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The Secretary
Electoral Boundaries Commission
Level 11, 530 Collins Street
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Dear Secretary

STATE ELECTORAL BOUNDARY REDIVISION 2021-2022 SUBMISSION

I write to provide a submission on behalf of Frankston City Council to the Electoral Boundaries Commission (EBC) as part of the 2021-2022 Victorian State Redivision.

The Frankston City local government municipal boundary falls within the Victorian State Districts of Frankston (Frankston, Frankston South, Frankston North and parts of Seaford), Carrum (Carrum Downs, Skye, Sandhurst and parts of Seaford) and Hastings (Langwarrin and Langwarrin South).

The municipality covers an area of 131 square kilometres boasting a mix of housing stock from city apartments to suburban residencies with access to 11 kilometres of coastline, 33 parks and natural reserves, 44 public and private schools, tertiary and university campuses, two industrial precincts and regional health and social assistance services and facilities.

Upon a review of the EBC dataset titled *Victorian Electorates by Locality and Postcode*, the State districts of Frankston (44,930) and Carrum (50,009) have fewer enrolled population than neighbouring districts such as Hastings (52,351), Cranbourne (68,418), Narre Warren South (50,806) and Bass (67,887).

Existing boundaries currently place State districts such as Frankston (-7%) and Dandenong (-11%) lower than the state average population of electors of 48,625, while districts such as Cranbourne (+41%), Hastings (+7%) and Bass (+40%) are well above the state average.

The Frankston district is not identified as an urban growth area in Plan Melbourne (2017-2050) and is therefore limited to infill development opportunities, unable to match predicted population growth in neighbouring districts such as Cranbourne, Hastings, Narre Warren South, Dandenong and Bass.

With this in mind, Frankston City Council is proposing to relocate the suburbs of Langwarrin and Langwarrin South from the Hastings district to within the Frankston and Carrum district/s.

In order to ensure approximately equal enrolment of electors for each district within 10 per cent of the average (48,625) required, this proposed change would require changes across other State districts in the region, such as the following potential options:

- Seaford and Frankston North from Frankston District to Carrum District
- Clyde and Clyde North from Bass District to Hastings District
- Botanic Ridge, Devon Meadows, Cranbourne South and Junction Village from Cranbourne District to Hastings District
- Dandenong South and Bangholme from Carrum District to Dandenong District
- Lynbrook and Lyndhurst from Cranbourne District and Lyndhurst from Carrum District to Narre Warren South District
- Bonbeach from Carrum District to Mordialloc District

These proposed changes will address current disparity in elector population across the following districts:

- Frankston is below the state average by 7%
- Dandenong is below the state average by 11%
- Cranbourne is above the state average by 41% and potentially growing
- Hastings is above the state average by 7% and potentially growing

Additionally, relocating Langwarrin and Langwarrin South from the Eastern Victoria Region to within the South-Eastern Metropolitan Region will contribute towards meeting the state average for regions.

It is also worth noting that both Langwarrin and Langwarrin South share common characteristics with suburbs such as Frankston, Carrum Downs, Skye and Seaford; boasting a range of housing stock, commonly for young families, with associated amenities.

Residents in Langwarrin and Langwarrin South more commonly travel west and north to and through Frankston, Carrum and Cranbourne districts for retail, dining, education and training, employment, recreation and leisure opportunities. Fewer journeys are conducted south and southeast of Langwarrin and Langwarrin South throughout the Hastings district to access these facilities and services.

In summary, these proposed district boundary changes would better align Langwarrin and Langwarrin South within the Frankston City local government municipal area whilst ensuring equal future population growth across the South East Melbourne region.

The proposal provided on the interactive map tool details the possibilities for boundary changes cover the State Districts of Frankston, Carrum, Hastings, Dandenong and Cranbourne to accommodate relocating Langwarrin and Langwarrin South into Frankston and/or Carrum Districts. This is one suggestion only as a starting point for discussions.

I appreciate your consideration of this proposed State electoral boundary change. Should you require further information, I can be contacted on **(03) 9784 1800** or email **phil.cantillon@frankston.vic.gov.au**.

Yours faithfully



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