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Comments on Redistribution suggestions

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To whom it may concern and whom it may not concern but is reading anyways (hi :3) I give my comments regarding the federal redistribution of Victoria. While I was intending to submit my own proposal, I was very busy over that period and reading all the suggestions has inspired me on better ways to do it. Reading the comments has also enlightened me about the concern regarding the ABS's projected numbers while I am also alarmed by this and request that there be investigation and/or clarification, since we must work with the numbers, we are given I will turn a blind eye to this issue throughout this document as nothing can be done anyways.

The key point of this redistribution is the requirement to abolish one district and I want to begin this document by stating it is my opinion that the district that should be abolished is either McEwen or Casey. McEwen is currently a very messy district and overly stretched, it abolishes also wouldn't require that much dominos to transfer electorates across districts. Similarly, and abolishment of Casey could also work with McEwen being pushed east, however I think abolishing McEwen is the generally better way to go. As I will talk about at the end of the document, my own suggestion ended up being a merger between the 2 of them with McEwen's name being kept on. Regardless Casey also is a good candidate to be renamed. I will provide further details about my suggestion at the end of the document.

If you notice any inconsistency and contradictions in my writing do note that this was very much "written as I went" and could just be a result of me changing my opinions mid writing.

Administrative comments

A lot of people presented raw data as their suggestions, this is annoying to figure out and doesn't give people a fair chance to review their suggestions, I suggest future redistributions have better tools available for the public, for an example here is a quick tool I made on google sheets https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1x6CN1Mlw2D6TSVb9GqJZJJ2f_C6oDvqvFh6HZz7AKNA/edit?usp=sharing and the interactive map from the VEC (<https://maps.vec.vic.gov.au/>) is a lot nicer map to display Federal, State and LGA boundaries. Furthermore, it's annoying the ABS map only allows for displaying 2 data points when both SA1 & SA2 areas are useful.

Some people also suggested stuff that is outside the scope of the redistribution such as overhauling the naming convention or an expansion of parliament, while these in my opinion are good ideas worth considering they are not within the powers of the Redistribution committee.

Furthermore, there was a lot of repeat suggestions, I think the AEC should provide clarity that suggestions are not a petition and having multiple people submit the exact same suggestion is not that helpful unless they are proving more unique insight and opinions on the matter.

Specific comments on Suggestion 1

Suggestion 1 suggests the name “Pharlap”. I support this name, while it is unconventional with the current convention for district names, I think it’s a cool name and should be kept on the backburner should a future name be required.

Specific comments on Suggestion 8

As stated in my summary, this suggestion could benefit from a map, nevertheless here is how I understand this suggestion in which Jagajaga is abolished.

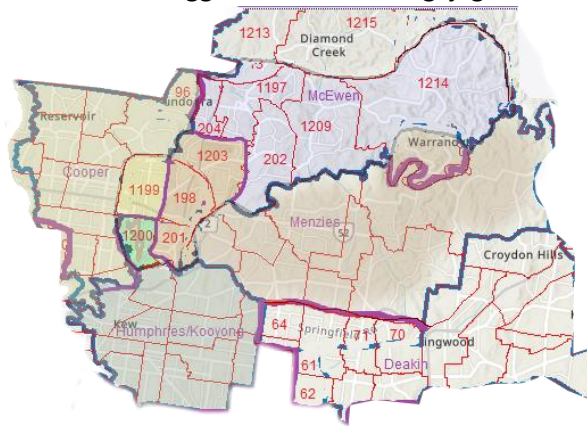


Figure 1 My understanding of suggestion 8's dissolution of Jagajaga

While I do not support Jagajaga being abolished, should it be abolished I think this is a reasonable way to do it although enclaves from Koooyong and Menzies don't make for visually appealing maps.

This suggestion was kind of confusing and had some errors in it such as

- 1215¹: Suggested to go to McEwen despite it already being in McEwen.
- 1197: Suggested to go to Cooper despite not having any physical connection to Cooper's boundaries, did they mean 1196 instead? This is further indicated by 97 being given to McEwen also.
- 207011050: This area suggested to be gained by Higgins from Koooyong does not exist, it is likely that 1150 is meant

Looking at suggestion 8's name suggestions I feel its alternative names to place names is excessive, place names can be used and doesn't have to be avoided at all costs. I support however, the name “Batman” as it would be such a fun district name, Although Batman is the name of a former district that was abolished in 2018, I am not sure what the rules of resurrecting names are. Furthermore, Melbourne is a federation division so the name should be kept.

