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Dear Redistribution Committee,

As a long-term resident of Hampton Park, I am writing to support the proposed boundaries of the Federal Electoral Division of Holt, as outlined in the proposed redistribution report released on 31 May 2024.

I have lived in Hampton Park for over 30 years. Hampton Park has been part of this division since 1994 and has been in the same electorate representing the Cranbourne area since 2003.

Cranbourne has been the major centre of our community for as long as I can remember.

Holt currently contains one of the largest Sri Lankan communities in Australia and is home to many Sinhalese organisations. I believe this community has been better represented by an electorate centered on Cranbourne.

My wife is Malayalee and Holt is home to the largest Malayalee community in Victoria. The same sense of community I receive living in this area is the same for her.

Holt runs along the South Gippsland Highway, which I have used every day to get to the shops, the CBD, and, before my retirement, to work.

The AEC has made the best and most logical choice in the current redistribution by keeping Hampton Park within the Division of Holt.

Thank you for considering my feedback.

Warm regards,
Branwell Bastiaensz