



# Objection 50

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Dear Victorian Redistribution Secretariat,

**Electoral division of Isaacs (VIC)  
Objection for the Victorian federal redistribution 2020-21**

Thank you for the opportunity to make a comment on the proposed electoral boundaries here in Victoria.

I have been a councillor at the City of Greater Dandenong since 2005, serving four times as mayor, most recently in 2020. I am also a resident of Dandenong South and a leader in Greater Dandenong's Albanian-Australian community.


Dandenong South, which is to say the part of Dandenong that is south of the Dandenong Train Line, is one of only two suburbs south of the Yarra River with a significant Albanian-Australian population. The other suburb is Keysborough, also south of the Dandenong train line and largely in the electorate of Isaacs.

Residents of Dandenong South primarily shop at Parkmore Shopping Centre in Keysborough. The major sporting club – the Dandenong Thunder – plays in Dandenong South and primarily draws players from Dandenong South and Keysborough. There is a clear community of interest between these two suburbs that should be maintained.

It has often been said that the Dandenong Train Line is a cultural divider within Greater Dandenong, and this is correct. There are key cultural, geographic and transport corridors that link Dandenong South and Keysborough South and it would be a shame to break these connections.

For the sake of maintaining communities of interest, I suggest that the proposal to remove Dandenong South from Isaacs and add in Lyndhurst, a suburb from a different local government area with no cultural, governmental or geographic connection to the balance of Isaacs, be reversed.

Yours sincerely,

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**Cr Jim Memeti**