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To Who it May Concern

I am writing regarding the proposed redistribution of voters in the federal seat of Deakin especially with regard to the proposed boundary between Deakin and Aston.

Deakin should represent the entirety of Heathmont, as under the current proposal, Aston will include all of the City of Knox Council plus half of Heathmont. We believe that Heathmont has more in common with its neighbours in Ringwood, than with those in Rowville or Scoresby.

The AEC's proposal will make it difficult for organisations such as the Heathmont History Group to effectively advocate with the federal members as you will have to develop a relationship with two separate MPs, rather than just the one.

Further, by having the border be Canterbury Road, this splits the main shopping strip of Heathmont down the middle, with one side being in Deakin, and the other in Aston. Thus, our suggestion is that the border be returned to Dandenong Creek, so that all of Heathmont returns to Deakin.

I also believe that the proposed split will also make it difficult for the Maroondah Council to work effectively in dealing with the elected MHR as they will need to deal with two Members.

Regards

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