¹ These numbers refer to SA1 codes, they are simplified to 4 digits for simplicity.

Specific comments on Suggestion 9

I will break down my comments on Suggestion 9 into multiple sections based on the division it relates to.

Hotham

I object to the proposed name change for Hotham as the redistributed district of Hotham as proposed by PJ shares no electors with the former district of Deakin, as such renaming it to Deakin would be confusing. Whilst I agree that the name “Deakin” should be preserved as a district name I feel like it would be fairer to keep it on the back burner and bring it back when a new district is required in Victoria in the future.

Aston

I object to suggestion 9’s Proposed change to Aston as it would make the boundary needlessly complicated, as a remedy I suggest also moving SA2 211011255 and SA1 21105128227 to Aston Aswell making the border simpler, if this puts Aston above quota electors can be moved from elsewhere.

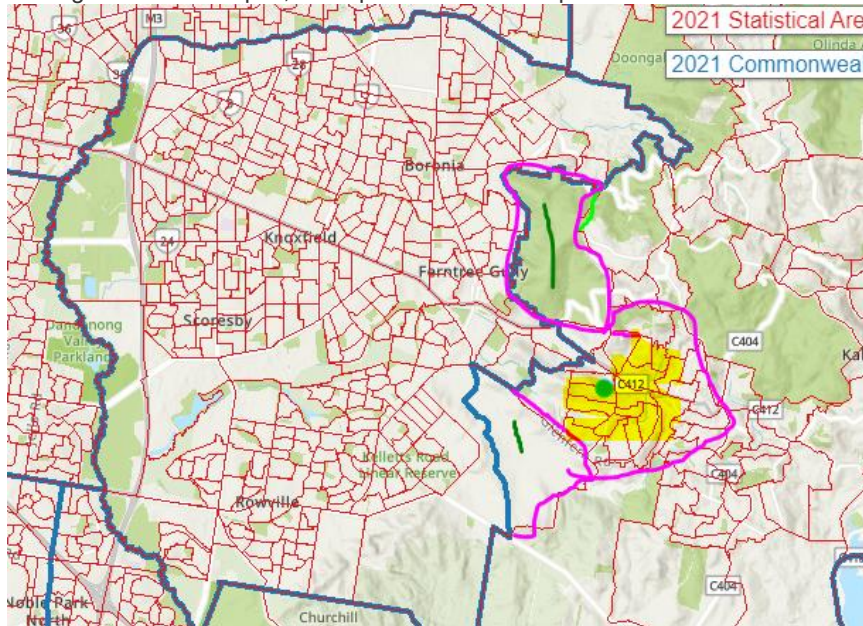


Figure 2 My counter proposal for section 9’s proposed redistribution of Aston

JagaJaga, Deakin, Menzies

Deakin is the division suggestion 9 proposes to be abolished with Menzies dramatically moving east and JagaJaga dramatically moving south. I oppose the suggestion particularly with the names. This proposal to my knowledge would completely change the demographics of Menzies and JagaJaga. In my opinion it would be more logical to make the proposed division of Menzies, the division of Deakin and the name Menzies be moved to the proposed district of JagaJaga (making JagaJaga the actual seat that’s abolished), Even my compromise is a poor idea so I have come up with an alternative

