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Dear Committee,

Redistribution of Victorian electoral boundaries (Division of Goldstein)

Relating to the redistribution of the Victorian electoral boundaries in relation to my electorate, the Division of Goldstein I would like to submit comments and suggestions for your consideration.

I have lived and worked in [REDACTED] since 1985 and am constituent of the federal electorate of Goldstein.

I have come to know the Goldstein community very well especially with my active involvement in several community and grassroots campaign initiatives such as:

- 2023: Campaign Manager for Goldstein for YES coordinating and leading 500+ local volunteers for the Voice Referendum
- 2021-2023: Campaign Manager for Zoe Daniel's federal election campaign for the seat of Goldstein coordinating and leading 1,400 local volunteers
- 2021: one of the founding organisers and leaders for Voices of Goldstein, a volunteer community group dedicated to doing democracy and community better in the electorate of Goldstein through consultation, awareness raising and community action

My direct experience on the ground engaging with thousands of members of the Goldstein community has given me a deep insight into how people feel and think and what they want and are looking for in their local communities with Goldstein.

Which is why I endorse the map and reasons put forward by Zoe Daniel (submission S34) in terms of the redistribution of electoral boundaries for Goldstein:

- Highett: the additional ground in Highett between the train lines and the Nepean Hwy should be included in Goldstein to create a more unified community and avoid any confusion about what electorate they reside in
- Elwood: during the Voice referendum and outside of that campaign, volunteers and myself have had many positive interactions with the southern tip of Elwood and that too seems like a natural fit with Goldstein; the easiest boundary change would be along Glen Huntly Road, where an extension to the west to encompass the southern end of Elwood would unify a community of interest and unite it with the rest of Bayside. It would guarantee that Glen Huntly Road remains a hard border between the Division of Goldstein and the Division of Macnamara

Thank you for reviewing my comments and suggestions.

Kind regards,

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