



# Objection 470

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to object to the proposed boundary changes to the Division of Wills on the following grounds:

Firstly, the proposed boundary changes ignore the community of interests that have been established in Wills over a number of years and generations, and by failing to consider the effect these proposed boundary changes will have on these communities of interest ignores the guidelines the AEC have published relating to redistribution.

Wills is unique across Victoria as being home to various diaspora communities and establish cultural groups who make Wills a vibrant hub of cultural exchange. The Greek community has been a centrepiece of the Wills community in places such as Coburg and Brunswick across many generations. The removal of Brunswick West and Pascoe Vale South are the very opposite of promoting and preserving communities of interest – in this case the Greek community – who have been established for many generations, building successful lives in Australia and contributing to the social fabric of the Wills community.

Secondly, the suburbs of Oak Park, Glenroy, Pascoe Vale South and Brunswick West which are proposed to be removed from the Division of Wills have a long-established connection with the broader Wills community though the receipt of services from the Merri-bek local government area. The council can provide culturally sensitive services as well as the more general services, and splitting up communities who may rely on culturally sensitive and curated services has the effect of dismantling the community-of-interest that has been established through residents being a member of the Merri-bek LGA.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objections.