suggestion that should better preform this idea should Deakin be abolished

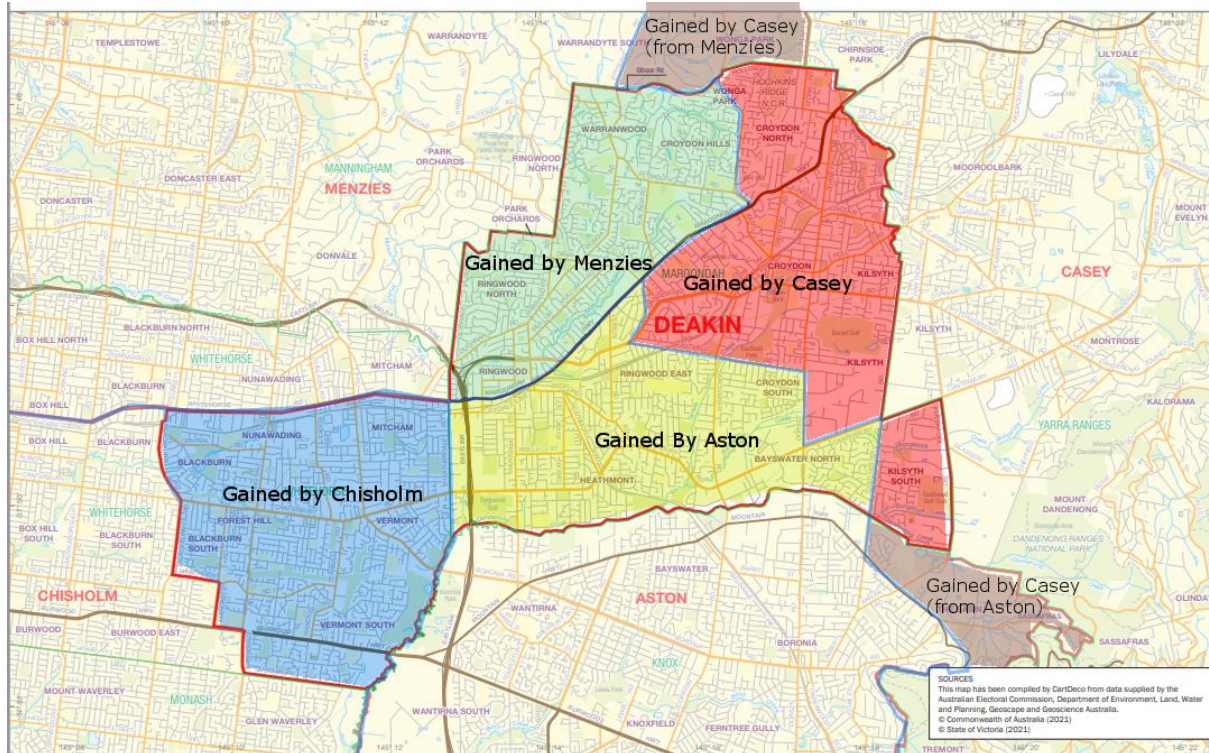


Figure 3

In this alternative suggestion Deakin would be divided as per figure 3, with East link being the main boundary, in addition to that.

- Menzies would lose Warrandyte to Casey, see the boundary with Jagajaga fall back to the Manningham boundary and lose a small amount in its west to JagaJaga and Kooyong.
 - JagaJaga would expand upwards to into McEwen and lose parts of its west to Cooper and Scullin.
- Chisholm would lose electors to Higgins and Hotham which would distribute the excess southwards.
 - Higgins would share its excess with Goldstein.
- Aston would move northwards overall giving up electors into Bruce and some into Casey.
- Casey would overall be shrunk but pushed into more urban areas giving some of its new excess to bring Monash and La Trobe up to quota and then losing area in its northeast to McEwen until its up till quota.
- McEwen will then lose areas in its west to give up its newly gained excess to the western districts under quota such as Ballarat, Bendigo, Hawke, and Maribyrnong

Still, this has some issues, for starters when I tried to implement this strategy, I found it difficult to properly balance Aston's numbers², Casey's demographics would have a very large shift and McEwen would become very stretched and wonky. As such I am against abolishing Deakin as even in my improved suggestion it is hard and complicated, a better solution to achieve a similar result would be to

² This is likely a result of me attempting foolishly to redraw boundaries from inside out, don't worry dear reader, I do learn my lesson eventually.

- Abolish Casey instead while dramatically redrawing Deakin using a similar boundary to my proposed boundaries in figure 3 with Monash, Latrobe & McEwen taking up most of the regional area.
- Abolishing McEwen and moving everything upwards
- Abolishing a district west of Melbourne and having McEwen distribute the excess³

Suggestion 10 & 11

I support the suggestion to rename Hotham, Sir Charles Hotham already has a mountain named after him and I do agree that colonial era names should be phased out. I also ask what connection does Sir Charles Hotham with that specific area?

Related is suggestion 11 which suggests renaming La Trobe for similar reasons. I also like Suggestion 11's proposed alternative name of "Flack" and feel it would be better suited.

I also like how suggestion 11 wrote their suggestion and think it the right amount of detail and readability.

