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Dear Redistribution Committee,^[1] I am writing to you to object to the proposed boundaries of the Federal Electoral Division of Wills, as per the proposed redistribution report released on 31 May 2024.

I strongly oppose the removal of parts of Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West and Glenroy from our electorate.

The central reasons I believe that these suburbs should not be removed from the electorate of Wills are:

1. These suburbs have a longstanding connection to the council of Merri-bek (formerly Moreland) having been a part of the Local Government Area. Residents currently access services via Merri-bek council - splitting up residents into two different electorates will minimise the representations that I can make on their behalf to council to ensure their concerns are addressed. If these draft proposals are adopted, two Members of Parliament will represent the same suburb within one Local Government Area - this is neither necessary nor the logical approach to take.

And;

2. As a resident of Fawkner, I and many members of my community have developed a strong rapport with Peter Khalil MP and his staff, with whom we have developed a strong relationship with over the past eight years, since he became the elected representative of Wills. Ultimately, as a resident of the Division of Wills, I regard the proposed changes to the Division of Wills as not demonstrative of our community's interests. I respectfully submit that the changes should be rejected. Thank you for taking the time to look at this submission.