



Comment on objections 21

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To whom it may concern

I am again writing to you in relation to the redistribution of federal electorate boundaries, further to the objection I previously lodged (OB438) with you.

I was initially approached to provide my submission in OB438 from members of the Heathmont community who had been approached by the Australian Labor Party to make a submission (as part of an email campaign). Please refer to the attached email received by Heathmont community groups and individuals from the ALP requesting submissions be made to the AEC.

I was happy to provide my submission as (ideally) Heathmont would remain in a single electorate.

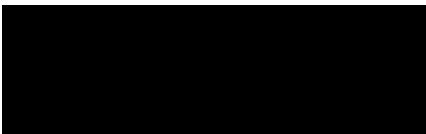
However, now that I have seen the boundaries the ALP have proposed for our local community, I would like to register my complete objection to their proposal (OB487). There is much I disagree with in their proposal, I will just make the following brief points:

- Splitting the eastern suburbs in half as the ALP have proposed with Deakin would be devastating for local residents and community groups throughout our community; and
- The ALP's proposal that Deakin run from Croydon at the foot of the Dandenong's all the way to Mont Albert is utterly ridiculous. And the suggestion that Heathmont residents share more in common with Box Hill than Warranwood is so completely wrong, it's hard to fathom anyone with any local knowledge could make such an argument!

I thank the AEC for considering my further thoughts because even though my objection (OB438) was part of the ALP's campaign to get community members to object, I do not endorse their proposals for our local community or the Deakin electorate more broadly.

In this respect, I would much prefer the Redistribution Committee stick with their draft proposal over the shocking option put forward in OB438, and accordingly encourage the AEC proceed with the boundaries as presently proposed.

Yours faithfully

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Joanne Hart-Parker

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From: Matthew Chipman [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 25, 2024 4:59 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: AEC Victorian Redistribution - Heathmont Objections

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the quick chat earlier today. Here is a run down of the redistribution proposal and objections.

The AEC is proposing to split Heathmont in half, with the seat of Aston representing south of Canterbury Rd, and Deakin representing north of Canterbury Rd.

Victorian Labor will argue that Deakin should represent the entirety of Heathmont, as under the current proposal, Aston will include all of the City of Knox Council plus half of Heathmont. We believe that Heathmont has more in common with its neighbours in Ringwood, than with those in Rowville or Scoresby.

The AEC's proposal will make it difficult for organisations such as the Heathmont History Group to effectively advocate with the federal members as you will have to develop a relationship with two separate MPs, rather than just the one.

Further, by having the border be Canterbury Road, this splits the main shopping strip of Heathmont down the middle, with one side being in Deakin, and the other in Aston. Thus, our suggestion is that the border be returned to Dandenong Creek, so that all of Heathmont returns to Deakin.

I have attached a template letter that you can review. It is written from the point of view of a resident, but can be easily changed to reflect that of a community organisation.

It is important that community groups and residents from Heathmont and surrounds write letters to the AEC explaining that Heathmont should be united in a single division. Uploading an objection is very simple. An objector clicks on the link below, then on the 'upload an objection' button, enters some simple details and attaches their letter to the website. **Objections are due FRIDAY at 6PM.**

[Step 5. Objections to the proposed redistribution – Victorian federal redistribution - Australian Electoral Commission \(aec.gov.au\)](#)

The best way to submit feedback is online but it can also be submitted via:

Email – FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au

Post – Australian Electoral Commission (Attn: Victorian Redistribution Secretariat), Locked Bag 4007, Canberra ACT 2601

You are more than welcome to give me a call if you have any questions. My number is: [REDACTED]

Kind regards,
Matthew Chipman
Victorian Labor