Suggestion 12, 13 & 17, 29, 31

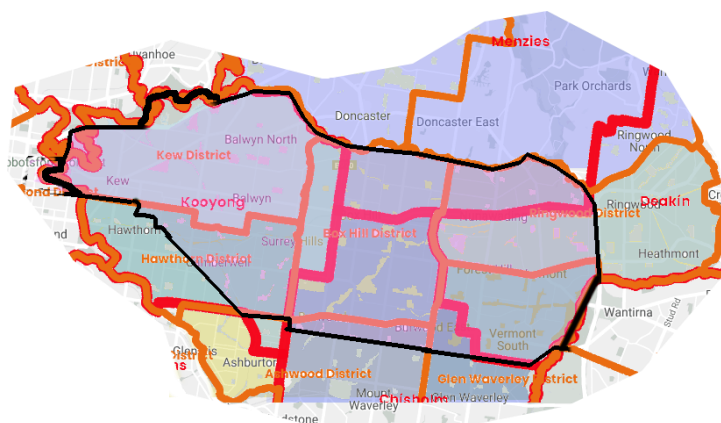
I think Barak is a fair name and I would support its use although I'm not sure in replacement of Casey.

Suggestion 16

I think Suggestion 16 is reasonable and I support its general idea, I also like its good points about McEwen's name. My only issue is I don't think Macnamara should be abolished.

Suggestion 22 (plus tangential remarks)

I support this suggestion to move Wonga Park from Menzies to Deakin, but reading this suggestion also talked about emergency boundaries which is why I want to bring up a tangential point, I have a relative who volunteers for the SES, and they point out the frustration of having to work and coordinate with a large amount of politicians, Example here is the responsibly boundaries of the Whitehorse SES Unit



³ In retrospect I doubt this idea would work well

Whitehorse SES Is at least in some part located in 4 different federal boundaries and 6 different state boundaries. It is only reasonable that this number be reduced, if possible, which is why I sympathise with Suggestion 22.

Suggestion 24, 26, 59

As a Doncaster resident personally, I can say that having an LGA only be in one electorate is very beneficial, unfortunately this cannot always be achieved and fairness

