



# Objection 295

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To whom it may concern

I would like to outline my objection to the proposed redistribution within the Dunkley Ward as I believe this would be detrimental to the strong community connections that exist in this Ward and in particular between Mt Eliza and Mornington.

Many Mt Eliza residents use Mornington as their major shopping, health, sporting and social destination. These communities are very much linked and provide fantastic options for families to have quick access to quality services.

This can be seen even more keenly in local sporting arenas, with many from Mt Eliza and surrounds utilising Mornington sports clubs. For example, Mornington Little Athletics draws people from Frankston South, Mt Eliza, Mt Martha and Baxter. This club has been located in Mt Martha, Mornington Secondary Schools and soon a new facility within Mornington – showing a clear connection for these families from around the area. These links are seen across the range of sporting fields.

The demographics that are shown within the memberships of sporting clubs, represents what I see as a natural geographic boundary of the area. The distance between Mornington and the next largest Peninsula town is detrimental to the development of the strong community links – as seen between Mornington and Mt Eliza and surrounds.

**Additional Questions that are of concern:**

Will Mt Eliza, effectively be the only Mornington Peninsula Shire Council suburb and State Government suburb that is in a different Federal Electorate.

What are the legalities of the changing electoral boundaries in a marginal seat? Couldn't the proposed change in effect potentially hand a party a clear winning seat?

I hope these concerns are considered in any decisions going forward.