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Dear Committee,

I am writing as a resident of Prahran East and having grown up in Caulfield I believe I have a strong understanding of the community and the surrounding suburbs.

When I lived in Caulfield I regularly traveled to St Kilda on the tram and spent my time around St Kilda. For example I did my shopping in Elsternwick. Nowadays, as a resident in Prahran East, I convene more often in Malvern and Armadale.

I strongly agree with the proposal to place Prahran East in the electorate of Kooyong. There are some submissions which suggest we have more in common with Macnamara. I could not disagree more. In my experience, Prahran East certainly has more in common with the suburbs in the proposed division of Kooyong than it does the proposed division of Macnamara. To get to Port Melbourne via public transport I need to travel north of St Kilda Road and back south towards Port Melbourne. On the other hand, I can travel easily to Malvern Central via the number 5 tram. There are realistically no transport options for me to get to Albert Park or Middle Park.

I absolutely reject the objections made by the Liberal Party that Malvern Road and Orrong Road are the boundaries of my community. There are no defining features on either side of these roads. In fact I find myself crossing them for general errands and social purposes most days. There is no difference between the community of Prahran east and the community of Armadale, there are similar mid-rise apartments and town-houses. Additionally, Armadale Station is my local train station.

On the other hand, the suggestion that we have more in common with Chapel Street and South Yarra is absolutely false. The only reason I go to Chapel Street is if I'm planning to visit a particular restaurant or bar - I believe I would travel to this area for these reasons regardless of where I lived, which is why I believe this area is well placed in the electorate of Melbourne. It is incredibly inconvenient to do my shopping or regular errands on Chapel St.

This is my personal experience but I believe my neighbours share these sentiments.

As a member of the Jewish community, I strongly disagree with the suggestions by both the Liberal Party and the Greens that the area of Prahran East should be united with Macnamara because of the Jewish community. As a previous resident of Caulfield, I agree with the sentiments that the community south of Dandenong Road is united. However, I do not believe it is a legitimate argument to suggest that Prahran East is comparable to Caulfield in terms of the Jewish community. There are more Jewish residents in Malvern and Armadale, including various synagogues. For the reasons listed above, I believe we have more in common with these communities regardless.

In conclusion, I see no value at all in placing South Yarra & Prahran in with suburbs on the other side of St Kilda Road, of which there is little association and connection. Similarly, I oppose the

submissions which lump Prahran East in with South Yarra. The communities around Chapel St have much in common with other communities in the division of Melbourne, whereas in Prahran East we share much more with the communities in Kooyong.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Kind Regards.