



The Federal Redistribution 2010  
Victoria



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**Further Objection Number 199**

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Dear Sir / Madam,

Please find below Council's submission to the review.

Regards

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1 November 2010

Australian Electoral Commission  
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Dear Sir,

**Re: The Augmented Electoral Commission**

I wish to advise that Murrindindi Shire Council at its Ordinary Meeting held on 27 October 2010 resolved to make a submission to the augmented Electoral Commission, particularly in relation to the proposal that the Shire of Murrindindi be included within the Division of Indi.

The grounds for this strong objection are as follows ;

- The proposed Indi electorate covers a large geographic area that will present logistical difficulties for the elected member to adequately consult with their constituents. This is evident with Murrindindi, with a small population base located at the southern border of the proposed electorate.
- It will have a significant impact on Member for Indi's ability to adequately consult with constituents in the Murrindindi Shire Local Government Boundaries.
- The north-south redistribution does not take into account the significant relationships developed by Murrindindi Shire with local government and state regional development administration to the South and West of the shire. In this regard the available communications links, transport corridors and community support infrastructure such as hospitals and schools direct community focus to the South and West.
- The new Division will lead to a fragmentation of common interests with the Shire of Murrindindi a key stakeholder in tourism and economic strategies association with shires on the Goulburn River. The proposed Indi electorate will have a significant focus on the Murray River which is effectively the electorate's northern border.
- There is little professional or social interaction between northern Victorian communities and those in the Shire of Murrindindi and this has not been considered in the proposed redistribution.



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- By retaining the Shire of Murrindindi in the Division of McEwen we will share common interests with our close council neighbours in Whittlesea and Nillumbik.
- For reasons outlined above Murrindindi Shire Council is justifiably concerned with the proposed redistribution of Victorian electoral boundaries and urge the committee to reconsider a redistribution that would see Murrindindi Shire Council redistributed to the Federal Division of Indi.
- Council wishes to also express disappointment at the lack of public information and consultation associated with the latest redistribution proposal.

Should the Electoral Commission have any further questions regarding this matter, I would be pleased to provide it with further information.

Yours sincerely,

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