



Objection 490

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I would like to oppose the removal of parts of Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West and Glenroy from Wills. This objection is written in my capacity being based at [REDACTED] and focused on the proposed redistribution of Wills.

I believe that the redistribution is not a favourable decision for the people of Wills. Adding suburbs from different areas like Fitzroy North, Carlton North, and Princes Hill to Wills would further complicate matters. These areas have different local services and community identities that are distinct from ours in Brunswick. Living right on the edge of the suburbs really helps me see the distinction between the communities. For example, only the culture on Lygon street is widely different in Carlton than what we have in Brunswick. As I come from an Indian background the level of diversity that we live in makes a significant difference to how I interact with the community. I can strongly say that the diversity of Wills is one of the major factors of why I live here. This unique factor would diminish if suburbs like Carlton North, Fitzroy North become part of Wills. It's important that our electoral boundaries reflect the communities of interest and shared experiences that exist naturally here. I work hours away from Brunswick and spend over 3 hours travelling to and from work and I only do that because I want to live in Brunswick and not move anywhere else. Brunswick is my home and it is only my home because of my relationship with its identity, if that identity is lost then there would be no point of being in Brunswick. I do not want the commercialisation of Carlton North and Fitzroy North to blend in with our community and culture.

It is my view that the proposal to divide Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West and Glenroy from Wills and add Fitzroy North, Carlton North and Princess Hill are problematic against the way people travel and connect.

I believe it's crucial for the Committee to reconsider its proposal and find a solution that keeps communities like ours together within the Wills electorate. This approach would ensure that our voices are accurately represented and that the unique character of our neighborhoods is respected.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective on this matter.

Sincerely,
Khushvi Patel
Resident of [REDACTED] Brunswick
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