



Comment on objections 35

Maroondah City Council

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Att: Redistribution Secretariat

RE: Victorian Federal Redistribution 2024 - Comment on objection to proposed redistribution - Objection 487 - Victorian Labour

Maroondah City Council would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on objections to the current Victorian federal redistribution process.

This submission is focused on comments relating to *Objection 487 - Victorian Labour* considering the electoral boundaries that relate to parts of the City of Maroondah local government area.

As opposed to the original proposed federal redistribution, whereby Maroondah was split into two electorates, the Victorian Labour submission proposes that Maroondah is split across three electorates (Deakin, Aston and Menzies).

It is the view of Council that this proposed Victorian Labour approach to electoral boundaries would further dilute the contiguous communities of interest within Maroondah. It would also reduce the potential for effective representation for local communities and the Maroondah municipality at the Federal level.

Whilst the electoral boundaries outlined in the Victorian Labour submission would enable most of Ringwood (including the Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre) and Heathmont to be located within the same electorate, these proposed boundaries would also divide communities in Maroondah either side of Mt Dandenong Rd and Bayswater Rd. This would result in the suburbs of Ringwood East and Bayswater North being split across two electorates.

Of particular concern, the electoral boundaries outlined in the Victorian Labour submission would also split Croydon as a suburb and as a community of interest into three different electorates. This alignment would result in:

- Croydon Main Street, Croydon Railway Station, Croydon Central Shopping Centre, Croydon Park, Wyreena Community Centre and residential/industrial areas to the north of Mt Dandenong Rd being located in the Menzies electorate.
- The Croydon Community Wellbeing Precinct, Aquahub, Town Park, Tarralla Creek, Swinburne University and residential/industrial areas to the south of Mt Dandenong Rd being located in the Aston electorate - despite their close physical and community connection to commercial and community spaces north of Mt Dandenong Rd.
- Residential areas of Croydon south of Mt Dandenong Rd and east of Bayswater Rd being located in the Deakin electorate despite their proximity to the Croydon Major Activity Centre.
- The Croydon Major Activity Centre as currently defined would be split between Menzies and Aston electorates which impacts the unification of this community and its positioning as a major activity centre.

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In addition, the boundaries outlined in the Victorian Labour submission would result in the suburb of Ringwood East being diminished as a contiguous community of interest, with facilities such as Burnt Bridge Shopping Centre and East Ringwood Reserve being located in Menzies, whilst Ringwood East Railway Station and Ringwood East Shopping Precinct would be located in Deakin.

The Croydon South community would also be split with Eastfield Shops and Eastfield Park being located in Aston, whilst Cheong Park and Eastwood Primary School would be located in Deakin.

Maroondah City Council maintains that the proposed electoral boundary alignments as submitted to the Victorian Federal Redistribution 2024 as *Objection 376 - Maroondah City Council* would be preferable for local communities in Maroondah as compared to those outlined in this Victorian Labour submission.

Maroondah City Council appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on objections to this important process and looks forward to receiving the draft report for further comment.

Should you require further information or wish to discuss Maroondah City Council's submission, please do not hesitate to contact, Tony Rocca, Chief Financial Officer on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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