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Pascoe Vale Hadfield Cricket Club

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Dear Redistribution Committee

The Pascoe Vale Hadfield Cricket Club (PVHCC) appreciates the opportunity to provide you with an opposition to the proposed redistribution of our Wills electorate.

PVHCC would like to oppose the removal of parts of Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West and Glenroy from Wills. In 2016, the newly merged PVHCC came into existence, bringing together 2 long standing local clubs ( Pascoe Vale Cricket Club and Merlynston Hadfield Cricket Club) with over 100 years of history to combine. Bringing 2 clubs together has not been easy but we aspire to set the benchmark, on and off the field, we strive for excellence, we engage with our community and we work towards becoming a successful , inclusive and respected cricket club in our region. Our home ground is based in Pascoe Vale and we cater for all age groups and abilities with feilding both male and all female teams.

It is our view that the proposal to divide Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West & Glenroy from Wills and add Fitzroy North, Carlton North and Princess Hill does not adhere to the “Communities of interest” means of travel and communication requirements.

Our community- made up of members, families, coaches and players are broadly part of the communities in Glenroy, PascoeVale South and Brunswick West. In fact, so overlapping is our community , that our club name has 2 local suburbs in it and we have junior grounds located in Oak Park and Glenroy. This in itself is indicative of a shared community.

People in these communities are similar, because they come together in local shared spaces to play sports, among other things. People have similar lifestyles, live in school zones, share organisational structures and socially gather in local venues together. This includes the community connection to our club. Communities stick together and people like to stay local. For example, residents in these suburbs do not go to Essendon to go grocery shopping or order dinner, nor do they go to retail and shopping outlets as far away as in Fitzroy, Carlton or Princess Hill when their local outlets are just around the corner.

Splitting these suburbs in half, will split the communities and their cohesive access to local and federal government services. The new Pascoe Vale Road border being proposed by the Redistribution Committee runs through the community and binds it, it does not split it or is not a naturally recognised “boundary”. It is the current and natural Moonee Ponds Creek border that properly separates communities from communities in Maribyrnong.

Our club also works with local and federal government and benefits from the cohesive nature of Wills, where all suburbs share a local council (Merri-bek) and the local services. Moving and splitting Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West and Glenroy means members of our club would have their communities divided along federal borders while trying to access the same club and local government services.

The shared socio-economic, linguistic, cultural and geographic realities of communities in Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West and Glenroy show shared communities which differ from communities in Maribyrnong such as Essendon and Kensington. Additionally, the communities in Fitzroy North, Carlton North and Princess Hill are quite different socio-economically and are separated by the main border of Brunswick Rd. This border separates those suburbs into two different councils. This is a distinction between the two sides of Brunswick Rd which we see through our work with the community.

PVHCC tailor our efforts and support of the community to what the community needs. There are many shared realities for the communities in Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Brunswick West and Glenroy which would differ greatly for communities in Fitzroy North , Carlton North and Princess Hill.

For these reasons we ask the Committee to re-examine its proposed redistribution of Wills, and keep Oak Park, Pascoe Vale , Brunswick West and Glenroy in the electorate of Wills.

Thank you for your consideration  
Regards



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