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Norwood Sporting Club

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The Norwood Sporting Club seeks to provide our comments on Suggestions received by the Redistribution Committee for Victoria regarding the proposed redistribution of federal electorate boundaries in Victoria.

About Norwood Sporting Club

The Norwood Sporting Club, based at Mullum Reserve in Ringwood North, was formed in 1961 in association with the Norwood Football Club and Norwood Cricket Club. Since that time the Club has undergone major redevelopments and now also includes the Norwood Social Golf Club, the Norwood Football Netball Club, the Norwood Cricket Club, the Norsemen – FC Past Players, The Wooders Coterie Group and the Norwood Angling Club.

Our venue was completely rebuilt in 2016, with local, state and federal government funding, and we share this venue with the Ringwood U3A who use it throughout the school term.

We also have close relationships with Maroondah City Council who manages our facilities.

Club membership

The Norwood Sporting Club includes twenty-five (25) teams with 455 players, and over 300 officials, sponsors, volunteers and supporters.

The primary purpose of our submission is to demonstrate that the members and supporters of the Norwood Sporting Club live in and around Ringwood and Croydon areas. Like most residents, businesses and community groups in our area, the Norwood Sporting Club is mostly centred on Ringwood and Croydon.

An analysis of our membership and supporters, of which we have thorough records, demonstrates that they reside in the following suburbs (in this order):

- i. Ringwood;
- ii. Croydon;
- iii. Ringwood North;
- iv. Croydon North;
- v. Croydon Hills;
- vi. Warranwood;
- vii. Chirnside Park;
- viii. Ringwood East; and
- ix. Mooroolbark.

As a Club we have therefore benefited from having our community largely fall within a single federal electorate of Deakin, which also encompasses the majority of the Maroondah Local Government Area.

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Comments on Suggestions

We oppose Suggestions to the Redistribution Committee which would drastically alter the electoral boundaries in our area, and which would separate Norwood Sporting Club from the vast majority of our players, members, supporters and sponsors.

In this respect, the Suggestions we strongly oppose include S24, S28, S31, S34, S70, S99, S100 and S101 which would effectively split our community in half.

We instead support Suggestions S13, S43, S85, S90 and S97 which appropriately take into account the way in which our community centres around Ringwood and Croydon. The fact that Norwood sporting Club is primarily connected to Ringwood and Croydon, is in our view, consistent with most residents and organisations in our local area.

Consistent with Suggestions S13, S43, S85, S90 and S97 we would also welcome the inclusion of Warranwood in the Deakin electorate, as Warranwood very naturally belongs in the same electorate as Ringwood.

We thank you for considering our comments.

Your sincerely,

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Mark Etherington – Director, Norwood Sporting Club