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To Whom It May Concern,

I strongly support Model 2 over Model 1 as it provides the best 'return on investment' with minimal effort and change when compared to the proposed Model 1.

One major issue with Model 1 is the inclusion of the Greater Dandenong Green Wedge within the Dandenong Ward. This creates a vast ward stretching from Kingston to Casey, incorporating the Dandenong South Industrial Zone and the Green Wedge, which have vastly different land uses. As a result, ratepayers in these areas lack a shared community of interest and often have conflicting views. Those living in the Green Wedge, for example, seek to protect their land from industrial rezoning.

Additionally, Model 1 disrupts the suburb of Springvale South by dividing it on an peculiar east-west basis. This joins the western part of Springvale South with Springvale Central Ward, creating a ward that spans from Dingley to the railway line. As a result, this arrangement fails to represent a cohesive community of interest.

While Model 1 does have one positive aspect, namely the Yarraman Ward/Dandenong Ward boundary, preserving the majority of Dandenong West as a unified entity, it can be further improved. Only the portion of Dandenong West near the Dandenong Railway Station, zoned for high density and exhibiting semi-urban characteristics, should be included in the Dandenong Ward to align with the activity center. Replicating this Yarraman Ward/Dandenong Ward boundary in Model 2 would be a relatively small change that enhances its effectiveness.

Taking all these factors into consideration, it is clearly evident that Model 2 is the far superior option. Its ability to reflect communities of interest while maintaining the current structure makes it the obvious choice.

Thank you for taking my feedback into consideration,
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