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Khalsa Punjabi
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To whom it may concern

Victorian federal redistribution

We are a Punjabi language school, based within the SGNSS (Sikh Temple) at Blackburn, and we are writing to you in relation to the proposed redistribution of boundaries which directly impacts our organisation.

About Khalsa Punjabi School

The Khalsa Punjabi School is a Punjabi language school based at the Sikh Gurdwara Sahib at 127 Whitehorse Rd, Blackburn.

Our Gurdwara Sahib is designed with the purpose of bringing together Sikh families and the greater Sikh religious community.

The Khalsa Punjabi School contributes to this mission by conducting language classes for our students on weekends and we also offer Punjabi as a VCE subject during the week. In addition, the Gurbani Kirtan School offers classes teaching Gurbani, Kirtan and Tabla.

We are very closely integrated with the Gurdwara Sahib and use their extensive facilities. This includes the Sri Guru Hargobind Library which offers valuable resources for our students.

We are a large and growing part of our local community and take seriously our role as being an important and visible part of the Blackburn area. And we have a particular interest in liaising with Government's of all levels on a range of matters including funding and accreditation.

Support for the Redistribution Committee's boundaries

As our organisation resides in the suburb of Blackburn and currently falls inside the federal electorate of Chisholm, we would like to pass on our views on the Redistribution Committee's proposed boundaries.

We support the Redistribution Committee on the proposed boundaries, and as an organisation located on Whitehorse Road, Blackburn we support the choice of Whitehorse Road as a boundary between Menzies and Chisolm.

We draw our Sikh families and students from a relatively wide catchment. However, our assessment of the proposed boundaries is that the Redistribution Committee's boundaries would help consolidate more of our members into a single federal electorate (certainly more so than our current electorate of

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Chisolm, or alternative option being the electorate of Deakin). That is, Menzies is the electorate where more of our families reside as compared to other surrounding electorates. This obviously helps us with focussed advocacy and other interactions with the federal government.

Ultimately, we at the Khalsa Punjabi School will co-operatively work with all levels of government irrespective of the state or federal electoral boundaries we are physically situated.

But given a number of Objections refer to the proposed use of Whitehorse Rd in Blackburn as the new boundary between Chisolm and Menzies, we believe we are uniquely placed to offer our wholehearted support to the Redistribution Committee's proposed boundaries, given that we are literally based on the proposed border of these electorates.

So, in conclusion we can say, that as a large Blackburn based school, we support the proposed boundaries between Menzies and Chisolm, utilising Whitehorse Rd as outlined.

If any further information about our organisation or members, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

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