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## REVIEW REQUEST: SORRENTO/HILLARYS ELECTORATE BOUNDARY REDISTRIBUTION 2019

Dear Executive Officer,

As a resident of the suburb of Sorrento, I would like to identify my concern with the removal of Sorrento from the Hillarys Electorate in the proposed Electorate Boundary redistribution for 2019.

The suburbs of Sorrento and Hillarys are fundamentally intertwined, and should therefore be kept together within the same state electorate, for the reasons outlined below:

1. Hillarys has primarily been the 'coastal' electorate, and this should persist with similarly-aligned coastal suburbs (rather than including non-coastal suburbs). The Commission had the wisdom and foresight to initially include Sorrento in the State Electorate of Hillarys due to their intertwined nature, with its shared amenity of the Sorrento Quay / Hillarys Marina, intrinsic value and that unique relationship each has to the other.
2. The boundaries of Hillarys and Sorrento are tied together through the Sorrento Quay / Hillarys Marina area, which straddles both suburbs, and is of course both a local community activity hub and a State tourist destination. In fact, the marina is primarily located in Sorrento, with the Hepburn Avenue dividing between Hillarys and Sorrento; such that changing the border of the electorate to be the southern marina wall would appear to be nonsensical. From a governance perspective, the proposed division will detrimentally affect the governance of this area as it will split adjacent amenities and assets across two different state seats. For example, hundreds of people from across the northern suburbs park at the marina area to use the adjacent Sorrento Safe Beach Enclosure; but under the current proposal the Safe Beach Enclosure would fall into a different electorate than the marina; both are adjacent State-funded community assets, and accordingly, should be managed within a single electorate boundary.
3. As a Member of the Sorrento Surf Life Saving Club, it may further be worthwhile identifying to you that Sorrento Beach is the closest patrolled beach to the Hillarys suburb (and therefore used by hundreds of Hillarys residents each week), and the Surf Club patrols extend both into the marina and northwards of the marina into the Hillarys suburb area. Again, this demonstrates how the communities of Sorrento and Hillarys (through the Surf Club) are inherently tied together.
4. Sorrento residents primarily use similar amenities to that of the Suburb of Hillarys, such as Whitfords Shopping Centre, Hillarys Shopping Centre, as well as the Hillarys Marina. Note that the Sorrento suburb does not have its own Shopping Centre; thus the 1000's of residents in Sorrento rely on the commercial facilities located within Hillarys.
5. It may be considered poor governance to annexe Sorrento from the state seat of Hillarys simply for the 'convenience' of creating neat new boundaries. The risk of this approach is creating an increased level of bureaucracy (i.e. x2 elected members) for the management of inherently linked key State-owned assets used by both Sorrento and Hillarys. Such a split would not serve to benefit either community, and any future division of elected members (e.g. one elected member in Government, the other in an opposing party) could quite reasonably result in division in governance, decision making and funding.
6. In keeping Sorrento within the Hillarys Electorate, a more appropriate solution may be to remove the suburb of Beldon, which would enable population balance in the electorate as well as maintaining the Hillarys Electorate as a 'coastal' electorate. May I suggest that outcome would

make more sense than being expatriated to the Carine Electorate (noting the suburb of Carine is non-coastal).

On behalf of the Sorrento residents, I respectfully request a reconsideration of the proposed electoral boundaries to keep Sorrento in its rightful electorate of Hillarys.

For the people.

kindest regards

Stuart Hawkins