



Thank you for taking the time to participate in this Kitchen Table Conversation - we are excited to hear what is important to you. All information you give is anonymous.

A summary of all community responses will be compiled into a report and used to ensure our political candidates understand our views. Together, we are powerful.

During this conversation we will:

- Accept that everyone is entitled to have their say
- Actively listen to one another
- Respect people's right to their opinion, even if we disagree
- Always try to be constructive
- Respond to the question being asked

Today's discussion points:

Living in the Mornington Peninsula community:

1. What are the best things about living on the Mornington Peninsula?
2. What don't you like?

Political representation:

3. What makes a really good political representative?
4. Do you feel you have a say in the way you are represented? If so, how?
5. What ideas do you have for making a stronger relationship between people and elected representatives?

Issues and concerns:

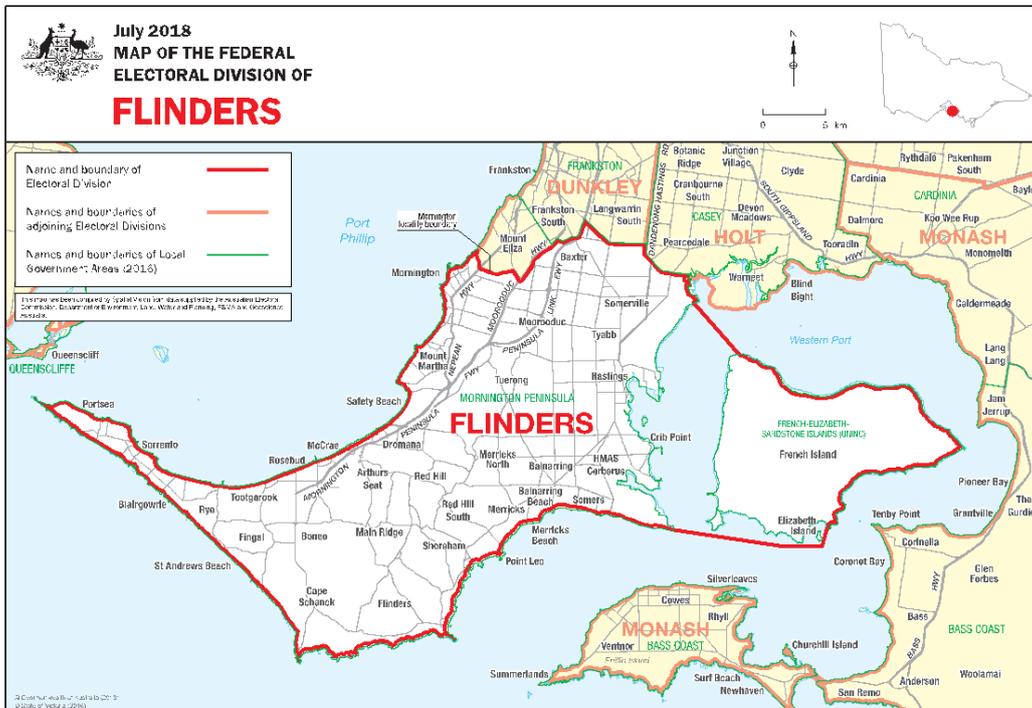
6. What particular issues within the Flinders electorate should be the focus of the next Federal election campaign?
7. What issues beyond the Flinders electorate should be the focus of the next Federal election campaign?
8. How can these issues be addressed effectively?

About Voices for Mornington Peninsula

Voices of Mornington Peninsula (VMP) believes in the strength of community to effect positive change within our political system. Our aim is to represent your voice at all levels of government and to ensure that our elected candidates respond to the wishes of the electorate, rather than following a political party line.

We achieve this by inviting the community to come together to discuss issues affecting both themselves and the wider community. The information we receive is collated and will provide an overview of collective values and visions for the future.

The VMP community will then select and support an independent candidate to run in the seat of Flinders at the upcoming federal election. With your help, VMP seeks to restore and promote a participatory democracy where community voices are represented and elected members act with honesty, integrity, and accountability.



Key responsibilities of federal government:

The Federal or Commonwealth Governments' areas of responsibility are stated in the Australian Constitution and include defence and foreign affairs; trade, commerce, and currency; immigration; postal services, telecommunications and broadcasting; air travel; most social services and pensions.

The Federal Government is also involved, mainly through funding, in many things largely carried out by the States, such as health, education, environmental issues, industrial relations, etc.



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