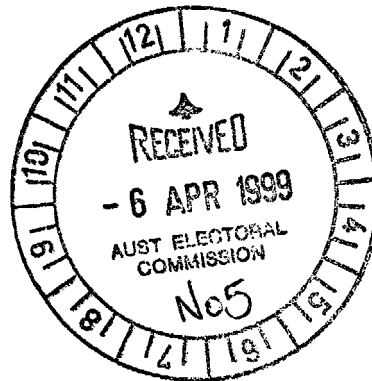


3 April 1999

The Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Commission
1 King William Street
ADELAIDE SA 5000



Dear Committee,

Re: Public submissions of S Pantelios and The Greek Community Tribune

S Pantelios and The Greek Community Tribune have proposed radical change to the boundaries of Sturt and Hindmarsh based on ethnic arguments.

It is unnecessary for the Committee to consider these two submissions in detail as they are based on a false premise. Dramatically altering electoral boundaries on the grounds of ethnic interests is an acutely flawed and inappropriate argument.

It is difficult to think of a better way to *Balkan-ise* the Australian electorate at large and so produce "the nation of tribes" so much feared by eminent historian Geoffrey Blainey. The implications and consequences would be profound.

As electors we send federal Parliamentarians to Canberra as representatives of all Australians to consider the great questions which face the nation. We select Parliamentarians based on their merits. They are definitely not there in any capacity to represent Greeks, Italians or any other ethnic group.

To accept these two proposals would be to set a dangerous and controversial precedent.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Harry E Green".

Professor Harry E Green

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