistribution of the boundaries of Dunkley would shift the City of Frankston further away from its prized designation as a coastal city.

Frankston is a declared major Metropolitan Activity Centre providing an educational hub with tertiary institutes including a university and TAFE College, and a medical hub providing both private and public hospital services, including cardiac surgery and cancer treatments, to meet the needs of residents of Frankston, Baxter and Mornington. Rosebud is a major activity hub servicing the southern part of the Mornington Peninsula.

For the above reasons, the strong links between Frankston, Baxter and Mornington should not be severed by a numbers-based redistribution of the electoral boundaries of Dunkley.