

Counter-Objection to Objection N10007

Statement 1 from N10007

“McLaren Park residents share stronger educational, social and transport ties with Glendene and wider Waitākere than with Rānui.”

Counter objection to Statement 1

- Two bus routes serve McLaren Park; 145 and 154.
- The 145 travels on Henderson Valley Rd and Forest Hill Rd and provides a short, direct ride to the Henderson Shopping Centre.
- The 154 travels on Bruce McLaren Rd and Railside Ave and gives residents in this part of McLaren Park a short, direct ride to the Henderson Shopping Centre.
- For car travellers, Henderson Valley Rd, Forest Hill Rd, Bruce McLaren Rd and Railside Ave provide easy access to the Henderson Shopping Centre.
- It is more difficult for McLaren Park residents to get to Glendene than it is to get to Henderson.
- McLaren Park residents do not need to share ties with Rānui; they share close ties with Henderson, of which the major part is in the proposed Rānui electorate.

Statement 2 from N10007

“Schooling connections (Bruce McLaren Intermediate) direct naturally towards the east.”

Counter objection to Statement 2

- There is no evidence in Objection N10007 to support this statement.
- Henderson South School on Garelja Rd, towards the west, is a major contributing school to Bruce McLaren Intermediate and many pupils upon leaving Bruce McLaren Intermediate would progress to Henderson High School, towards the west.
- The three schools in the south-eastern corner of the proposed Rānui electorate (Henderson South School, Bruce McLaren Intermediate and Henderson High School) form a natural educational community of interest for all the years of compulsory education and therefore it would be sensible for them to be in the same electorate.
- Many parents in McLaren Park currently have children at more than one of these schools.
- Many long-term residents of McLaren Park have had their children educated at these three schools.

Statement 3 from N10007

“Shopping, community activities, and services for McLaren Park are more aligned with Glendene.”

Counter objection to Statement 3

- Few residents of McLaren Park shop in Glendene.
- The Glendene shopping area is small compared to the Henderson Shopping Centre.
- The Henderson Shopping Centre is much closer to McLaren Park than the Glendene shops.

- Bus and car transport to the Henderson Shopping Centre is simpler for McLaren Park residents than transport to the Glendene shops.
- McLaren Park residents would need to travel through Henderson to get to Glendene so the above arguments hold for community activities and services.

Statement 4 from N10007

“This historical argument was upheld with the prior boundary changes with Kelston and Te Atatū electorates.”

Counter objection to Statement 4

- There have been major changes and improvements in public transport for McLaren Park residents since the prior boundary changes.
- With the 145 and 154 routes linking directly with Henderson, McLaren Park now has much stronger links to Henderson than it does to Glendene or Sunnyvale.

Statement 5 from N10007

“The proposed extension of Rānui into McLaren Park contradicts the broader north-westward adjustments in Auckland.”

Counter objection to Statement 5

- This a technical argument and the community of interest comments made earlier in this submission is a more compelling argument.

Statement 6 from N10007

“Moving McLaren Park to Glendene creates a more logical, consistent boundary.”

Counter objection to Statement 6

- The community on the western side of Henderson Valley Rd and bounded on the west by Opanuku Stream (that is, Border Rd, Garelja Rd, Keeling Rd and Smythe Rd and their side-streets) has more in common with the McLaren Park community than the closest parts of the proposed Glendene electorate (that is, Glendene or Sunnyvale).
- These two communities (McLaren Park and the one described in the preceding bullet point) are contiguous whereas McLaren Park is separated from the suburbs of Glendene and Sunnyvale by the Oratia Stream, its river bank and some significant esplanade areas.
- The middle of Henderson Valley Rd forms part of the boundary between the existing Te Atatū and Kelston electorates and, in my opinion, divides the community I live in rather than unifies it.
- Using the more significant topographical feature of Oratia Stream as part of an electorate boundary would have a cohesive effect on this community.

Solution

- Retain McLaren Park in the proposed Rānui electorate.
- This is consistent with the statement in the NZ Electorate Boundary Review that the proposed Rānui electorate is based around the communities of Henderson, Rānui, Massey and Massey East.