



Comment on objections 9




Asian Business
Association of
Whitehorse

1 page

ABN: 95 094 654 643
Reg. Cert. No A0042580S
Mobile: [REDACTED]
Wechat: ABAWboxhill



ASIAN BUSINESS
ASSOCIATION OF WHITEHORSE INC

contact@abaw.com.au 
Suite18, Town Hall Business Hub,
27 Bank Street, Boxhill VIC,3128 
www.abaw.com.au 

Friday 22 April 2021

To whom it may concern

Victorian federal redistribution

The Asian Business Association of Whitehorse (ABAW) writes to provide comments on objections raised regarding the proposed redistribution of federal electorate boundaries in Victoria.

As outlined in our previous submission (CS29), the ABAW represents businesses throughout the Whitehorse electorate and in particular, Box Hill, Burwood, Blackburn, Vermont and Mitcham.

Firstly, we would like to state that we support the Redistribution Committees draft boundaries and understand the numerical requirements of the redistribution that have led to the boundaries as proposed.

Secondly, we would like to reiterate the view provided in our initial submission (CS29), that once we accept that the areas of Box Hill, Box Hill North, Blackburn and Blackburn North cannot remain wholly within the electorate of Chisolm, it is clear these areas orient most strongly towards Doncaster and Doncaster East in the Menzies electorate.

This is due to major road connections, central shopping centres, health and education services, community groups and public facilities.

The solution provided by the Redistribution Committee is, in our judgement, worth supporting because the alternative proposals are all significantly inferior on a community of interest basis.

This includes our support for the Redistribution Committee's the choice of Whitehorse Rd as the boundary between the Menzies and Chisolm electorates.

In this respect, we also wish to reiterate our strong opposition to the objections to the draft boundaries contained in Objection 63 and Objection 60.

Both of these objections simply revisit their earlier arguments in favour of including Box Hill and Blackburn in an electorate that would stretch all the way to Kilyth (at the foot of the Dandenong's). Such a configuration would result in our local area falling in a dislocated federal electorate which drastically fails on communities of interest grounds.

In conclusion, we support the Redistribution Committees draft boundaries and appreciate that the numerical requirements of the redistribution do not offer any perfect solutions.

Kind regards

Tom Zheng
President
Asian Business Association of Whitehorse Inc.