



Objection 323

Mornington Peninsula Shire Council

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Redistribution Committee for Victoria

Please find attached the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council's Submission on the proposed redistribution of Victoria's electoral divisions.

Should you require further information or clarification please contact Mr Joe Spiteri, Manager Governance on [REDACTED]

Kind regards



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4 May 2018

Redistribution Committee for Victoria
By email: FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au

Dear Committee Members

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electoral Divisions in Victoria.

I and my colleague Councillors have carefully considered the Proposed Redistribution as it affects the electorate of Dunkley and our comments and concerns are set out in the attachment to this letter.

In particular, we are concerned about the separation of Mount Eliza from the neighbouring township of Mornington. Mount Eliza benefits from being part of the same federal electorate as the township of Mornington, which is a major activity centre for Mount Eliza residents.

Should you require further information please contact Mr Joe Spiteri, Manager Governance on [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully



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**Proposed redistribution of Victoria into electoral divisions
April 2018**

Report of the Redistribution Committee for Victoria

**Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Submission
4 May 2018**

Summary

The Mornington Peninsula Shire Council objects to the proposed redistribution of Mornington voters from the electorate of Dunkley to the electorate of Flinders. The residents of Mornington and Mount Eliza together form a cohesive community of interest within the municipality. The Council objects to separating communities of interest and government services by dividing Mornington from Mount Eliza.

Submission

The Council is cognisant of the responsibilities of the Redistribution Committee under the Commonwealth *Electoral Act 1918*. In particular, Council notes the requirement on the Redistribution Committee to ensure, as near as practicable, proportional representation.

The township of Mount Eliza forms an integral part of the Mornington Peninsula community and, together with Mornington, is oriented to the Peninsula geographically, economically and socially. The Mount Eliza community experiences the same challenges and has the same aspirations as other Mornington Peninsula residents.

Mount Eliza benefits from being collocated with Mornington in the same state and federal electorate and alignment with the local government ward of Briars. Mornington is a major activity centre for Mount Eliza residents providing convenient access to services, including government services. For example, land has been set aside by the state government in the township of Mornington specifically to enable delivery of increased government health and community services to be delivered for the local community including Mount Eliza residents.

Mount Eliza residents actively engage with their local federal member of parliament on matters affecting Mount Eliza and the adjoining township of Mornington. The townships share culture and coastline and have similar age and socio-economic demographics.

Government services are provided on a common basis to residents of Mount Eliza and surrounding townships including Mornington. This should continue as the communities have overlapping service delivery needs and should have access to the same services and facilities.

The Council also recognises the importance of maintaining proportional representation of the local population and would therefore be open to further consultation regarding alternative boundary options.

The Council's strong preference is to contain the municipality in its entirety within a single federal electorate. Furthermore, the Council objects to the proposed subdivision of the municipal ward of Briars across two federal electorates. The population of the entire municipality is only marginally above the maximum quota and therefore the Council requests further consultation on alternative and less disruptive options for Flinders to remain within the quota.

The Council, of course, does not advocate for boundaries that would reduce the value of Shire residents' votes. Nevertheless, Council must register its disappointment about the proposed carve out of Mount Eliza from the local Mornington Peninsula community.

The Council notes the proposed redistribution brings the entire township of Baxter into the federal electorate of Flinders, aligning with the Mornington Peninsula Shire municipal boundary. The Council supports this positive change to include the whole Baxter community in the same electorate.