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Deakin should represent the entirety of Heathmont, as under the current arrangement. Under the **new** proposal, Aston will include all of the City of Knox Council plus half of Heathmont. I believe that Heathmont has more in common with its neighbours in Ringwood, than with those in Rowville or Scoresby.

The AEC's proposal will make it difficult for organisations such as the Heathmont History Group to effectively advocate with the federal members as they would have to develop a relationship with two separate MPs, rather than just the one.

Further, having the border as Canterbury Road splits the main shopping strip of Heathmont down the middle, with one side being in Deakin, and the other in Aston. Thus, I believe that the border should be returned to Dandenong Creek, so that all of Heathmont returns to Deakin.