

MERRI-BEK ERAP, Level 11, 530 Collins St Melbourne.

Dear Panel

Here is my submission concerning the Review of Merri-bek Ward Boundaries. I have lived in Coburg since arriving as a migrant to Australia many years ago. It is a very good place to live.

I live in central Coburg. Under Model 1 I would live in the Coburg North ward. Under Models 2 and 3 I would live in the Harmony Park Ward. I think that Models 2 and 3 are better than Model 1 in this respect. I think I and my street have more in common with people living south of Bell Street than we do with people living east of Sydney Road. The people I meet at the shops or at community events tend to come more from the centre of Coburg rather than the east. Sydney Road is a strong boundary; if you live east of there you tend to send your children to schools to the east, and use the sporting and recreational facilities to the east, rather than constantly try to cross Sydney Road. So for this reason I do not support Model 1.

As for the Ward names, I support the names which have been proposed for Model 3. As you know, these are Harmony Park Ward for my Ward, Merri Creek Ward, Moonee Ponds Creek Ward, Box Forest Ward, Thomson Ward, Westbreen Ward, Bababi Djinanang Ward, Dunstan Ward, Bulleke-bek Ward, Randazzo Ward, and Warrk-Warrk Ward.

Thank you for considering my submission. I do not wish to make an oral presentation.

Yours sincerely

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