



Objection 208

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From: Kevin Cooper

To: <u>FedRedistribution - VIC</u>

Subject: Objection

Date: Monday, 30 April 2018 2:33:43 PM

Dear Sirs / Madams

Please see attached my comment on the Victorian redistribution.

Yours sincerely

Kevin Cooper

Dear Sirs/Madams,

I want to state my objection to cutting Craigieburn out of McEwen in favour of keeping Sunbury.

I live in Kilmore and for me, my family and friends it has been really good for our community to have Craigieburn in McEwen.

Wallan, Kilmore and our area are not the same towns they used to be. They are growing very quickly, and are no longer little country towns; they are outer metropolitan suburbs.

This sudden growth means people need more services, and Craigieburn is perfectly suited to meet our needs.

Craigieburn is the nearest major metropolitan town. This is true not only for us in Kilmore, but also for our neighbours in Wandong, Wallan, Beveridge and Whittlesea.

Craigieburn is on the road most of us travel every day - whether we are taking the kids to schools (lots of families I know send their kids to schools in Craigieburn because they have good programs for sports), going to doctors services that aren't already in Kilmore or Wallan, driving to work or just going to the movies. Any projects put to Craigieburn are good for the rest of us.

Craigieburn also has a lot in common with Wallan, Kilmore and the surrounds, in that it is also growing very quickly, so our needs for infrastructure are the same.

If we lose Craigieburn, the major town of McEwen will become Sunbury. We here in Kilmore, and the nearby towns have nothing in common with Sunbury.

There is no reason for us to travel to Sunbury – it is not on the way to anything. In fact, it is well out of the way for everyone in the electorate.

If important services are built in Sunbury, they won't have any benefit to the rest of us in McEwen. Roads, public transport, Centrelink and Medicare, health services – any major infrastructure in Sunbury – will only help the people in Sunbury, and the rest of us will be left behind.

Our area is growing rapidly, and we need to be represented by someone who is not stretched thin across two very different communities.

We have so much more in common with Craigieburn that I hope you will take this seriously and reconsider cutting it out of McEwen.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Cooper