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Redistribution Committee for Victoria
Australian Electoral Commission
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Canberra ACT 2601

Dear Committee,

Redistribution of Victorian electoral boundaries (Division of Goldstein)

The Highett Progress Association is a non-partisan, not for profit community advocacy network dedicated to improving outcomes for the residents and businesses of Highett.

We make a simple submission to the Committee in relation to the Eastern boundary of the Division of Goldstein.

For some time, the longest boundary separating the Divisions of Goldstein and Isaacs has been the Frankston railway line. This appears to have been to achieve alignment with municipal boundaries. We strongly urge the Committee to consider Nepean Highway to be the more appropriate dividing line between the two Divisions, whatever substantive form they might take after the redistribution.

We make this submission for the following reasons:

- The Frankston Railway Line bisects Highett but does not represent a true border in the sense that the residents of Highett are a cohesive and connected community. The Nepean Highway is a far more profound dividing line between communities in the area, in terms of built environment, shopping, schooling, leisure, recreation and traffic movement.
- There are significant projects slated to commence in Highett in the next 2 years or already underway: the Gasworks Development, the Suburban Rail Loop, a 1,100 dwelling residential development on the old CSIRO site, and the removal of two level crossings on the Frankston line that are situated in Highett. The extension of Goldstein's boundary to Nepean Highway would mean that whomever the Division's parliamentary representative was, they would be able to advocate on behalf of the entire affected community, and not just a part of it.

It would therefore be to the greater benefit of Highett if that part of the suburb which is currently in Isaacs, west of Nepean Highway but East of the Frankston railway line was transferred to Goldstein at this redistribution, and we commend this proposal to the Committee.

Yours faithfully,



Andrew Hockley
Chair