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Parkville Association

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Dear Australian Electoral Commission,

The Parkville Association strongly rejects and opposes the Victorian Labor Party's submission to divide our beautiful and historic suburb of Parkville between the Divisions of Maribyrnong & Melbourne.


This proposal frankly does not make any sense. Our Parkville community is one community, and must remain as so with one federal representative. Many members of our association live in the West Parkville area that Labor proposes to remove from the Division of Melbourne, and together we feel that this suggestion demonstrates a complete lack of understanding of our neighbourhood, and the people who reside in it. In fact West Parkville was where the historic coach stop was during the gold-rush days and was the first area of development en route to Ballarat!

Further to this, we have strong ties with neighbouring North Melbourne. I sit on various committees at the Town Hall together with the North West Melbourne Association and our suburbs are linked with mutual traffic issues and of course our Heritage. Only separated by Flemington Road, North Melbourne is considered by many to be our local shopping area!

An important example of this is the academic nature of our suburb and residents. Melbourne University is in Parkville, so our suburb is home to many students and academics as are our neighbouring suburbs of North Melbourne, the CBD, Carlton, Fitzroy..

Having spent over 35 years working in the Tullamarine area I know the demographics and culture of the division of Maribyrnong very well! I do have a sense of what is unique and defining about the Division of Maribyrnong. To me, there are limited similarities between Maribyrnong and our own suburb of Parkville, North Melbourne can also be included in these comments.

Our community organisation, The Parkville Association, aims to bring together and support the interests of all who live within postcode 3052. Our Association was born out of the threat to the heritage of our area in 1967. This redistribution presents another such threat to Parkville. The history and the fabric of our neighbourhood needs to be respected, and the alignment of values of our community recognised. We feel strongly about the entirety of our suburb & our neighbours in North Melbourne continuing to be represented under one Melbourne Division. I urge the Redistribution Committee to consider our appeal, and to disregard this proposal by Victorian Labor.


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