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Dear Panel

I wish to make a submission concerning the Ward Boundaries for Merri-bek Council. I and my family have lived in Merri-bek for all of our lives, and for most of them in central Glenroy.

I support the number of Wards being proposed for Merri-bek, which would maintain the number of Councillors we have now.

Under Model 2, I would be in Djirri Djirri Ward, which I don't think is the right place for my street and neighbouring streets. I think we would be better served by being in Box Forest Ward (Model 3) or Glenroy East Ward (Model 1). These models do a better job of keeping central Glenroy together. Of the two, Model 3 uses the railway Line as its boundary, which seems to us a stronger boundary than Widford Street (and certainly than Cardinal Road). We therefore prefer Model 3, which seems to us to have strong boundaries and community of interest.

We support the proposed ward names proposed for Model 3. We are not so familiar with the names being proposed for Brunswick and Fawkner, but the names being proposed for the areas we are most familiar with – Box Forest Ward, Moonee Ponds Creek Ward, Thomson Ward, Westbreen Ward, and Harmony Park Ward, are all well known and likely to attract community support.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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