



Further Objection Number 192

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Dear Sir/Madam

On behalf of Nillumbik Shire Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the augmented Electoral Commission for the opportunity to make a verbal submission to the public inquiry into the federal electorate boundaries proposed by the Victorian Redistribution Committee.

Nillumbik Shire Mayor, Cr Ken King, travelled to Shepparton on 14 October to address the augmented Electoral Commission on the Council's concerns with the proposal, as they applied to the Shire of Nillumbik. Our concerns echoed those of the State Member for Yan Yean, Danielle Green MP and were based on the proposed splitting of the townships of Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge into multiple divisions.

We were very pleased to see the outcomes of the augmented Electoral Commissions deliberations when they were published on the AEC website on 21 October, in particular:

- Diamond Creek, Wattle Glen, Hurstbridge, Yarrambat, Plenty and the Nillumbik part of Greensborough all remaining within Scullin
- Eltham, Eltham North, Kangaroo Ground, Research and North Warrandyte within the proposed division of Jagajaga
- The proposed McEwen boundary being moved south to incorporate Panton Hill, Christmas Hills, Bend of Islands and Watsons Creek, along with Smiths Gully, St Andrews, Cottles Bridge, Nutfield and Doreen.

Council is very pleased that its advocacy for changes to the boundaries proposed by the Victorian Redistribution Committee has resulted in a positive outcome for Nillumbik townships, particularly Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge which will remain within the division of Scullin.

To that end, the Council formally resolved at its Ordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 26 October to accept the changes proposed by the augmented Electoral Commission and to thank the AEC for the opportunity to take part in the consultation process.

Kind regards

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