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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to provide a comment on suggestions received by the Victorian redistribution committee that propose to abolish the electorate of Casey. These are submission 32 by Dr Mark Mulcair, submission 42 by David Lumsden, submission 49 by Colin McLaren and submission 57 by the Australian Labor Party – Victorian Branch.

It is my view as the General Manager of a local bus service provider, that the electorate of Casey should remain and that the boundaries remain within the Yarra Ranges and Yarra Valley.

The electorate of Casey is made up of many townships that rely on the bus network to keep connected, among other transport alternatives.

Victoria's public transport provider, PTV, groups bus routes by shire council area. In Casey, the bus routes connecting our community is known as the Yarra Ranges Bus Network.

Bus route 683 connects residents of the Upper Yarra suburbs of Warburton, Yarra Junction, Millgrove, Woori Yallock, Seville and Wandin with the inner suburban suburbs of Lilydale and Chirnside Park. These towns rely on Lilydale and Chirnside as their shopping and lifestyle hubs, with Chirnside Park being the main shopping centre servicing the wider Yarra Valley region. Many residents rely on the bus network to get students from the Upper Yarra to school at Lilydale High School or various other schools, which attract students from right across the Casey electorate.

Private bus companies, like ours also operate in the area. With bus route 685 running daily buses from Healesville to Lilydale via Yarra Glen and Coldstream and connects residents of the more rural Yarra Valley areas to the main service centres in Lilydale and Chirnside Park.

There is a 'Nightbus' service running on weekends connecting Lilydale to towns including Woori Yallock in the Upper Yarra, and Healesville in the opposite direction. The availability of bus routes connecting the various suburbs of Casey is representative of our strong community ties.

Residents may live in one town, but work, play sport, shop and socialise in the various surrounding townships, creating the community feel that makes Casey such a special place to call home.

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It is for these reasons that as a local public transport provider it is my view that the electorate of Casey should continue to remain and its borders based on the Yarra Ranges and Yarra Valley.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Kind regards,



Brad Sanders General Manager