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Dear Redistribution Committee

I write as a resident of Park Orchards and a student of geospatial science, to express my thoughts on the proposed boundaries put forward for the 2024 Victorian Redistribution.

I have followed the Victorian Redistribution up to this point with great interest, and it has been fascinating to see which arguments are given credence by the AEC, and which have been rejected. I understand that the some of the primary goals for a redistribution are to secure the future of an electorate in terms of predicted growth, while also ensuring that electorates as much as possible reflect a common identity and avoid breaking up communities of interest. It is following this methodology that I provide the following input.

I wholeheartedly support the changes made by the AEC to my local area of Park Orchards and Donvale. I was very supportive of suggestions that point out what is very obvious to residents, that links between Park Orchards with Ringwood are very strong. In addition, it is only natural that Donvale also be included in an electorate with Ringwood, especially if Mitcham is united into that electorate as well.

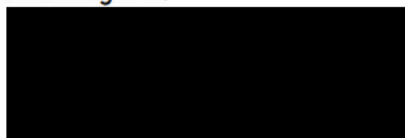
My work involves interacting with many local schools and sporting clubs. And in my experience, all of the major sporting competitions orientate to the suburbs in Deakin.

From a geospatial perspective – I will keep things brief and simple, but the border drawn is nothing less than a masterstroke by the redistribution committee. Park Orchards is partially a green wedge area, but really forms a natural border between the complete green wedge areas such as Warrandyte from the more urban areas of Ringwood.

While parts of Warrandyte do orientate towards Ringwood, it has a distinct character which is separated neatly by the Tindals Rd, Falconer Rd, and 5-ways border running along northern Park Orchards. The area of Park Orchards that is proposed to move to the electorate of Deakin is geographically distinct from the rest of Manningham, so I congratulate the redistribution committee on its draft boundaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into this redistribution process.

Kind regards



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