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Manningham City Council

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**VIA EMAIL: [FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au](mailto:FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au)**

Dear Victorian Redistribution Committee,

### **2023-24 Victorian Federal Redistribution**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Victorian federal redistribution.

We understand a review of the electoral divisions for Victoria by the Electoral Commissioner resulted in a determination that reduced the number of members of the House of Representatives from 39 to 38 seats. You are now seeking feedback on which electoral division should be abolished to address the reduction in seats.

Manningham does not have a firm view on which electoral division should be abolished, however, we are advocating for the seat of Menzies to be retained with modest changes to the boundary.

Manningham Council are aware that electoral divisions are required to fall within two numerical ranges:

- the number of electors enrolled in each federal electoral division as at Wednesday 9 August 2023 must be between minus 10 per cent and plus 10 per cent of the redistribution quota;
- as far as practicable, the projected number of electors enrolled in each federal electoral division in Victoria at the projection time would be between minus 3.5 per cent and plus 3.5 per cent of the projected enrolment quota.

We acknowledge that in order to be retained substantially unchanged, minor amendments to the boundary will need to occur to address future projections that show Menzies is close to being 3.5% under the projected enrolment quota.

Manningham Council currently sits wholly within the seat of Menzies and has been well represented since the introduction of the seat at the 1984 Federal election. Manningham and its neighbours Nillumbik and Whitehorse who also sit within the seat of Menzies, represent a balance of city and country that is unique to this part of Melbourne.



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## MANNINGHAM

It is the view of Manningham Council that the containment of the Manningham municipal area within one federal electorate has served the community well by eliminating any confusion by Manningham residents on which Federal Electorate they belong to and consequently who their Federal Member of parliament is when it comes to advocating or seeking assistance from this area of government.

In our experience seeking support from one Federal Member rather than two potentially competing Federal Members provides a more direct link to either the government or opposition on matters related to the advancement of the municipality. We also believe the distinct sense of identity that flows from a consistent local government boundary and electorate boundary is beneficial to developing a strong sense of community.

While the consultation period unfortunately did not permit the preparation of a formal report to the Council in order to seek formal endorsement, the above sentiments were informally shared with the Manningham Councillors, who have informally advised Council officers that they share the view of the submission.

Yours sincerely,



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**Chief Legal & Governance Officer**

