



Objection 14

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Dear Commissioners

I write to object to the proposed boundaries of the Federal Electorate of Maribyrnong; in that they fail the “community of interest” requirement.

Bringing together the inner suburbs of Kensington, Flemington, Ascot Vale and Moonee Ponds with the rural areas surrounding Bulla and the Organ Pipes National Park is silly. The proposed electorate is around 20km long and 11 km wide and collects people who have nothing in common.

A better system to follow is the one used in the North, East and South of Melbourne, where electorates are drawn to draw together residents of inner suburbs, and another for the outer suburbs, as has been done for Cooper and Scullin, or Higgins and Hotham. This is generally not the case in the Western suburbs of Melbourne, where the proposed electorates of Maribyrnong, Fraser and Gellibrand are far larger than the corresponding electorates for inner suburban areas to the North, East and South of Melbourne.

The electorate of Maribyrnong that is outlined in suggestions S24, S90, S97, S99 and S100 are all broadly consistent with an electoral boundary that would satisfy the community of interest requirement.

Regards

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