



Objection Number 14

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To Whom it may concern,

I wish to object to the proposed Victorian boundary redistribution. Whilst I understand the rationale behind the process of redistribution; if this goes ahead as proposed, there will in effect be a swapping of a rural seat for yet another metropolitan seat in the Federal Parliament. This is quite unacceptable.

The electorates of Murray and Mallee already get very little attention from the Federal Government due to the hard working and popular members in each seat making Murray and Mallee two of the safest seats in the country. I didn't see visits from either Mr Abbot or Ms Gillard during the last election campaign, and certainly no spending promises. Our collective voice will be reduced even further if these 2 electorates are more or less merged into one, and inevitably spending on such essentials as health, education, roads, infrastructure, (the list goes on and on) will be reduced. This can only exacerbate the population loss from the area. And all this at a time when the country is moaning that our cities are becoming too large, the country too centralized, and there are supposedly policies in place to encourage people to move to rural and urban areas. Keeping our voice in the Federal Parliament is essential if we are to encourage people to settle away from the capital cities.

Keep the Electorate of Murray and keep our rural voice heard.

The redistribution can surely occur effectively without sacrificing what little rural voice we have.

Yours truly,

Karen Clavin