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## To Whom It May Concern

I object to the proposed abolishment of the Electorate of Casey. The proposed abolishment risks this sensitive area being overlooked at a time when there is increased need for conservation and management of bushfire prone areas.

I live in the Dandenong Ranges. This is not a suburban area. It includes large areas of National Forest that are environmentally important. It does not make sense to incorporate this region with urban electorates of Melbourne that do not have the same needs as the environmentally sensitive areas of the forest environment of the Yarra Ranges. The ongoing sustainability of such important forested areas relies on support by experienced Members of Parliament who understand the region. This has been true of the Hon Tony Smith MP and his replacement, Mr Aaron Violi MP. Having grown up in the area, Mr Violi has intimate knowledge of the environs and its special needs and brings a passion to support and forge a sustainable future for the region.

Please reconsider the proposed changes to the Electorate of Casey in light of the particular need for conservation and management of bushfires in this area.

Regards Dr Holly Cargill