



Objection Number 5

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From: Frank Peiffer
Sent: Sunday, 22 August 2010 9:10 PM
To: VIC Redistribution
Subject: Objection to Proposed Redistribution for the Federal Seat of Murray

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Frans Joseph Peiffer. I am elector enrolled in the Federal Division of Murray. I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed redistribution which would see the seat of Murray abolished.

My reasons for this objection are that to include the Loddon LGA electors in the Federal Division of Mallee is less desirable than to include those electors in the Federal Division of Bendigo. There are natural connections with and to Bendigo which are quite strong. There are little or no connections with towns and regional areas in the Mallee electorate. If Murray must be abolished I recommend that those electors within the Loddon Shire be aligned with the seat of Bendigo.

A further objection I have is that the current proposal would make the Mallee electorate huge in geographic terms leading to a decrease in the access to our local member compared with the status quo. This would not be so pronounced if we were included in the Bendigo electorate.

Finally I object, most strongly, to the abolition of the Murray electorate at all. This area has traditionally been a safe conservative seat. It appears to me that the abolition of the seat would tend to favour the other side of politics thus this redistribution is not strictly apolitical. Surely a swinging seat could be chosen thus favouring neither side one way or the other. Alternatively the simultaneous of a safe ALP seat would also seem to be fair.

Please feel free to contact me should you require further information from me.

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