



Objection 309

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback and my opposition to the proposed redistribution in Wills.

I live in Glenroy with my wife and two children. I oppose the proposal to remove parts of Glenroy, Oak Park, Pascoe Vale and Brunswick West from Wills. If these suburbs are split off from Wills, we will not be considering the 'communities of interest' impacted. 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.

I am part of the Muslim community - this is an example of a 'community of interest' in Wills. I live in Glenroy but I often travel to Coburg, Fawkner, Pascoe Vale, and Oak park to purchase good quality halal products and support local supermarkets, often run by Islamic community groups. I am able to purchase products that have been imported from various Middle Eastern countries, as I often seek herbs and spices that are not found in mainstream grocers. I also enjoy going to local restaurants and cafes - these are mostly halal in Glenroy to meet the needs of our community.

Similar businesses are not found 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 my language. I do not feel a sense of connection or belonging to these communities or suburbs.

I also attend a medical clinic in Glenroy - at this practice there are several general practitioners who speak Farsi. I feel connected to this community and medical clinic as the services provided are often tailored to the needs of our community. It is not easy to find other GPs in nearby electorates who can speak the same language as me - it has been challenging to obtain medical support with a language barrier.

For these reasons I request the Committee allow Oak Park, Glenroy, Pascoe Vale South and Brunswick West to remain in Wills.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Regards,

Sasan Hosseini (and on behalf of Nastaran Hosseini and Ashkan Hosseini)

