



Objection 442

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I wish to object to the proposed redistribution boundaries involving the federal seats of Deakin and Aston.

My objection surrounds the splitting of the suburb of Heathmont between 2 electorates, Aston and Deakin. Using Canterbury Road as a divider, does just that – it divides the electorate. It is conceivable that elected representatives for both electorates could be of differing political persuasions, thus making what is possible for some Heathmont residents is not possible for others. This division divides the shopping centre and splits federal responsibilities for both electorates between two electorates. This would make dealing with issues in a consistent way impossible.

It is disturbing that a current federal member is pushing for residents and organisations to not challenge the proposed changes.

I would strongly recommend that the dividing line between the two electorates remain at its natural point, Dandenong Creek with other adjustments made to achieve an equivalence in electorate population. There are areas where this could be achieved without splitting existing suburbs.

Thank you for considering this objection

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