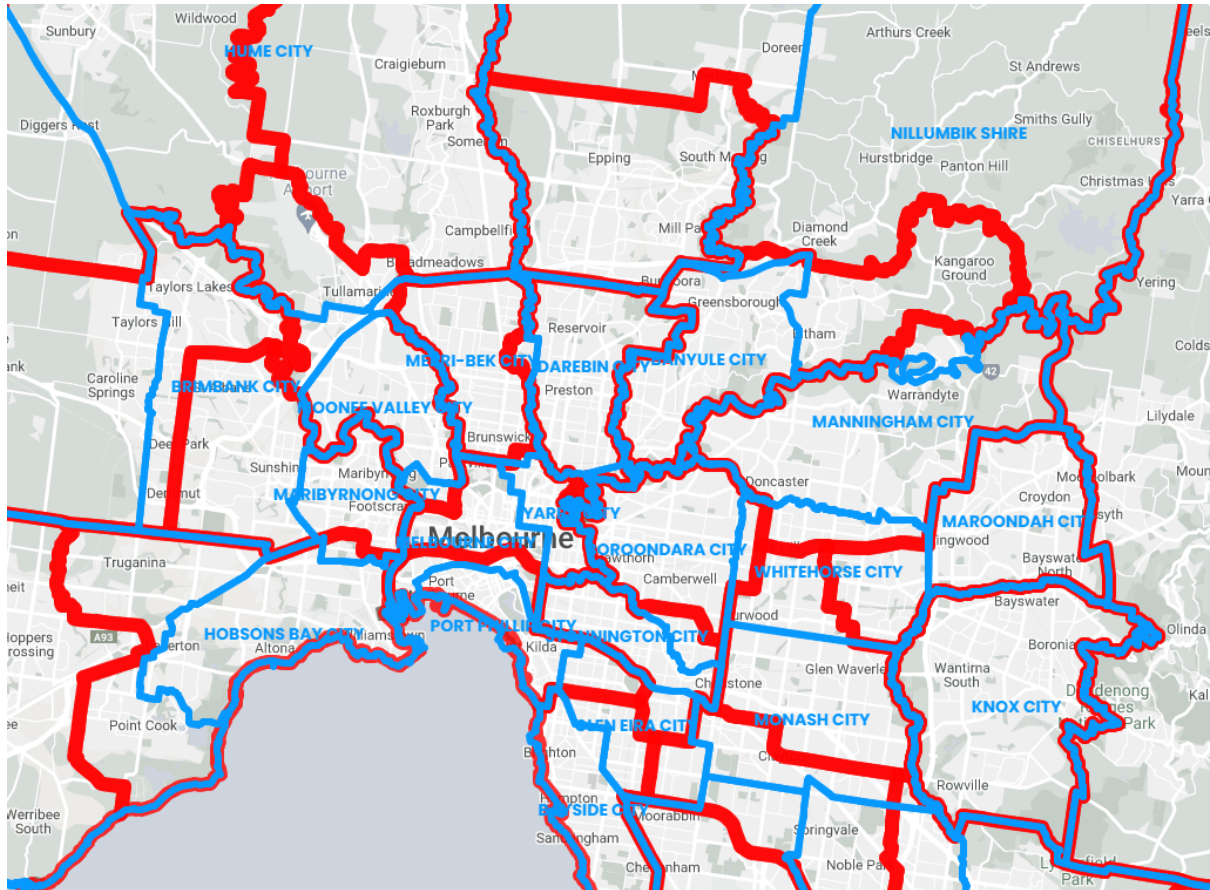


Figure 4 Melbourne LGA's vs federal boundaries

Someone must get the short end of the stick, right?

I looked and made a table to see how LGA's match boundaries and found it surprisingly matched up, With the exception of Glen Eira & Whitehorse most Melbourne LGA's match up with boundaries.

LGA	Population	Federal Electorates	
City of Melbourne	149,615	Melbourne, Macnamara & Maribyrnong	
City of Port Phillip	101,942	Macnamara*	
City of Stonnington	104,703	Higgins	
City of Yarra	90,114	Melbourne & Cooper	
City of Banyule	126,236	Jagajaga	
City of Bayside	101,306	Goldstein*	
City of Boroondara	167,900	Kooyong & Higgins	
City of Darebin	148,570	Cooper	
City of Glen Eira	148,908	Higgins, Macnamara, Goldstein & Hotham	
City of Hobsons Bay	91,322	Gellibrand	
City of Kingston	158,129	Isaacs & Hotham	
City of Manningham	124,700	Menzies	
City of Maribyrnong	85,209	Fraser & a small amount of Gellibrand	
City of Monash	190,397	Chisholm & Hotham	Also, a small amount in Bruce
City of Moonee Valley	121,851	Maribyrnong	
City of Merri-bek	171,357	Wills & Cooper	Mostly Wills, also has a small part in Melbourne & Maribyrnong
City of Whitehorse	169,346	Kooyong, Menzies, Deakin & Chisholm	
City of Brimbank	194,618	Gorton, Fraser & Maribyrnong	
Shire of Cardinia	118,194	La Trobe	*Also a very small amount of Casey
City of Casey	365,239	Holt, Bruce & La Trobe	
City of Frankston	139,281	Dunkley	
City of Greater Dandenong	158,208	Isaacs, Bruce & Hotham	
City of Hume	243,901	Hawke, Calwell, Maribyrnong	
City of Knox	159,103	Aston	
City of Maroondah	115,043	Deakin	
City of Melton	178,960	Hawke & Gorton	
Shire of Mornington Peninsula	168,948	Flinders & Dunkley	Mostly in flinders
Shire of Nillumbik	62,895	McEwen, Jagajaga & Menzies	Only a small amount in Menzies
City of Whittlesea	229,396	Scullin & McEwen	
City of Wyndham	292,011	Lalor & Gellibrand	Mostly in Lalor
Shire of Yarra Ranges	156,068	Casey	



*While researching this I noticed that the official boundaries for electoral districts do not include piers or on water facilities where LGA's do, this creates a small area that is in the LGA but not in an electoral district, since nobody lives there it doesn't really matter just something weird, I noticed

So inconclusion I have proved myself wrong here and I accept that requesting containment is reasonable and fair where possible.⁴

Suggestion 25

A very long suggestion but one which includes a map and is explained out, so Darren McSweeney gets my "Thank you for making this easy to view" Gold star

Starting with the name suggestions I oppose the division name of "child" as I feel that "The member for Child" isn't that great of a title. The other 3 names are reasonable.

In terms of the overall proposal, I think McEwen is a great candidate for abolition and the way Suggestion 25 does it is fair and reasonable, I have no objections.

Suggestion 27

I feel the proposed district of Birrarung has boundaries that are unesarily and change quite a bit dramatically altering macnamara to a different demographic area.

I like 27's Redrawing of Aston however and think it's the best way to do it, similar with Casey. Furthermore I oppose creating more divisions then necessary.

Suggestion 30

As I stated in the summary this is beyond the power of the redistribution, but I think a change to parliament size is worth considering in general.

