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Dear Committee,

I have been a resident of St Kilda West for almost two years. My daily activities, social life and shopping predominantly take place in Middle Park, Albert Park, South Melbourne and Port Melbourne due to their close proximity and convenient public transport connections.

I've heard there are objections claiming that the suburbs of Prahran and South Yarra are extensions of my community. I don't think this is true at all.

As someone who does not drive, I have never, and would never, visit South Yarra for my shopping, errands, exercise or many of my other daily activities. If I were to do this, I would need to change trams along St Kilda Road which takes my trip close to half an hour. In fact, I can count on one hand the number of times I have travelled to South Yarra or Chapel Street in the last year.

However, it takes me 10 minutes on a single tram to Clarendon St in South Melbourne which I do regularly.

It is not correct to group South Yarra and Prahran with St Kilda, Middle Park and South Melbourne.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Laila