



Objection 118

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AEC Submission - redraft of Wills Boundaries

This is to record my strong objection to the movement of the boundary from the Moonee Ponds Creek to the Tullamarine Freeway, the effect of which is to move our residence to the adjoining seat of Maribyrnong.

I live in Brunswick, albeit West Brunswick. I was born and bred in what is now the City of Merri-bek and have lived nearly all my 67 years in this municipality (about 60 years). The suburbs and communities of Coburg and Brunswick have always formed core elements of the Wills electorate.

My family and I have been active residents of activities in this municipality and electorate. For instance my parents were active members of the parish of Blessed Oliver Plunket (Now St Olivers) and, amongst many other things, long time office holders in the Coburg Little Athletic and Harriers Club and the Ground Committee. I was the chair of Moreland Affordable Housing Ltd, an organisation set up and funded by Merri-bek Council to promote the provision of affordable housing in the municipality.

I have known and continue to know many of the Merri-bek councillors and local state and federal members of parliament due to my active citizenship.

The bulk of our shopping, socialising and community activity is in the Merri-bek municipality.

I was bitterly disappointed find we had been moved by the VEC from the Brunswick to Pascoe Vale electorate. I live in Brunswick and should be in that named electorate.

While I grew up in Pascoe Vale and have fond memories of this, I have lived in West Brunswick for over 30 years in our current residence. My wife (who grew up in Fawkner and has similar decades long close association with Wills) and I identify with the suburbs of Wills.

Please reverse this RIDICULOUS, ILL CONSIDERED decision to move us to Maribyrnong. We should not be pawns being arbitrarily moved around electoral maps. We have local identities that should be respected.

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PS I could say similar things in relation to the suburbs of Glenroy, Oak Park and East Brunswick, but they can speak for themselves.