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Dear Committee,

### **Comment on suggestions about the Victorian electoral divisions (Division of Goldstein)**

I am writing to provide comments on the submissions received by the Australian Electoral Commission relating to the redistribution of Victorian electoral divisions.

Whilst the Liberal Party submission was unable to be published, recent media reports have suggested that it included a boundary extension that was in line with the recommendation I have laid out in my own submission. Most significantly, the Liberal Party was reported to have advocated for a shift in the suburbs on the eastern side of the Frankston trainline into Goldstein, most notably Hampton East, Highett and Cheltenham. As I noted in my own submission, whilst the trainline represents the boundary between the cities of Bayside and Kingston, it is an unusual boundary for federal electorates because it separates communities of interest in these suburbs. As the Liberal Party were reported to have argued, the shops, businesses and residences flow east-west across both sides of the trainline. As I noted in my own submission, this interconnectedness will only improve with the state government's removal of level crossings and elevation of the trainline.

I reiterate the point that I made in my own submission that the Division of Goldstein should not be abolished due to its situation around key communities of interest, especially within the Bayside local government area. The recommendation made above is in the interest of using the redistribution, and the Division of Goldstein's requirement to pick up electors, to bring divided communities of interest closer together. I would note that Suggestion 49 proposed splitting the Division of Goldstein three ways between its neighbouring electorates. It is my view that this would greatly divide communities built around schools, services, amenities and retail and pair them with areas, especially to the east of Melbourne, that share little connection or community continuity.

As I noted in my own submission, it is my sincere aspiration that the Division of Goldstein's footprint will not lose any of its existing territory. Rather, I would hope that any changes will see moderate expansion into neighbouring suburbs that already make up a clear community of interest. On that basis, as well as extending beyond the Frankston trainline, I have sought to see Glen Huntly Road strengthened as the northern boundary, squaring it off around Elwood, rather

than at the current Head Street border. This is contrary to the positions outlined in Suggestions 8, 32, 53, 62 and 63.

Sincerely,



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