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To Whom it may concern

This is a submission regarding the proposed redistribution of the Greater Dandenong Council Wards.

This submission supports Model 2. This represents the least change from the current ward structure and makes the most sense considering the respective (and conflicting) demographics of the two areas.

As a resident of the proposed mega ward seen in proposal 1, I am horrified at the short-sightedness of the government proposing to amalgamate such disparate and conflicting areas as the Green Wedge, COGD retail and Industrial sectors, based on nothing more than enrolled voters in each ward.

The Greater Dandenong Green Wedge is a unique and environmentally valuable part of Greater Dandenong that is its own community of interest and has nothing in common with either Greater Dandenong Industrial Area or the central business district of Dandenong. Model 1 is so abhorrent - the idea of putting the environmentally sensitive Green Wedge and a major Melbourne industrial area in the same ward is indefensible. As well as that it is simply too big - with one part bordering Waterways in Kingston to another part bordering Doveton in Casey.

This proposal would create an enormous conflict for the Councillor elected: championing and managing the delicate ecosystems of the Green Wedge is completely at odds with the competing (and polluting!) areas of the already-overdeveloped Dandenong heavy Industrial Zone.

Please retain the wards as close to current as possible.

Thank you,

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