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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally reject the proposed abolishment of the Electorate of Casey. I live in the Dandenong Ranges. This is a unique area. My village of Kallista is in a National Forest that is environmentally important not only to Melbourne and Victorians, but to the whole of Australia and the world. The forest is also a vital draw card for tourists from all corners of the world, nationally and state wide.

The thought that our region would be incorporated with urban suburbs of Melbourne makes no sense. Those areas do not have the same needs that the environmentally sensitive areas of the Yarra Ranges have. Our region requires specialist understanding of the needs of established settlements within this vital forest environment.

Would the Blue Mountains or Daintree Forest be consigned to similar abolishment and redistribution to urban suburban electorates? What purpose is being served by this abolishment? It does not support the sustainability of this forest. The Sherbrooke Forest is the lungs of Melbourne. Historically for over 100 years this distinctive forest has attracted avid environmentalists who appreciate its beauty and have documented it in books and art. Tom Roberts lived and painted here along with Arthur Streeton.

What is required here is the support by professional and experienced Members of Parliament who understand the region. The Hon Tony Smith MP was a great protector and supporter of Casey for many years. His replacement, Mr Aaron Violi MP, since being elected to the House of Representatives in 2022, has worked very hard to support the residents and constituents of the Electorate of Casey. Having grown up in the area, Mr Violi has intimate knowledge of the environs and its special needs. He brings to this area a passion to support and forge a sustainable future for the region. The proposed abolishment means that our very sensitive area would be lost and probably overlooked by urban electorates. The support so desperately needed at a time when global warming and the need for conservation and preservation of this distinct area is vital to its survival requires the management and advocacy we currently receive under the safe guardianship of Aaron Violi MP.

Please reconsider this abolishment and leave the Electorate of Casey as the unique place that it is.

Regards