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Dear AEC

I am writing to object to the proposed boundary changes to the electorate of Melbourne. I live in East Melbourne and am a local at the parks, community centre's and restaurants in Fitzroy North, Princes Hill, Carlton and Carlton North. These communities, the streets, the residents and the culture is quite different to suburbs like Coburg, Fawkner and Hadfield.

Most of us in the current Melbourne are work in the CBD, or in hospitality, or from home. Our lifestyles are cohesive with each other and we are part of a completely different council to Merri-Bek.

As someone who works for another local council, I am very attune to the fact that councils are important resources that must tailor their services to the community around it. Adding two new councils to Wills, while removing our beloved suburbs from Melbourne to a different community, would not be good for our sense of community. Alot of us in the city and surrounding suburbs play pub footy, and the suburbs of Fitzroy North, Princes Hill, Carlton North and East Brunswick are well represented. Many of the other suburbs where people reside who play pub footy are in Melbourne, or the Melbourne city council and Yarra council. We are connected in our routines, the bike paths we share, the sports we play and the places we work

There is also a natural boundary of Brunswick road and Lygon street which makes sense from an urban planning and demographic view point. These are major roads and intersections that are recognised as borders.

I truly hope we get to keep our suburbs of Fitzroy North, Carlton North, Princes Hill and Brunswick East.

Thanks

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