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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my firm endorsement of Option 2, which I believe aligns closely with the interests of our communities. As indicated in the VEC report, Option 2 endeavors to maintain the integrity of Casey's suburbs.

Under Option 2, the established areas of Berwick and the adjacent semi-rural northern regions, sharing demographic similarities, are thoughtfully grouped into a single ward. The more recently developed southern Berwick, or Berwick South, is afforded its own distinct ward. Churchill, Maramba, and River Gum Wards are adeptly formed, each encompassing areas with similar demographic profiles. Clyde North, for the most part, is unified within one ward. The westernmost parts of the municipality, including Lyndhurst, the majority of Lynbrook, and Cranbourne West, are well-represented in Quarters Ward. A minor enhancement for Option 2 would be incorporating all of Lynbrook and Cranbourne West into Quarters Ward, while reducing the extent of Cranbourne North within it.

Conversely, Options 1 and 3 fail to adequately represent community interests, resulting in arbitrary subdivision of suburbs.

Option 1 divides Berwick into three wards without logical reasoning, such as a north-south or old-new Berwick basis. It links Doveton with central Narre Warren in Waratah Ward, despite their dissimilarities. Grasmere Ward oddly combines parts of Harkaway with Narre Warren sections adjoining Narre Warren South, areas with distinct characters. Merinda Ward encompasses four different suburbs, lacking coherence.

Similarly, Option 3 dissects Berwick into three parts. It does not consolidate Clyde North into a single ward and separates demographically akin suburbs like Lynbrook and Lyndhurst. Coastal communities are also arbitrarily divided between two wards.

Additionally, I propose renaming wards for greater clarity, favoring suburb-based names or indigenous titles, mirroring the approach of neighboring Greater Dandenong. If suburb names are not viable, indigenous names are a preferable alternative.

Proposed changes include:

- Grices Ward to Berwick South Ward
- Springhill Ward to Cranbourne Ward
- Quarters Ward to Lyndhurst Ward (central to the ward)
- Berwick Springs to Narre Warren South Ward (to avoid confusion with Berwick suburb)
- Pelican Point Ward to Bunerong Ward

Thank you for considering my submission on this vital matter.

Best regards,

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