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Baxter Residents and Traders Progress Action Committee

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Re: Proposed Dunkley Redistribution

As the founding Chairman of the above Community organization which represents both residents and traders of the Baxter Community, it is with some concern that this objection to the draft plans for redistribution of the Dunkley Federal Electorate is submitted.

The Baxter community identifies with, is connected economically, socially and culturally with, and is centred between our two neighbouring commercial hubs of Frankston and Mornington. Baxter historically has not, and still does not, identify with, nor have any significant links to, the southern part of the Mornington Peninsula.

The close and well entrenched geographic and economic ties of Baxter to Frankston and Mornington, were no doubt born over a century ago with the initial rail line linking Frankston, Baxter and Mornington. No such link with the southern Peninsula existed then or now.

Baxter residents look to Mornington and Frankston for a whole host of matters, including education, medical, commerce, sport, cultural and community based activities.

There is virtually NO links of the above nature to the southern Mornington Peninsula, And any move to "join" Baxter to that area would be fraught, contributing to a fracture of long established links within the "bonded boundaries" of the Frankston - Baxter – Mornington region.

Baxter residents and traders further believe that they are best served with a single voice representing these intrinsically linked communities, particularly in terms of services, education, sport, commerce and cultural activities.

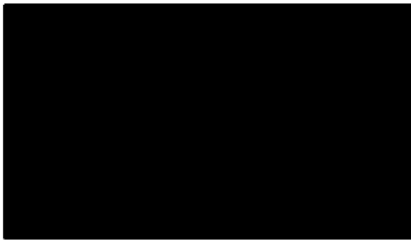
The planned extension, electrification and duplication of the Frankston – Baxter rail line will further bind and strengthen the already strong links between these two communities.

Additionally, the infrastructure across the Mornington Peninsula – rail, road, freeways, - provides distinct links for Baxter with the particular centres of Mornington and Frankston and self-defined natural boundaries surrounding all.

It is difficult to perceive any advantage whatsoever for the residents and traders of Baxter, from the proposed draft redistribution in the Federal Electorate of Dunkley.

This community strongly advocates the maintenance of the “status quo” for the Dunkley Electorate.

Yours faithfully,



Founding Chairman - BRATPAC