Suggestion 32

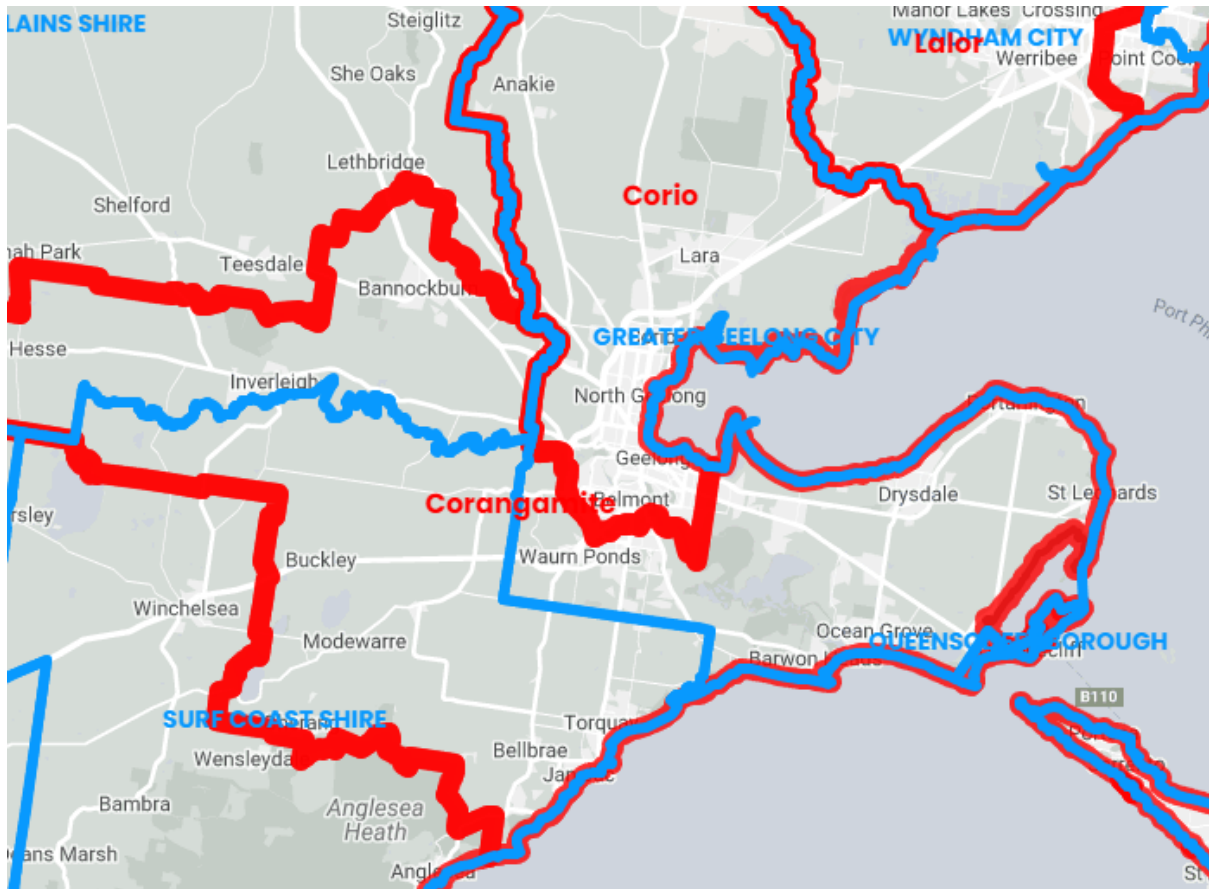
Another gold star for well presented, Although I feel like Menzies should be pushed west rather than east other than that no objections.

Suggestion 35

I agree with the suggestion to transfer Anglesea to Corangamite from Wannon, doing my own calculations and planning this was a reasonable strategy and not completely illogical. In addition to

⁴ Like I said, Learning experience.

that the gaining of Charlemont, Grovedale & Newcomb by Corio would make the most sense in this sort of an approach.



Ideally the boundary would come back to the LGA boundary however I do not believe that is feasible within the enrolment numbers without a very dramatic redraw.

Similarly, the suggestions for the western districts are also the approach I took when trying to do my suggestion for a redistribution. Bacchus Marsh surrounds to Ballarat puts Ballarat at very reasonable numbers and allows Hawke to push North.

Gisborne, Macedon Riddell's creek and some of Romsey SA2's to Hawke while Woodend going to Bendigo is ideally the best way in this approach.

