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To The Australian Electoral Commission

Re: Proposal to redraw the electoral boundaries between Deakin and Aston

I wish to object to the proposal to divide the village of Heathmont, currently falling in the electorate of Deakin, into two different electorates according to different sides of Canterbury Road, a division which would run right through the heart of the village. Having our suburb represented by two candidates rather than one would be a sort of madness – (a proposal made by some computer generated program perhaps, rather than a human being). So many local issues span Heathmont as a whole, how impractical it would be to have two different parliamentarians responding to community concerns. Imagine if they were from two different political parties. It would be akin to dividing a family.

- I am thinking of commercial decisions affecting businesses on different sides of Canterbury road
- I am thinking of issues regarding greening and parkland and sustainable development
- I am thinking of the interests of local community groups
- I am thinking of transport

And of course there are many more issues that local people may wish to raise with an elected parliamentary representative.

Please reconsider this proposal and keep the entirety of Heathmont in the Deakin electorate.

Yours sincerely

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