



Objection 307

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide you an opposing view to the proposed redistribution of Wills.

I have lived in Glenroy for the last 8 years and wish to oppose the proposal to remove parts of Glenroy, Oak Park, Pascoe Vale and Brunswick West from Wills. Dividing these suburbs is not inclusive and does not consider the 'communities of interest' impacted in Wills.

I am part of the Muslim (and Arabic speaking) community in Wills, an example of a 'community of interest'. Whilst I live in Glenroy, I am very much connected to other parts of Wills. I feel connected to the broader Muslim community through attending the Mosques in Glenroy, Coburg, Brunswick and Fawkner. I also support local Islamic businesses, halal butchers and local supermarkets. It is important to me to purchase good quality halal products. These businesses are spread alongside Glenroy, Pascoe Vale, Coburg and Fawkner.

The same types of community run Islamic businesses and local Mosques are not present in Fitzroy North, Princes Hill and Carlton North, or in suburbs in Maribyrnong. I do not feel connected to these suburbs or to the Maribyrnong FEA as there are not many people who live in these areas who speak Arabic or follow the Islamic faith. I do not feel a sense of connection or belonging to these communities or suburbs.

After living in Glenroy for the last 8 years I feel very much connected to the local Wills community. My needs and interests are similar to those living in Glenroy, Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Coburg and Fawkner. I feel a sense of connection and belonging to others in these suburbs. The needs of the communities across these suburbs are similar – we should not be split and moved into Maribyrnong as this is not an electorate that represents a comparable community of interest.

For the reasons I have outlined I request that the Committee allows Oak Park, Glenroy, Pascoe Vale South and Brunswick West to remain in Wills (and for Wills to continue excluding Fitzroy North, Carlton North and Princes Hill).

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Regards,

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