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To the Committee

Redistribution of Victorian Electoral Boundaries (Division of Goldstein)

I have read the submission of Zoe Daniel MP on the redistribution of the electoral boundaries for the Division of Goldstein.

I wholeheartedly agree with her submission and would ask the AEC to give weight to her recommendations.

As an elector and household that would be directly affected by this change it is my view that it is logical and desirable that the south end of Elwood become part of the Division of Goldstein. As articulated by Ms Daniel, Elwood is demographically similar to several suburbs within the Goldstein electorate, namely North Brighton, Elsternwick (east of Glenhuntly Rd) and Gardenvale. A community of interest exists for families and residents in terms of schools, shopping precincts, parks, and other local amenities and well as, for the most part, being in the same Victorian State electoral division of Brighton.

In my view the most compelling reason for the south end of Elwood to be part of the Division of Goldstein is the Elwood canal and its proximity to the Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve (which is in the Goldstein electorate). This is because the Chain of Ponds and other necessary flood mitigation infrastructure works for the Elwood canal that are currently being considered, but not yet fully funded, directly impacts the south end of Elwood. Much of the water catchment for the Elwood canal is in Goldstein. For this reason, it seems logical and desirable that the south end of Elwood be included in Goldstein so we are represented by a Federal member of Parliament who can directly advocate for this necessary community infrastructure to ensure Elwood has the necessary flood protection infrastructure it needs in the face of climate change.

Glenhuntly Road is the boundary east of the Nepean Highway so its continuation as the boundary from Nepean Highway to Point Ormond is logical.

Regards

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