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The Honourable Justice Susan Kenny
Chairperson
Augmented Electoral Commission for Victoria

Dear Judge,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on objections made about the proposed electoral boundaries of the electorate of Isaacs.

I agree with the objections made by Cr Jim Memeti and the Victorian Labor Party about the proposal to remove Dandenong South and add Lyndhurst to the division of Isaacs.

I share these views. With full respect for the residents of Lyndhurst, it is clear that their suburb is separated from the balance of the Isaacs electorate by kilometres of green wedge and industrial land. There is simply no coherent community of interest between Lyndhurst and the existing suburbs in the electorate of Isaacs.

Dandenong South, conversely, has a long and rich history in Isaacs. It shares cultural ties and a strong community of interest with neighbouring Keysborough South and through Cheltenham Road, a key transport corridor, has a clear path to Keysborough, Dingley Village and across to Mentone, all suburbs of Isaacs.

I have said before that within the Dandenong community the question of whether one lives north or south of the train line is a common and pertinent one. This has not changed. Dandenong South's key communities of interest lie south of the Dandenong train line and in particular with residents of Keysborough South.

I urge the AEC to maintain the existing community of interest shared by Dandenong South and Keysborough South within the Isaacs electorate.

Yours sincerely,

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