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Melbourne East Netball Association

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Dear Australian Electoral Commission

The Melbourne East Netball Association (MENA) was established in 1952 and has been providing netball competitions in the outer eastern suburbs for over 50 years. Since 1977 we have been based at H.E. Parker Reserve in Heathmont.

We wish to provide some feedback that we hope the Redistribution Committee could take under consideration.

As the largest and premier netball association in our region, all of our competitor clubs (other than Park Orchards Netball Club) are presently based in the Deakin electorate:

- Blackburn Lake Netball Club
- Eastern All Abilities Netball Club
- Heathmont United Netball Club
- Holy Spirit Netball Club (North Ringwood)
- Heathmont Jets Football Netball Club
- Mullum Netball Club (North Ringwood)
- East Ringwood Netball Club
- Nunawading Netball Club
- Our Lady's Netball Club (Ringwood)
- Park Orchards Netball Club
- Ringwood North Netball Club
- Southwood Netball Club (Ringwood)
- St James Netball Club (Vermont)
- Trinity Netball Club (North Ringwood and Mitcham)

First of all, we are very supportive of the Redistribution Committee's inclusion of Park Orchards into the Deakin electorate.

This addition will ensure the Park Orchards Netball Club joins the remainder of MENA clubs in the Deakin electorate. Park Orchards Netball Club is a founding member of our Association, as well as being one of our largest clubs. On a community basis, Park Orchards clearly belongs with Ringwood and other neighbouring suburbs in the Deakin electorate, so we are pleased with this boundary change.

In contrast, we are disappointed to have had our facility in Heathmont moved from the Deakin electorate under the proposed boundaries. Having our premier facility in the same electorate as our competitor clubs has allowed us to effectively advocate to a single federal representative as well as Maroondah City Council.

Accordingly, we would hope that this is reconsidered in future redistributions, to unite the entirety of Maroondah once again into a single federal electorate.

Kind regards

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