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Dear members of the Electoral Commission,

As a constituent of the area of Casey I have read various articles on the alterations to the Casey possible merger, this has me very concerned,

From the age of nine I went to Montrose Primary school, then on to Lilydale High school, leaving only to join the Royal Australian Airforce then marry and finally returned to Montrose with my two children.

I then purchased a property In lilydale and sent my children to Lilydale Primary, Lilydale High school and Lilydale Technical college.

My Children now adults work in Lilydale and my daughter resides in her own home with her husband in Mt. Evelyn.

My mother resides with me as does my son in Lilydale.

I have seen many changes over my 60 years of living in the Yarra Ranges and Casey electorate.

We are a community of many family businesses, tourist industries connecting Lilydale and Chirnside park to Warburton and the entire Yarra Valley too many Casey communities to write here, you can, by your own maps see how we are very much connected to the bush, urban, farming, diverse cultures and we, I feel, embrace what it means to be a solid community.

The area of Casey with its interactive road links, public transport, Hospitals, Health Centres, Medical centres, public facilities all need to be protected and nurtured.

Over the years I have seen so many careless decisions ruin a community.

I have spoken to many new Australians, new neighbours, tourists and backpackers all who love this area, its warmth and its caring of others. Many of my online overseas acquaintances envy my being able to live in such an area.

A young French backpacker once said to me Careless progress leads to extreme foolishness.

Please do not allow this decision to be either foolish or careless.

Please do not change our way of life and the boundaries of Casey.

Thank you for your attention,

Maree Chandler

