



Objection Number 91

Jim Pasinis, Chief Executive Officer, Banyule Community Health

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To: VIC Redistribution
Subject: feedback to proposed redistribution
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Please find attached a letter regarding redistribution that impacts on the West Heidelberg community in the proposed redistribution of Jaga Jaga and Batman.

Cheers,

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To Whom It May Concern

RE: Proposed Redistribution of Jaga Jaga & Batman electorates

I write in regards to the proposed redistribution of the Jaga Jaga and Batman electorates. Banyule Community Health is a long time service provider in the area affected by the redistribution (West Heidelberg & West Ivanhoe).

Banyule Community Health makes the following comments in regards to the proposal:

- Banyule Community Health believe that the proposed split of West Heidelberg and Heidelberg Heights (West Heidelberg to Batman & Heidelberg Heights to stay in Jaga Jaga) negatively impacts on the West Heidelberg suburb and reputation.
- These two suburbs were historically one suburb and still share the same postcode (3081). The portioning off of West Heidelberg to another electoral area would further disadvantage and impact on the many strong community links that have been established between local community groups and Jaga Jaga Members of Parliament of many decades.
- The Darebin Creek currently forms the boundary between Batman & Jaga Jaga. It is also the boundary between the state government electorates of Ivanhoe and Preston and local government municipalities of Banyule & Darebin. BCH believe it would be in the best interest to keep the boundaries consistent to ensure clearer government representation that reflects the current community composition.
- Community groups addressing the significant disadvantage in West Heidelberg have been working closely with the local member of Jaga Jaga to ensure local issues are heard and responded too. A change will impact significantly with these strong community based relationships and conversations.

Banyule Community Health respectfully makes this submission on behalf of the community it serves and supports.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jim Pasinis'.

Jim Pasinis

Chief Executive Officer
Banyule Community Health