



Objection 107

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Objection to the proposed 2024 new boundaries for the federal electoral division of Kooyong

I understand and accept that with the abolition of the Higgins, Kooyong will have to take in adjacent suburbs to meet various numerical requirements prescribed by law. However, the new boundary to the south, which takes in Toorak, Armadale, Malvern and some of Prahran (together **Higgins 1**) make very little sense to me as a 20 year plus resident (Kew) and voter in Kooyong for the following reasons-

- The AEC criteria (*para 100, 103*) that boundaries be readily recognisable (thus, avoid splitting local government areas (LGAs) where possible, and which are to be guided by roads, waterways etc) appears to have been ignored. In effect, Kooyong now crosses the Yarra and Gardiners Creek as well as the Monash Freeway whilst large parts of Boroondara, the LGA to which Kooyong previously mapped to is now broken up.
- The public transport lines (trams 48,109, Belgrave, Lilydale & Alamein trains) and roads which connect the communities of Kooyong (and Boroondara) to their main shopping centres (Kew Junction, Camberwell Junction, Glenferrie Rd,) have also been ignored. On the contrary the connections between Kooyong and Higgins 1 are much fewer (trams 16,72). All of which make communal interests based on geography more difficult to engender.
- Equally, the connections between Higgins 1 suburbs and adjacent suburbs in Macnamara around shopping areas in Prahran, Armadale High St and Toorak Village must be much stronger than with the old Kooyong.
- It would seem far more sensible to expand Kooyong's south-eastern boundaries to the suburbs of Glen Iris, Surrey Hills (retain) and Camberwell (retain) following the natural boundaries of Gardiner's Creek and the Monash Freeway. It may well be that more northern suburbs in Kooyong like Balwyn North have to be reallocated but there would be less disruptions to the communities that have been formed by our natural and transport boundaries.

I invite the committee to visit our communities to see how we move around and gather together.

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