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John Ryan

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To the Australian Electoral Commission

Good morning.

Firstly, I again thank you for the integral part that you play in upholding our democracy and ensuring our trust in the voting process.

I would also like to thank you for the thoughtful way in which community suggestions have clearly been considered in the proposed report put forward.

As I outlined in my suggestion (CoS.59), I have lived in the Park Orchards / North Ringwood area or nearly 25 years and over this time have keenly observed all demographic and border changes in my community.

For this reason, I advocated that Park Orchards should join the federal electorate of Deakin to achieve better representation, based on the integrated relationship and connection between the suburbs of Park Orchards and Ringwood.

I am extremely pleased to see that the Redistribution Committee has accepted my view (as well as the substantial number of other suggestions and comments on suggestions that also proposed this change).

I re-emphasise that Park Orchards and Ringwood are inextricably linked through major roads, all major shopping, our closest railway station, schools and major health services.

I also applaud the Redistribution Committee for also including Donvale in the Deakin electorate. In my view Donvale, North Ringwood and Park Orchards should all belong in a single electorate together. And given each of these areas are centred on Ringwood, should all be in the Deakin electorate. So I commend you for this excellent decision which finally ensures our closely related communities have unified political representation.

Thank you again for considering my thoughts and uniting Park Orchards with the communities it is most closely linked with in the Deakin electorate.

Yours sincerely

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