



Objection 270

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Attachments:	C. Fisher - Boundaries Submission.pdf
	C. Fisher - Boundaries Submission Map.pdf
	C. Fisher - Boundaries Sumission (Scanned with Signature).pdf

Dear Sir/Madam

Please find the attached documents commenting on the proposed redistribution of boundaries for the Dunkley Federal Electorate.

Yours sincerely

Colin Fisher

DUNKLEY FEDERAL ELECTORATE - BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION SUBMISSION BY MR COLIN FISHER OAM

I submit my comments on this matter as a member of the public, a member of the Mornington and District Historical Society, an Honorary Life Member of the Mornington Fire Brigade and as a member of the Mornington Sub Branch of the RSL My main interest in making this submission concerns the cohesion and natural affinity of the areas affected by the proposed redistribution. I am suggesting a grouping of adjacent communities that relate well to one another and are a natural fit. Certainly, the merits of keeping them together in the same constituency is worthy of careful consideration. I have only rough population figures at my disposal, but I have suggested boundary lines as attached based on this proposal.

The towns and villages of the Mornington Peninsula developed from being small, relatively isolated communities into council groupings which are still echoed in the affinity the towns and villages still have for one another. The grouping under the old Mornington Shire, often referred to as the 4Ms (Mornington, Mt Eliza, Mt Martha and Moorooduc) is one such entity which still has very strong historical, social and commercial links.

The Mornington and District Memorial Park in Mornington for example, contains the Honour Roll and the Cenotaph memorial for this grouping and hosts over 3000 people from these kindred townships every ANZAC Day. It is of note that children from all the schools in these communities also attend, with secondary school students actively participating in the service each year. The strength of the bonds and community ties of these townships is always in evidence and will no doubt continue to be so well into the future.

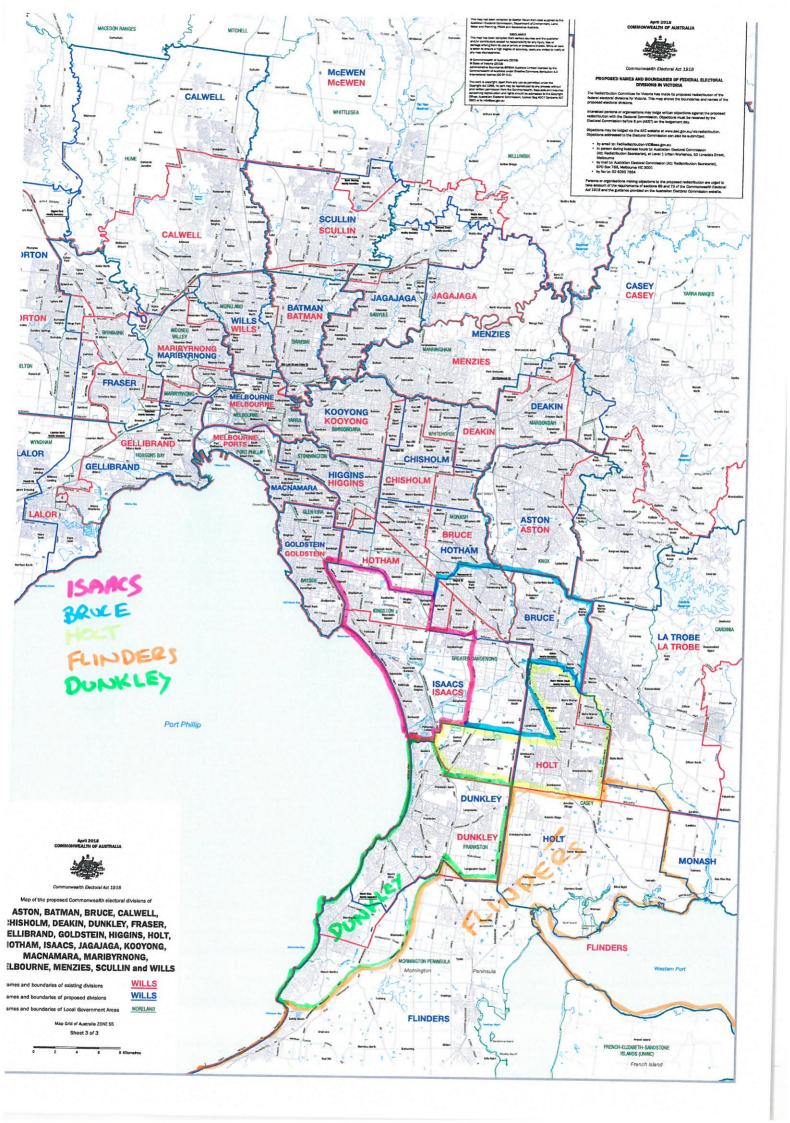
For sound historical reasons The Mornington and District Historical Society also covers the 4M townships. It is also of note that the volunteers in the 4M fire brigades also work closely together. Speaking as the Mornington brigade's historian, I should point out that all four brigades were originally located in Mornington, pre-positioning equipment to locations in Mt Eliza, Mt Martha and Moorooduc at the start of each fire season. They were later established as separate fire brigades but continue their close affinity with one another.

As the townships on the Peninsula were developing, so too was Frankston, which eventually grew into a city. Known as the 'Gateway to the Peninsula' Frankston has always had close links with the townships to its south, particularly those in the adjacent townships represented by the 4Ms. It became the industrial and commercial centre for the area and provided jobs and shopping opportunities for local and nearby populations. Apart from this, there is also a close relationship based on the coastal and beach culture associated with both Frankston and the townships of Mt Eliza, Mornington and Mt Martha. Further, the rural nature of the 4M townships' area provides an open space environment to balance the built-up nature of Frankston. In short, the two areas complement one another and go hand in glove.

In considering boundaries, one further factor is the relatively recent addition of a man-made boundary which can hardly be ignored, namely Peninsula Link. Taking this into account, it is proposed that this new freeway should form the eastern boundary for the southern part of the constituency, say from Baxter south. Dunkley should then embrace the whole of the southern area between the freeway and the coast such that it includes all of Mt Martha, Moorooduc, Mornington and Mt Eliza in addition to the city of Frankston. This would keep together these areas which not only have very close historical ties but also a synergy that makes them work well together.







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	C. Fisher - Boundaries Submission Addendum.docx
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find the attached documents which I am forwarding as an addendum to my earlier submission sent at 2:24pm on 3 May.

Yours sincerely

COLIN FISHER



DUNKLEY FEDERAL ELECTORATE – BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION SUBMISSION BY MR C FISHER OAM ADDENDUM

Further to my original submission, I have had a further look at the map and population figures for Dunkley. This has revealed that the objective of keeping the 4M townships (Mornington, Mt Eliza, Mt Martha and Moorooduc) and Frankston together as one cohesive entity, as proposed in my original submission, can also be achieved by extending Peninsula Link as the eastern boundary for the whole electorate as shown on the attached map. This seems to work just as well as my original suggestion. Indeed, I think it has considerable merit, which is why I am forwarding this proposal as an alternative possibility.

