



Objection 305

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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I'm writing to object to the proposed changes to the boundaries of the Federal Electoral Division of Wills as per the redistribution report released on 31 May 2024.

I'm particularly against the idea of removing parts of Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West, and Glenroy from our electorate. These changes seem unnecessary and would negatively impact our community's cohesion and representation.

Here are the main reasons these suburbs should stay in Wills:

1. These areas have an important and historical connection to the Merri-bek Council. Residents depend on Merri-bek's services and splitting them into different electorates would harm the strong representation they currently have. Imagine the confusion of having two MPs for one suburb within the same Local Government Area—it's unfair to the people.
2. The current border along Park Street and Lygon Street is more than just a line on a map; it's a natural and recognisable divide that has effectively separated Wills and Melbourne for years. Messing with this established boundary will only cause confusion and disruption.
3. The communities within Wills and Melbourne are incredibly valuable. Australia takes pride in its multicultural harmony, and Wills is a great example of this. Splitting these vibrant, diverse ethnic groups into different electorates risks breaking the strong community bonds that have developed over time. These communities deserve to stay united in Wills where their unique interests and voices can be properly represented.

The proposed changes don't reflect our community's true interests. They seem to be made without a real understanding of local dynamics and the actual impact on residents. Our community's integrity and effective representation are at stake.

I urge you to reconsider and reject these changes.

Thank you for your consideration.