



Objection 464

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Objection to proposed changes to federal electorate of Kooyong.

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I have been a resident of Boroondara for the past almost 50 years in both Hawthorn and Balwyn North., which are in the federal electorate of Kooyong.

I wish to strongly object to the proposed changes. My reasons are as follows:

I fail to see where the Australian Bureau of Statistics population data supports some of the proposed redrawing of the boundaries.

While I understand It is proposed to remove Higgins to enable Western Australia to have an additional electorate, I cannot understand the rationale for the way that Kooyong needs to be changed?

Firstly, there seems to be no good reason to reduce the eastern boundary of Kooyong so that Surrey Hills is no longer in Kooyong? This area has always been an integral area of Boroondara for people living in Balwyn, Camberwell areas. It seems to make no good sense to exclude it, when at the same time, it is proposed to incorporate quite distinct areas of Chisholm all the way to Dandenong Road, Malvern, a very different local government area??

Part of Higgins could go more easily into Hotham. The Boroondara areas of Glen Iris, Camberwell, and Hawthorn East should all stay in Kooyong.

Toorak Road in Kooyong suburb could be incorporated into existing Kooyong electorate but not as far as Williams Road.

Part of Higgins should be incorporated into Hotham and MacNamara should incorporate part of Higgins, rather than Kooyong

I do believe that as far as possible, areas that are already part of local government areas should be retained in the Kooyong electorate.

There is more than one way to cut a cake, and the proposal as it stands, is not the best carve up!

I hope that a little more understanding of people's attachment to their area could be incorporated in any proposed changes.

Yours sincerely,

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