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Dear AEC,

As a resident of South Yarra, I am opposed to any submission or suggestion that my community would be represented by either the Member for Melbourne or the Member for Macnamara.

South Yarra is part of the core Toorak Road precinct, with intrinsic links to Toorak, Armadale and Malvern. Not only do all of the transport lines and school zones cross these communities (so much so that the State Government decided not to build a station on the Metro Tunnel which would link it with these electorates in South Yarra), but we also share demographics, interests, and local government with these areas.

South Yarra has significantly different voter demographics to Collingwood, to St Kilda, to Fitzroy and Melbourne's CBD. I believe my voice in Canberra would be significantly degraded if I were represented by a Member primarily elected in these locations. For example, the median age in the Division of Melbourne is 31 versus 47 in the 3142 post code, the median household income in South Yarra is 37% higher, the number of families with children is 38% higher, etc. These statistics are similar to those in Toorak, Armadale and Malvern.

I urge the AEC to consider the demographic data when considering South Yarra, and in particular its differences from Prahran and Windsor, and not to simply slice a north-south line down a single axis, which would unjustly remove democracy for residents of my community.

Best regards

Andrew McLean