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To Whom It May Concern

I am writing today to add my comments on suggestions for the upcoming redistribution of electorates across Victoria, specifically regarding McEwen.

I have lived my whole adult life in Craigieburn, raising my children and contributing to our diverse community in many ways.

I believe it is very important, as our area continues to grow in population, to see the entire community of Craigieburn represented by a single electorate.

With our community continuing to expand, the artificial border of Craigieburn Road not only doesn't make sense for our community, but it makes advocating for services more complicated and confusing. It is well past time that Craigieburn was reconnected and I therefore support submissions 46, 61, 65, 62 and 66 that do just that.

We see connection of the two sides of Craigieburn Road in most places – local and state politics, services and schools so it would only make sense to bring it under the same federal electorate also.

Like other towns in our region such as Mernda and Wallan, we are seeing lots of development to address population growth. I have seen many changes over my time in Craigieburn, and my hope is that having a unified voice will make it easier to advocate for long overdue infrastructure to support these many new residents.

What I do not support is submissions that continue break-up our community 67 or like 7 and 25 which moves us out of our neighbouring growth areas.

Craigieburn has been a connector suburb for the Hume and Mitchell Shires for many years, providing many towns across McEwen a central shopping and activities hub. It is time for these communities to all be represented as one.

Thank you for allowing me to give my comments.

Yours sincerely

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