

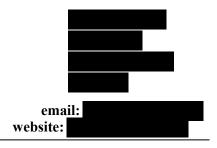


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Chinese Women's Association of Victoria







To the Redistribution Committee of the AEC

Thank you for the opportunity to add our voice to the redistribution process.

We are the Chinese Women's Association of Victoria (CWAVic), which was established 37 years ago and is a group to connect Australian Chinese women in the eastern suburbs. Our organisation is centred on Box Hill, home to many members of CWAVic.

We understand that due to one federal electorate being abolished, that boundaries of other electorates must change to absorb voters.

We have read your proposed new boundaries and understand that you plan to combine Box Hill with Doncaster in the electorate of Menzies. We think this connection is excellent, and we support your proposed new boundaries.

A significant proportion of the Melbourne Chinese diaspora resides in the eastern suburbs, including Box Hill, Doncaster, Balwyn, North Balwyn and Mont Albert.

We have built our lives here because these areas facilitate many aspects of our values and lifestyle.

These areas share two main shopping centres, Westfield Doncaster and Box Hill, both of which are easily accessible by car and bus.

Many in our community shop interchangeably at the Westfield Doncaster and Box Hill Central, which enables us to connect regularly while doing our shopping, as well as encouraging many local businesses that focus on servicing our cultural preferences.

Doncaster and Box Hill are also very close and complimentary when it comes to health services, education and broader community engagement.

For example, we hold most of our formal CWAVic events at the Manningham Function Centre in Doncaster.

In conclusion, we think that Doncaster and Box Hill is a combination that will keep our community connected, so our community continues to be strong and united. This is very important to us.

We are pleased that you understand our community's values and desire to maintain our established links with these areas, and we are grateful for you giving us the opportunity to comment.

We congratulate you on the work you have done with this electorate boundary redistribution. We oppose any objections which seek to alter your proposal.

Yours sincerely

