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Dear Redistribution Secretariat,

Re: Comments on objections

Thank you for this opportunity to provide additional feedback.

Victorian Labor's objection document (Objection 487) contains much that I agree with, particularly in regard to containing suburbs as communities of interest within the same electoral boundaries as much as is practicably possible within the constraints presented by the legislative requirements.

In relation to Chisholm, in order to preserve existing and long valued communities of interest within the boundaries of the electorate, it would be desirable to not split the suburbs of Chadstone, Glen Waverley and Mount Waverley. The residents in these communities would be best served by ensuring that their connection to one another as neighbours in the same suburb is preserved. In addition, residents attend sporting clubs and schools in their neighbourhoods and suburbs, and it would not be in the spirit of maintaining communities of interest to split them in the way that has been proposed in the draft maps. Additionally, it is desirable to maintain LGA relationships and as an electorate that has strong relationships with Monash and Whitehorse City Councils, preserving as much as is possible within Chisholm makes good sense.

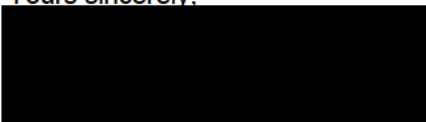
I note too that historically, with the recent exception of the 2019 boundaries, the suburbs of Mount Waverley and Glen Waverley have each largely been maintained within a single electorate rather than split between electorates. I know that Mount Waverley and Glen Waverley have been in different Federal electorates in the past, but should be contained as a whole in whichever electorate they are located in.

Additionally, I note, again with the exception of the 2019 boundaries, that the Monash precinct area, comprising the suburbs of Notting Hill, Mount Waverley, Glen Waverley and parts of Mulgrave and Clayton, and which includes Monash University, has been contained within Chisholm in recent times. This is an important precinct, a hub of research, innovation and manufacturing and one that is significant to Chisholm and thus should be retained within the boundaries of Chisholm.

Finally, in terms of suggestions to consider from the comments to objections, the movement of Chisholm's proposed western boundary from Tooronga Road to Burke Road should be examined, as an idea that has been raised in several submissions.

Again, I thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback.

Yours sincerely,



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