



# Objection 319

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## OBJECTION TO VICTORIAN COMMONWEALTH ELECTORIAL REDISTRIBUTION

I write on behalf of the Mornington and District Historical Society. We wish to make a submission of objection to the proposed electoral boundaries of the Division of Dunkley and Flinders.

While we understand a requirement that all divisions should have a similar number of eligible voters, metrics should not be the only method used as it does not take into account the human element which is surely the basic tenet of a democratic society. We therefore base our argument on factors as set out in your document, by addressing the following specifically:

1. Community interests, social and regional (Para 66[3]b of the Electoral Act)
2. Communication and travel
3. Boundaries

Mornington was the first township officially recognised in the area.

Frankston, Mount Eliza and Mount Martha followed and were linked by roads and common interests. Baxter was also considered an essential part of this area. It provided inland access to and from Melbourne via Frankston to Mornington and beyond, as the steep hills, creeks and deep gullies of the coastal route were almost impassable by horse or on foot. The major road link from Frankston to the south is still through the Baxter area. The first local government area was Mornington which covered all of the above townships and was only changed when the township of Frankston grew larger and two local council areas became Mornington (Mt. Martha, Moorooduc, Mornington (Mt. Eliza was split) and Frankston/Hastings. Mornington and Frankston were still close socially and through direct connecting infrastructure. The railway connected these two townships via Baxter and Mt. Eliza. Growing commercial interests frequently operated in both Mornington and Frankston. Woolworths/Safeway, the business which now operates Australia wide, was established in both townships by the Pratt family. The Sherlock garden implement business was founded in Frankston by the Sherlocks, a Mt Martha family. The Dowd underwear manufacturer had factories in both Mornington and Frankston. Vehicle sales and mechanical businesses operated in both towns, and there are many other examples. The interconnection is deep and continuing.

Present day residents of the area, from Frankston to Mount Martha, are linked by a common transport system, shopping facilities, schools, government services, health services (including the major hospital) and sporting competitions. This is reflected in the Mornington Peninsula Shire's creation of The Briars Ward,

containing the Mt. Eliza, Mornington, Mt. Martha and Moorooduc townships (the 4 'Ms' as we call them) as a Division in council boundaries created to support a cohesive society based on historical links.

The Mornington and District Historical Society is currently made up of people who live in the 4 'Ms', which reflects the same historical cohesion which has continued throughout since the 1850s. We submit that this should be reflected in our federal political representation.

Table G in the redistribution report shows Dunkley 'not required to change', while Flinders was 'required to decrease the number of eligible voters'.

Point 134. 3rd dot point in the redistribution report. Under the principles of splitting local government boundaries the document talks about providing 'strong boundaries'. Please refer to the attached map which could use Peninsula Link as the 'strong boundary', which it certainly is physically. This map also brings Mt Martha back together where it has been historically - with Mornington.

We understand that the townships of the Bass Coast Shire are to be brought together under the proposed Division of Monash. Why should those same principles not apply to the Mornington Peninsula Shire which has had a far stronger historical connection?

I trust you will take these comments into serious consideration.

Thank you,

Diane White (Mrs.)  
President  
Mornington & District Historical Society Inc.  
*(Covering the area of Mt. Eliza, Mornington, Mt. Martha and Moorooduc)*



**PROPOSED NAMES AND BOUNDARIES OF FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS IN VICTORIA**

The Redistribution Committee for Victoria has made its proposed redistribution of the federal electoral divisions for Victoria. This map shows the boundaries and names of the proposed electoral divisions.

Interested persons or organisations may lodge written objections against the proposed redistribution with the Electoral Commission. Objections must be received by the Electoral Commission before 6 pm (AEST) on the judgement day.

