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Mitcham Football Club

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing in relation to the proposed redistribution of federal electorate boundaries.

The Mitcham Football Club is a large community football club located at Walker Park in Mitcham. We field Senior male and female sides, Reserves and two Under 19's, as well as junior boys and girls teams in the Eastern Football Netball League.

Our club success over many years has been built on the efforts of our members, supporters and volunteers who are primarily locals from Mitcham, Donvale and the Nunawading areas.

Our successful club redevelopment and other improvements to Walker Park have partly flowed from our strong relationships with local and federal government representatives. Having good working relationships with these stakeholders is a crucial part of my role as president.

As such, I am writing to lend my voice in support of the Redistribution Committee's boundary proposal, including to again unite Mitcham into the Deakin area. Being based on the northern side of Whitehorse Rd, our club has genuinely been right on the border of two electorates.

The proposed boundaries will be good for our community. It will mean virtually all of our members will live in the same electorate as the Club. For this reason, we also support the inclusion of Donvale into the same electorate as our Club. Donvale blends into the northern parts of Mitcham and many of our supporters, volunteers and members are also Donvale residents. I think this was a very wise decision from the Redistribution Committee.

It also makes sense to include the remaining parts of Nunawading in Deakin, where we also have a community presence.

I thank the Redistribution Committee for the draft boundaries for Deakin and oppose any attempts to change the proposal you have put forward.

Yours sincerely



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