Where suggestion 35 and my own plans differ however is whether or not to abolish McEwen, McEwen could be abolished from this point pushing the outer metro districts outwards or alternatively it can recover such as Suggestion 35's proposal to do so into Calwell.

I am not sure how I feel about this approach as it crosses LGA lines and adds more demographic variation into an electorate. The current district of McEwen is considered Rural with towns of no more than 20 thousand people each and an average density of 40.7 electors/km², Craigieburn has a population of 65 thousand & a density of 3,169 electors /km². As such I do not agree with suggestion 35 in this manner, should McEwen need to expand rather than be abolished it should expand east into Casey as that would make more sense given its demographics. (also see Suggestion 36)

Furthermore this also would push Wills more inner and move Melbourne to the coast, I don't

completely hate this idea but I'm not exactly fond of it either. For starters it pushes Melbourne University and the central Melbourne suburbs like Carlton & north Melbourne outside of the Melbourne Electorate, it would also cross a lot of LGA lines. It would also be a very dramatic redraw of Macnamara.

The reason for all of this is Suggestion 35's unusual pick of Higgins for the chopping block, this is not the worst idea but also not one I can think of much justification for other than it having the most under quota projection. The problem with this is the resulting changes to its neighbours are messy and hard to accomplish neatly. It would be far more reasonable to abolish something like McNamara or a more eastern district like Deakin (see my comments on suggestion 9)

Suggestion 37

I am supportive of this proposal,

Suggestion 38

I Oppose These ideas for abolish, a rename would be far more reasonable.

Suggestion 40

While I like the general Idea, I don't think renaming a district as the former name of another recent district is a good idea to avoid confusion.

Suggestion 41

My comments for 41 are like that of 35 as they are similar proposals although there are some extra points that I express my opposition for much a such as the splitting of Menzies, although compared to other similar proposals I think Springvale Road is the least bad boundary to do so.

Suggestion 45

As I'm sure you can pick up now, McEwen Is my pick for abolition and I think suggestion 45 is a good way to do so.

Suggestion 48

Suggestion 48 raises a good point which I also agree should be considered, as I stated in my comments for suggestion 2. I hope the committee will take into consideration the need to move this boundary.

Suggestion 51

A fair point with good reasonings, I support suggestion 51's proposals.

Suggestion 62

Refer to summary points.

End of specific comments

My suggestions

As I stated in the summary, I will now give my own contribution and ideas inspired by the suggestion and my own thinking. In terms of Abolishment:

- Gippsland, Indi, Nicholls, Mallee, & Wannon cannot be abolished since they have no neighbours that could practically be redrawn in such a way to obtain the majority of electors. As such a new division would have to be made in the roughly the same location so abolishing these divisions would not be practical.
- Corangamite & Lalor, Gorton & Hotham are projected to be above quota and so abolishing them would not be practical.
- Gellibrand, Flinders, Hawke¹ & Monash do not have enough deficit in their neighbours to fully “consume” it, so abolishment would be impractical.
- Corio, Bendigo, Ballarat & Fraser all have relatively simple expansion options into neighbouring divisions with excess, so abolition is unnecessary.
- Bruce, Calwell & Macnamara & Melbourne⁵ are within 2% of the quota and so could be reasonably left alone.
- Kooyong is an original federation division.
- Holt, Deakin, Menzies have a neighbouring division/s that could be abolished instead to achieve the same results and since these 3 are named after former prime ministers the alternative would have priority (Dunkley instead of Holt, Aston, or Chisholm instead of Deakin, Chisholm or Jagajaga instead of Menzies). Similarly, Cooper could be abolished instead of Scullin although this is a harder substitute to justify.

The divisions that I would consider as potential candidates for abolition is, therefore.

Casey, Chisholm, Cooper, Dunkley, Goldstein, Higgins, Isaacs, Jagajaga, La Trobe, Maribyrnong, McEwen, & Wills.

