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To whom it may concern,

As a resident of St Kilda and a member of a long-standing member of the Melbourne Jewish community, I am writing to you today to rebut the comments made to you regarding the detrimental effect moving the border of the Macnamara boundary would have on the Jewish community.

As a homeowner and resident of the St Kilda since 2004, I have seen widespread changes in the diversity of the area and a large shift in the Jewish community away from this area. As a community, there has been a large movement of the community out of this area and both towards both Bentleigh and Carnegie areas. There are still Jewish businesses in the St Kilda area but as we can see by the change in demographics there is no longer the large residential community as reflected in the letters of other members of the community.

I believe that this proposed boundary change will be a fair reflection of the socioeconomically shift as the Jewish community within Caulfield, North Caulfield, and Elsternwick share far more in common with their co-religionists in Toorak and Malvern than they do with non-Jewish residents in suburbs such as St Kilda, Windsor, or Elwood.

I strongly support the proposed boundary changes,

Regards

Robbie

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