



The Federal Redistribution 2010
Victoria



Objection Number 1

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Re: Proposed Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Victoria

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to you on behalf of the concerned members of Country Women's Association (C.W.A.) of Victoria, Boorhaman Branch. Boorhaman Country Women's Association members reside in the Division of Indi. One of our members took note of the Proposed abolition of the Division of Murray detailed on page 2 of The Chronicle (Monday August 2, Wangaratta's local newspaper) and this issue was discussed at our August meeting.

Country Women's Association of Victoria, Boorhaman Branch wish to object to the above mentioned proposed redistribution.

While we acknowledge the growth in outer Melbourne metropolitan areas, we feel that by abolishing a Division or seat in a country area, county Victorians have lost a voice in our political system. While we share common Victorian threads, the needs and concerns of a country Victorian and a metropolitan Victorian can be very different. This diversity that hopefully governs Victoria fairly will be further diminished with the losing of a country Division and gaining of a metropolitan Division.

While we acknowledge the number percentage figures detailed in the 30 July 2010 Report, it seems quite a concern that decisions are made on a map by the totaling of numbers and percentages that will have a significant effect on the governance and representation of many Victorians.

Yours in C.W.A. Friendship

Mandy N. Mullens, Secretary, Boorhaman Branch, Country Women's Association.