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Dear Sir/Madam

**Proposed changes to seats of Girrawheen**

I been made aware of changes proposed for the seat of Girrawheen.

I have worked as a lawyer in the Girrawheen area for 6 years.

My concern about the proposals is the failure to take into account people served by the local members above and beyond the numbers of registered voters. Both in the seats of Girrawheen and Mirrabooka there are a large number of migrants and refugees who require assistance. I have also have many clients in that category. This increases the workload for the local member.

I am also aware that with changed zoning laws is leading to infill and I already see new medium density housing being completed in Girrawheen.

Knowing the community well, I am surprised at the inclusion of the suburbs of Pearsall and Hocking in the new seat of Kingsway. There is a large section of light industrial, warehouses, car yards, etc. right in the middle. This means there are very few shared facilities or interaction between these suburbs and those closer to Girrawheen and Landsdale.

These considerations lead me to think that -

1. there is an underestimate of growth in Girrawheen;
2. there is a need to understand local members have to service many non-voters in the electorate and this is reflected in their increased workloads;
3. the insertion of two unrelated suburbs in the Kingsway seat , a distance away, is not ideal for community cohesion when there is little in common within the proposed suburbs.

Kind regards,



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