



Objection 379

Cambodian Buddhist Association of Victoria, Inc

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Additional information: Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached my letter regarding to the proposed new electoral boundaries in the Electorate of Hotham.

Kind Regards

Venerable Ol Sam

President

Cambodian Buddhist Association of Victoria, inc



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Dear Sir/Madam

I write on behalf of the Cambodian Buddhist Association of Victoria, Inc and the Wat Buddharaingsi Temple in regard to the proposal new electoral boundaries affecting the electoral divisions of Hotham, Bruce and Isaacs.

Our Cambodian community is primarily located in the electoral division of Hotham in Springvale, Springvale South and Clarinda. There are almost 4500 people of Cambodian descent currently living in the electorate of Hotham. This community has been part of the Electorate of Hotham for almost three decades. This is cohesive and supportive community.

Springvale is a community hub with rail links from Springvale station to the CBD and other public transport routes. Springvale is the primary shopping area and restaurant hub for the Cambodian-Australian community.

We are the largest Cambodian community based in Springvale South in the South-eastern part of Melbourne. Our temple is of great importance to our community - for worship and for social support, particularly for the elderly. Many elderly people in our community came to Australia after escaping the Khmer Rouge and have found a supportive and cohesive home in Springvale and the surrounding suburbs where they are fully supported.

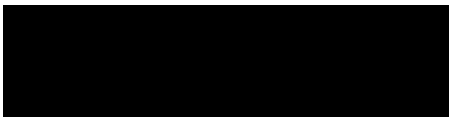
If the changes to electoral boundaries as currently proposed are implemented, it will divide the community and split them from their places of worship.

The community has also greatly benefitted in the past by being able to raise community issues and concerns with a single Member of Parliament - the Member of Hotham.

The Cambodian people located in Hotham believe it would be in the best interests of our Cambodian-Australian community to remain within the Electorate of Hotham, instead of the community being divided into three different electorates.

I would appreciate your consideration of our requests to ensure the continuation of our thriving and cohesive community.

Yours faithfully



Venerable Ol Sam
President