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Croydon Chamber of Commerce and Industry

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Victorian Redistribution Committee
Redistribution Committee for Victoria
Australian Electoral Commission
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Via email: FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au

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Dear Victorian Redistribution Committee

The following comments on public suggestions are made on behalf of the Croydon Chamber of Commerce and Industry in relation to the redistribution process for federal electoral boundaries in Victoria.

If you require any further information relating to our suggestions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Edwina Ricci
President
Croydon Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Introduction

The Croydon Chamber of Commerce and Industry (“**Chamber**”) represents the interest of businesses and customers in the Croydon district, which includes Croydon, Croydon Hills, Croydon North, Croydon South and parts of Wonga Park.

We will limit our comments to the areas within the Chamber’s representation.

Comments on submissions relating to Croydon, Croydon South, Croydon Hills, Croydon North and Wonga Park

Our members are best represented when situated within a single electoral boundary.

Being located within the one federal electorate will help us develop a better relationship and communication with the federal government, better management of economic investment, better planning and funding and provide stronger grounds for infrastructure projects within the area, such as CCTV cameras for traders.

It will also assist with the co-ordination of projects funded by multiple tiers of government’s through Maroondah City Council and the state member for Croydon (both of which include all parts of Croydon within their boundaries).

The location of Chamber members businesses and their customers are entirely spread throughout the Croydon district, which includes Croydon, Croydon Hills, Croydon North, Croydon South and Wonga Park.

In order for our members, customers and the community to receive the best federal representation, our members would be represented by a single federal electorate. The separation of Croydon North, Croydon Hills and Wonga Park from a single electorate artificially separates our community.

The Chamber represents a significant portion of the Croydon community, and we request that these interests be given serious consideration in this redistribution process.

Conclusion

The federal redistribution is a great opportunity to finally reunite the Croydon district in Deakin to the great benefit of members of the chamber, businesses and the wider community.

In 2018 we are beginning a project in collaboration with the Ringwood Chamber to unite the businesses in Maroondah under one umbrella – “The Maroondah Business Network”. In partnership with our Economic Development at the Maroondah City Council this is a progressive move and one we believe is good for business in our city. To be talking to one federal member in relation to the needs of all Maroondah business will be a wonderful addition to this unification.

In addition, Croydon’s Main Street, located in Deakin, is the central business hub for the Croydon district. Deakin is the only logical electorate where the Croydon district can be reunited.

We thank you for your consideration of our request.