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I write to outline concerns about suggested changes to the State seat of Girrawheen.

Landsdale is the most northern and most eastern part of Girrawheen. The Association represents the rapidly growing suburb of Landsdale where development over the last decade has proceeded more rapidly than community infrastructure.

The effect of this is that sustained and persistent advocacy at all tiers of government is required to ensure that basic community needs can be met. Things such as more public open space, schools, traffic calming, community meeting places and even footpaths are required.

There is much which needs doing. For that reason we consider that attaching Wangara to the seat is an issue.

First Landsdale residents do not identify with Wangara, not least of which is because it is separated by the physical barrier of Gnanagara Road. A major east/west artery.

Also Wangara has large industrial / business component so servicing the area is very different than the residential needs in the rest of the seat.

It is worth noting that prior to the 2011 redistribution there had been 3 different local members over the preceding three elections with the name of the electorate also changing. This creates confusion amongst residents and no continuity of service. As mentioned above Landsdale residents deserve a continuity of service and a member of parliament who can have a detailed understanding of our needs over a number of years.

Of most significance is that there are a number of housing developments in the Landsdale area which in the next two years will mean increased population growth. On existing figures the seat is more than 6% over the average district enrolment (ADE) and is likely to increase prior to the next election. In that context there is no need to make changes to the existing seat at this stage but at the next redistribution if the ADE is approaching of over 10%, consideration may need to be given to shedding areas in the southern suburb of Girrawheen or even Marangaroo.

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Finally if a change of name for the seat is a possibility. We would suggest **Hepburn** after Hepburn Avenue which is a large road which intersects the existing seat. This would be appropriate whether or not Wangara is incorporated. Calling the seat Wangara would alienate large sections of the community.

In short we consider that:-

- Landsdale has little in common with Wangara;
- Gngangara Road acts as an impermeable physical barrier between Wangara and Landsdale and the rest of the existing seat;
- That projected population growth through development in Landsdale may well mean at the next 2023 redistribution the ADE exceeds 10% but this is not currently an issue; and
- From a representation perspective, residents of Landsdale have suffered from frequently changes in the past and continuity is desirable.



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