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AEC

Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission 50 provided by Henry Rees refers to moving the seat of Maribyrnong from the North-West of Melbourne into the North of Melbourne. I believe this is a travesty and should not be seriously considered.

The seat of Maribyrnong was formed in 1906 after it was split off from the seat of Melbourne Ports, and has had a proud heritage that includes being one of the first divisions to hold an indigenous name. The seat has always sat within the North-Western suburbs of Melbourne from its inception, and a close community has been formed over generations between the Maribyrnong River and the Moonee Ponds Creek. Dividing the community between several neighbouring seats and including suburbs that have always been represented by the seat of Melbourne would be detrimental to the community's representation in Parliament.

I urge the AEC to not consider this recommendation and look at alternative proposals that would address the issues causing this redistribution without causing harm to the social fabric of the North-West of Melbourne.

Yours sincerely

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