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Mornington Little Athletics Centre

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Redistribution Secretariat,  
AEC,  
GPO Box 768,  
Melbourne, 3001

Dear Sir/Madam,

We, the committee of Mornington Little Athletics Centre, as representatives of close to 300 members, write to you to strongly object to the redistribution of the Dunkley electorate. We would like Mornington to stay within Dunkley as many of our members live in Mornington, Mt Eliza, Frankston and surrounding areas. We would like to remain in Dunkley due to the strong community ties we've forged over the years within the northern part of the Mornington Peninsula.

We are currently based at Mornington Secondary College as we haven't had a permanent home in the 46 years we have been operating. Chris Crewther has worked tirelessly for the community since his election, and our club (and many other groups in the area) will greatly benefit from the athletics track that is to be built at Civic Reserve, Mornington in the next year. It would be very disappointing for us if we lost Chris's support if Mornington was to be removed from Dunkley.

Our club has bucked the recent trend within Little Athletics of losing members to other sports. Our membership has increased slightly each year over the past 5 years. We have a lovely culture within our club that is recognised within the athletics community – many parents from Frankston, South Frankston, Mt Eliza and Baxter choose our club over the Frankston club for our laid back atmosphere and well run program. When Chris Crewther secured funding for an IAAF standard athletics track, our membership was very excited. This funding was generously committed for the constituents of Dunkley, a change in the electoral boundary would mean that this commitment would never be fulfilled for Dunkley voters.

When the track is built, it will finally give our club a home, as well as the Senior athletics club Mornington Peninsula Athletics Club, which is also homeless. Our 2 clubs will be able to forge a stronger bond at our new home, and we will definitely attract more members from the Mt Eliza and Frankston areas. Members who have previously been with the Frankston clubs due to their better facilities.

We strongly identify with the surrounding Dunkley towns of Mt Eliza, Frankston and Langwarrin. We wish to retain this close relationship with these towns.

Thanking you in advance,

Todd Martin (President) & Lisa Henry (Secretary)  
on behalf of the  
Mornington Little Athletics Centre