



Objection Number 12

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From: Philip Kennedy [pkennedy22@optusnet.com.au]
Sent: Tuesday, 24 August 2010 5:05 PM
To: VIC Redistribution
Subject: Victorian Federal Electoral Redistribution Objection

Dear sir/madam,

I hereby lodge an objection to the Victorian Federal Electoral Redistribution.

My objection is in relation to the sub-optimal boundaries proposed for Kooyong, Higgins and Chisholm.

The boundary between Kooyong and Higgins is anachronistic, with some voters in Camberwell being excised from their natural electorate of Kooyong despite the fact that voters living both due west and due east of them are in the electorate of Kooyong. In order to include these voters in their most natural socio-economic community of interest I propose that the boundary between Kooyong and Higgins be Toorak Road up to the point where Toorak Road intersects the freeway/railway in the west at which point the existing boundary be retained. This gives a strongly defined boundary and results in the movement of voters north of Toorak Road from Higgins to Kooyong and the movement of a smaller number of voters south of Toorak Road from Kooyong to Higgins, with a net gain of voters to Kooyong.

In order to rebalance the number of voters in Higgins I propose that the transfer of voters east of Poath Road to Chisholm that is countenanced in the existing redistribution plan be cancelled, leaving these voters in their existing electorate of enrolment in which they exist in a socio-economic community of interest. This results in a stronger boundary between Higgins and Chisholm.

In order to rebalance the number of voters in Chisholm and in Kooyong I propose that the transfer of voters bounded by Canterbury and Elgar Roads that the existing plan proposes to redistribute from Chisholm to Kooyong be scaled back in area and number of voters as required, in order to ensure the correct number of voters in each electorate. As I do not possess the necessary data I cannot state exactly where the new boundary should lie - suffice to say that an appropriate boundary could be found. This would retain some of these voters in Chisholm, the electorate that they are currently in, and with which they form a socio-economic community of interest. This would reduce the extent of the dog-leg between Kooyong and Chisholm thus strengthening the boundary.

Yours faithfully,

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