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Dr Helen Haines MP

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Mr Tom Rogers
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Dear Mr Rogers,

Re: Redistribution of the federal electorate division of Indi

I write to support maintaining the existing boundaries of the electoral division of Indi as part of the 2023-24 Victorian federal redistribution process.

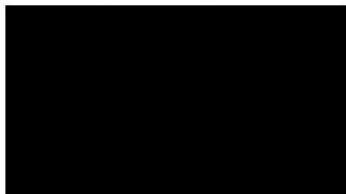
The current boundaries of Indi stretch from the Murray River in the north east to the Yarra Ranges in the south, and from the Victorian Alps in the east to central Victoria in the west. In the 2020-21 redistribution process, Indi's boundaries were maintained, a decision I believe should be repeated as part of this redistribution process, to provide continuity to electors.

These existing boundaries capture communities of common interest, major population centres, shared economies and industry and largely keep intact whole Local Government Areas. Indi's Local Government Areas largely follow geographical divides and reinforce shared economies and communities of common interest.

The major population centres of Indi are all linked by the key transport infrastructure of the Hume Highway and the North East rail line from the south to the north of the electorate. These major centres then provide key services to the smaller communities in the Alpine areas and Upper Murray, uniting them as communities of shared economic, social and political interests.

While Indi's population has experienced change in recent years due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I note that Indi and the majority of its neighbouring electorates are projected to remain within the targeted 2028 projected enrolment quota. Considering this, I submit that current boundaries should be maintained as closely as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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