



Objection 392

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

Subject: objections to the proposed changes in the Lalor distribution.

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you about my concerns about the new electoral boundaries showing that Point Cook is to be split into two and divided between two electorates.

As a resident who has been part of a many community groups I see splitting Point Cook in two goes against what this suburb is about and the core of who we are as a community; it also goes against the social inclusion that so many of our community groups have worked so hard to achieve. Point Cook is unique in the way it is bordered by the free way, farms, coastal park and bay but it also means that our area is isolated from other suburbs with the exception of Seabrook that we have almost adopted as our own. This isolation is the very reason the sense togetherness and community is just so important. Point Cook has a proud community that prides itself on working together to lobby our local Federal member for funding and well as adding weight to both federal and state based issues in order to improve our suburb.

Essentially Point Cook will become two irrelevant halves of a suburb on the outskirts of two electorates rather that remain as a united voice. To have to divide and lobby two MP's does not make sense particularly if the two MP's end up not being from the same political party. I fear this split will have a negative social impact on our Point Cook community.

I understand changes need to be made due to the high level of growth, however I hope that AEC with take into consideration the social impact of splitting our suburb in two will have and perhaps review these changes to ensure Point Cook will remain as a whole to be represented by either of the two electorates.

Thank you for your time.

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