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Oak Park Community Sports Association

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OAK PARK COMMUNITY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

INCORPORATING FOOTBALL, CRICKET, DARTS, FISHING AND NETBALL



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Dear Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to you, on behalf of Oak Park Community Sports Association, to object to the proposed boundaries of the Federal Electoral Division of Wills, as per the proposed redistribution report released on 31 May 2024.

Our sport club is a community group which supports the local area of Oak Park and is a place for Oak Park and surrounding residents to connect through the beauty of sport.

Our organisation strongly opposes the proposed removal of any part of Oak Park from the Division of Wills.

The central reasons we believe that the entirety of the suburb of Oak Park should stay in the Division of Wills are:

1. Our suburb has a longstanding connection to the City of Merri-bek (formerly Moreland) having been part of that Local Government Area. Moreover, many of our players, supporters, and club members, and associates are residents in the neighbouring suburbs of Glenroy, Pascoe Vale, Hadfield and in Oak Park more broadly.
2. The electorate we are proposed to be added to, The Division of Maribymong, does not reflect the interests of our community. In addition, the Moonee Ponds Creek provides a suitable natural border which separates us from the current (pre-draft proposal) Division of Maribymong.

Ultimately, as a part of the Oak Park community, as well as being part of the collective Oak Park community sporting clubs, we regard the proposed changes to the Division of Wills as not demonstrative of our, or the community of Oak Park's interests. We respectfully submit that the entirety of the suburb of Oak Park should remain part of the Division of Wills.

Thank you for taking the time to read our submissions.

Kind regards,

Tim Littlewood

President

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