



Comment on objections 14

Donvale Dunkers Basketball Club



Dear Redistribution Committee

The Donvale Dunkers Basketball club established in 1989 and based in Donvale, competes as part of the Melbourne East Basketball Association (MEBA). We have 31 teams of varying ages and in boys, girls and mixed competitions, with hundreds of active members.

We welcome this opportunity to provide input into the redistribution process. In particular, the Donvale Dunkers basketball club would like to write in support of the proposed redistribution, particularly with respect to the inclusion of Donvale in the electorate of Deakin.

The MEBA competition of which we are part, centres on the Deakin electorate. The majority of MEBA venues in which we compete are located in the Deakin electorate and include, the Nunawading Basketball Centre in Burwood East, The Rings in Ringwood, Norwood Secondary College in Ringwood and Sportlink in Vermont South.

Also, most clubs that we compete against are also located in and around the electorate of Deakin. With the crucial and constant need to develop new basketball facilities to keep up with the ever-increasing demand for our sport, we believe cohesive electoral boundaries assist in working with elected representatives to achieve our goal of teaching, developing and promoting the sport of basketball in our local community.

We therefore strongly support the inclusion of the suburb of Donvale into Deakin, as from both a club perspective and a competition perspective this better reflects our community.

We thank the Redistribution Committee for your consideration of the above.

Yours sincerely

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