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Subject: Objection to Proposed Boundaries and Request for Adjustment

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Dear Members of the Redistribution Committee,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed electoral boundary changes as outlined in the Redistribution Committee's report dated 31 May 2024. My specific concern pertains to the boundary changes affecting the areas around Tooronga Road and their relationship to the Glenferrie Road shops in the Division of Kooyong.

The current proposal to include the area between Tooronga Road and Burke Road into a new division does not accurately reflect the demographic and socio-economic realities of the local community. The residents in this region share a strong connection with the Glenferrie Road shopping precinct in Kooyong, as well as with their local shops, businesses, and community services predominantly located along Burke Road. These connections are fundamental to their daily lives and community engagement.

Tooronga Road, while a significant boundary, does not serve as a natural division for the community's interests and needs. Burke Road, on the other hand, better represents the natural boundary of the community, as it more accurately reflects the local shopping and business hubs that the residents predominantly frequent. Moving the boundary from Tooronga Road to Burke Road would ensure that the community's representation is cohesive and reflective of their daily interactions and dependencies.

I believe that adjusting the proposed boundary to follow Burke Road instead of Tooronga Road will:

1. **Maintain Community Integrity:** Ensuring that communities with common local interests and shopping patterns, particularly those connected to the Glenferrie Road shops in Kooyong, remain within the same division.
2. **Enhance Representation:** Providing more effective and relevant representation by aligning the electoral division boundaries with the natural community boundaries.
3. **Support Local Businesses:** Strengthening the connection between residents and their local businesses, ensuring these businesses are supported by a unified community.

The Glenferrie Road shopping precinct is a significant hub for residents in the Kooyong area and surrounding neighbourhoods. It serves as a central point for social, economic, and community activities. Including the area up to Burke Road in the same division as the

Glenferrie Road shops will maintain the strong ties and community focus that are essential for effective representation.

In conclusion, I urge the Redistribution Committee to consider the demographic and socio-economic factors at play and adjust the proposed boundaries by moving the Tooronga Road boundary to Burke Road. This adjustment will more accurately reflect the needs and characteristics of the local community and ensure their effective representation in the federal parliament.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that the Committee will give due consideration to this request and make the necessary adjustments to better serve the community's interests.