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Berwick Football Club

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27th September, 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Redistribution of federal divisions – La Trobe

I trust that this correspondence finds you well.

We of the Berwick Football Club write this letter concerning the redistribution of federal divisions in Victoria. We write this, specifically pertaining to the federal division of La Trobe.

La Trobe has for an incredibly long period of time been the electorate overseeing the Berwick Football Club and in this period the Club has developed an incredible affinity with La Trobe and its traditional constituents

The Berwick Football Club has approximately 150 players across both its male and female teams. These players, on average, are typically located on either side of the border of the Casey and Cardinia boundary, north of the Monash Freeway. In addition to this, much of our supporters, volunteers and sponsors are located in suburbs such as Beaconsfield, Officer, Harkaway and the northern parts of Berwick, reflecting the community connection between these areas.

In addition to this, the Berwick Football Club's facilities at Edwin Flack Reserve in the northern section of Berwick, make it so that there is a natural community connection with nearby Beaconsfield and its township on the Princes Highway.

This community connection simply does not exist as strongly with areas in the electorate of Bruce and Holt. Following on from the connection the Berwick Football Club has with surrounding, traditional La Trobe areas, there is also a detailed, past funding relationship with La Trobe as well.

The Berwick Football Club has been fortunate to be in the past a recipient of funding and a target of election commitments. For instance, the Club, along with Berwick Netball Club, was recently the recipient of a \$1.5M funding package for a facilities upgrade.

The Berwick Football Club is in appreciation of this collaboration and wants to make aware the importance of maintaining this relationship between the Club and La Trobe. As such, the Berwick Football Club is of the persuasion that La Trobe should remain its governing federal division.

Due to this, the Berwick Football Club believes it is appropriate that La Trobe's divisional boundaries continue to encompass the northern parts of Berwick to protect this long-standing relationship between La Trobe and the Berwick Football Club. This also shall reflect the intimate community relationship the Club has with Cardinia Shire suburbs such as Beaconsfield and Officer and helps to encompass these townships within the singular electoral body.

I trust that you will consider this submission when determining La Trobe's redistribution.

Kind Regards,

Glenn Gambetta – President Berwick Football Club

