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Redistribution Committee
Australian Electoral Commission
Victoria Office

Subject: Proposed Changes to the Electoral Division of Bruce

Dear Members of the Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to propose specific adjustments to the electoral boundaries of the Division of Bruce in response to the current redistribution process. These suggestions are based on community interests, demographic coherence, and geographic logic.

1. Expansion of Bruce to the West: I suggest shifting the western boundary of Bruce to include more of the Greater Dandenong area. This change would better align the division with the community's interests and needs, fostering more effective representation.
2. Inclusion of Dandenong South Primary School into Bruce: It is crucial to include Dandenong South Primary School within the boundaries of Bruce. This school is a significant community hub and aligns closely with the needs and interests of the Bruce electorate.
3. Relocation of Mulgrave Primary School from Bruce: Currently, Mulgrave Primary School is the singular Monash LGA booth in Bruce. I propose moving it out of Bruce for a more coherent division boundary that respects local government area alignments.
4. Shifting Narre Warren North into LaTrobe: Due to the demographic similarities between Narre Warren North, Berwick, and Harkaway, it would be more appropriate for Narre Warren North to be part of the Division of LaTrobe. This change would ensure a more homogenous representation of community interests within each division.
5. Retention of the Division of Chisholm: In the event that an electorate needs to be removed in the south-east due to population changes, I strongly advocate for the retention of Chisholm. This division has a significant and cohesive middle-eastern community that spans from Box Hill to Glen Waverley, making it an essential representation of our diverse society.

These proposed changes are aimed at ensuring that the electoral divisions accurately reflect the communities they represent, both in terms of demographic characteristics and community interests. I trust that the Redistribution Committee will consider these suggestions with the seriousness they deserve, ensuring fair and effective representation for the people of Victoria.

Thank you for your consideration of these matters. I look forward to seeing the positive impact of a thoughtful redistribution process.

Yours sincerely,

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