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To the Victorian Redistribution committee,

I am aware that the Federal election boundaries in Victoria are currently being examined which will address the huge growth in the seat of McEwen which needs to be massively reduced. I have also read through the many suggestions on how this might be done - made by people who do not live in our electorate.

McEwen these days is an outer metropolitan seat since changes to Melbourne's urban boundary over the past couple of years has seen towns like Donnybrook, Beveridge and Wallan become part of Melbourne.

It also means towns just outside the urban growth boundary towns such as Broadford, Kilmore are now considered populations of significance by the State Government.

The communities in the southern part of the current seat of McEwen have been largely seen as commuting areas where residents work in the greater metropolitan areas.

However with the rapid growth it means these areas are experiencing more concentrated projects unique to the area which will need united representation, for projects such as the Beveridge interstate Freight terminal will reinforce the economic functioning of this corridor.

The unique area is one zone the North Growth Corridor is seen as one of the most up and coming important industrial regions in Australia, with good road and rail links to metropolitan markets and to New South Wales, in particular, via the Sydney rail line and the Hume Freeway, and because of its proximity to Melbourne Airport.

It is vitally important these areas stay together under one electorate for strategic planning and representation to take into account these interface communities on the Northern metro-rural fringe of Melbourne. That is why I don't support suggestions like those contained in submissions 39, 50, 23 and 7 that remove the cohesion of our economic region.

Homogenous representation of the Melbourne North Growth Corridor will also be require for a range of community facilities and services to meet the needs of new communities and to build the capacity of facilities in a coordinated way to suit the whole of the growth corridor. Suggestions such as 65, 52, 45 and 66 support this imperative and mean our local community and economy will be represented appropriately in parliament.

There is little doubt the new face of the seat of McEwen is one of rapid expansion and industrial importance, the area deserves to have its views represented as one.

It is important that the community and industrial industries of the North of Melbourne be heard and with one voice in the Federal Parliament.

Yours Sincerely,

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