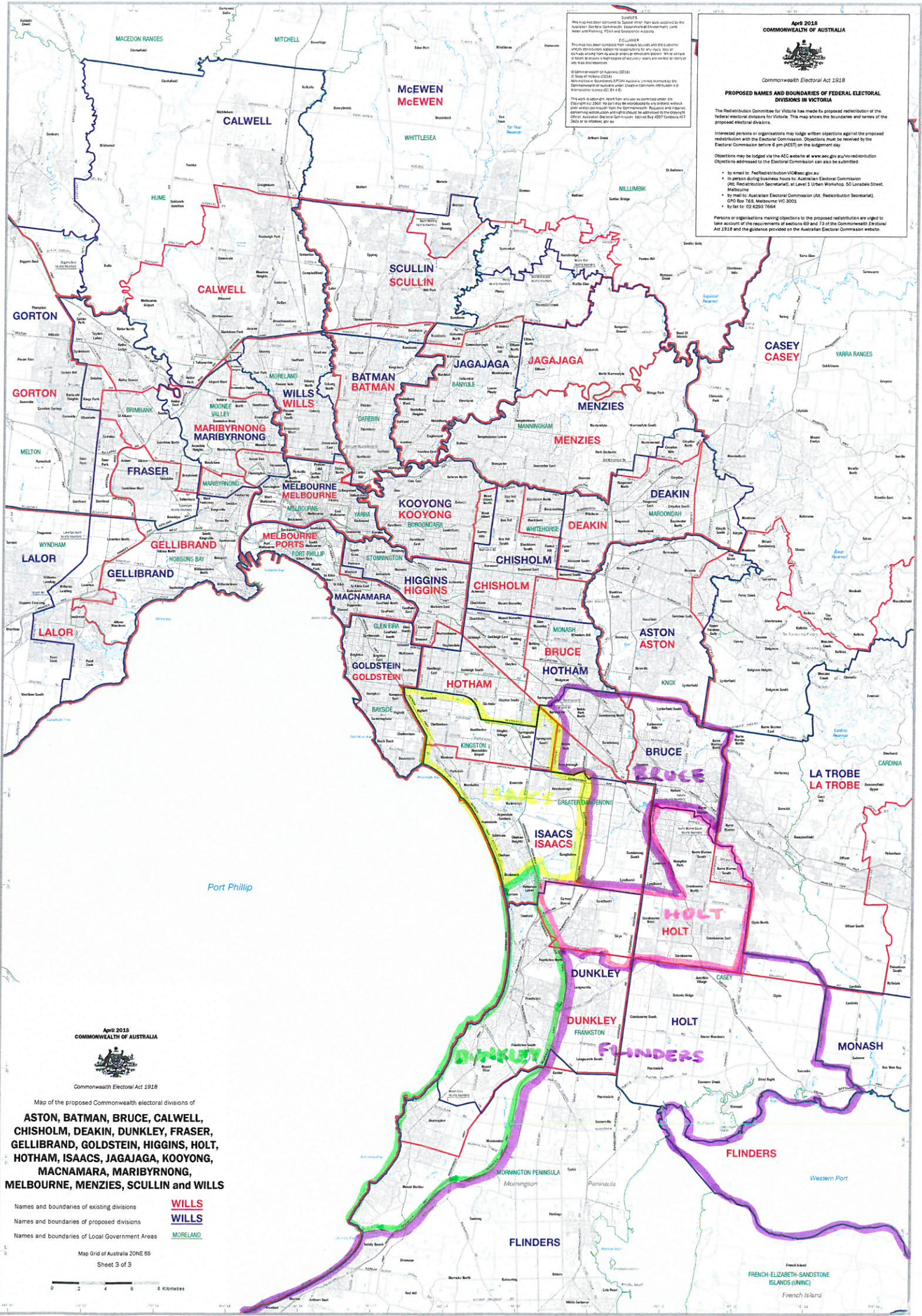
- Objections may be lodged via the AEC website at [www.aec.gov.au/redistribution](http://www.aec.gov.au/redistribution). Objections addressed to the Electoral Commission can also be submitted.
- by email to: [FeedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au](mailto:FeedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au)
- in person during business hours to Australian Electoral Commission (AEC, Redistribution Secretariat), 41 Level 2 Urban Workspaces, 50 Lakeside Street, Melbourne
- by mail to: Australian Electoral Commission (AEC, Redistribution Secretariat), GPO Box 768, Melbourne VIC 3001
- by fax to: 02 6298 7664

Persons or organisations making objections to the proposed redistribution are urged to take account of the requirements of sections 49 and 73 of the Commonwealth Electoral Act 1918 and the guidance provided on the Australian Electoral Commission website.

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Map of the proposed Commonwealth electoral divisions of  
**ASTON, BATMAN, BRUCE, CALWELL, CHISHOLM, DEAKIN, DUNKLEY, FRASER, GELLIBRAND, GOLDSTEIN, HIGGINS, HOLT, HOTHAM, ISAACS, JAGAJAGA, KOOYONG, MACNAMARA, MARIBYRNONG, MELBOURNE, MENZIES, SCULLIN and WILLS**

Names and boundaries of existing divisions  
 Names and boundaries of proposed divisions  
 Names and boundaries of Local Government Areas

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