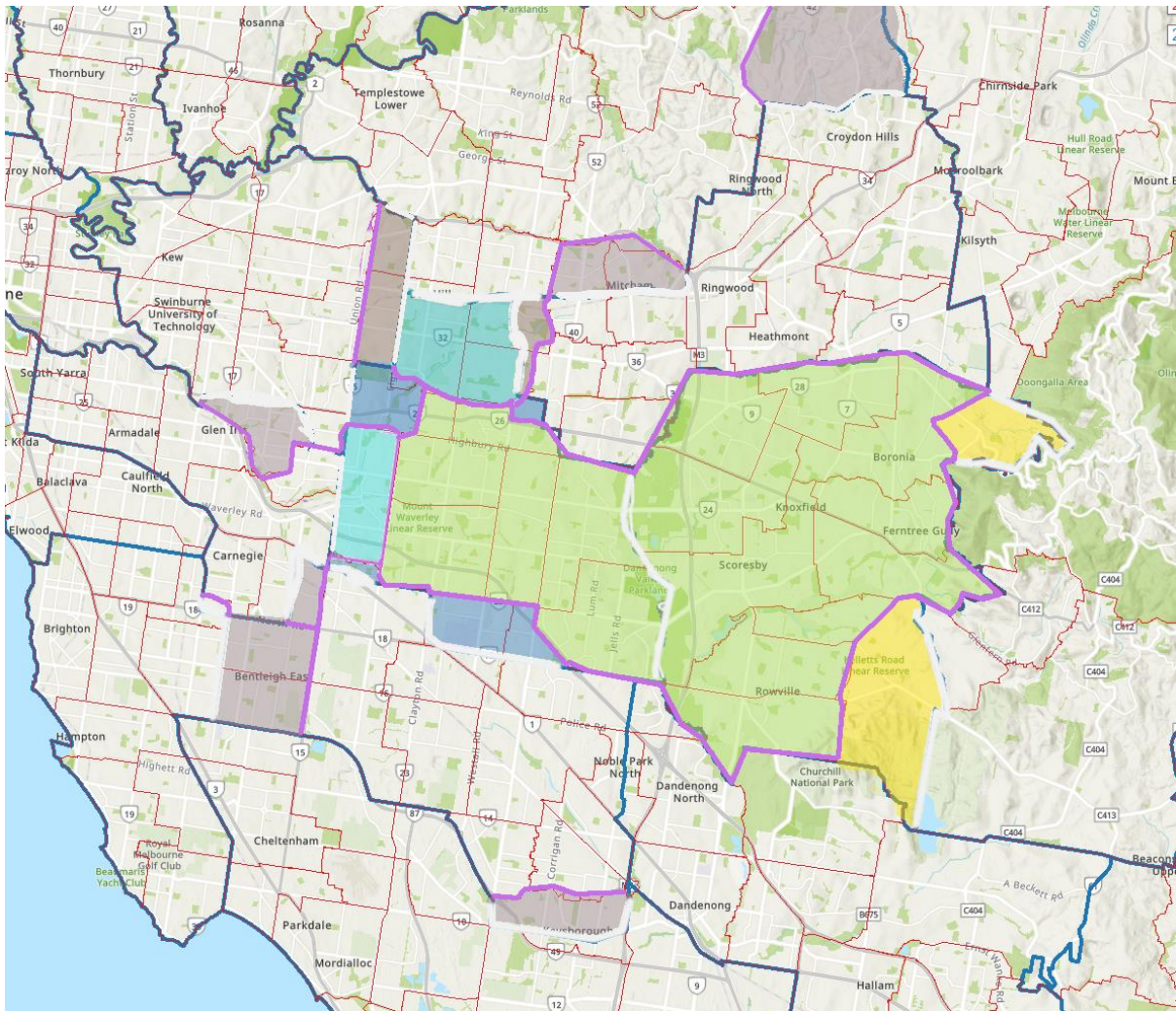
Note the example shown is only a rough “what it would look like” and not a calculated suggestion.

“Option”	Division to be abolished	Direction of redistribution
1	Chisholm	Eastern divisions go inwards, then redraw goes clockwise
2	Latrobe	McEwen, Casey & Hawke go clockwise, then Melbourne divisions go “outwards”
3	Casey	Monash consumes the eastern parts and McEwen consumes the northwest moving dramatically eastwards, Eastern Divisions expand eastern slightly an
4	Dunkley or Isaacs	General clockwise Redraw.
5	Higgins or Goldstein	Major redraw of Melbourne & Macnamara, redraw moves southeast rather the circular
6	JagaJaga	McEwen goes down to the LGA boundary and Cooper and Scullin start a clockwise chain.
7	McEwen	General north direction redraw
8	Maribyrnong	General anticlockwise Redraw
9	Wills or Cooper	Inwards redraw

⁵ I only consider single abolishment and merger; Melbourne could be a good candidate for a remove 2 create one.

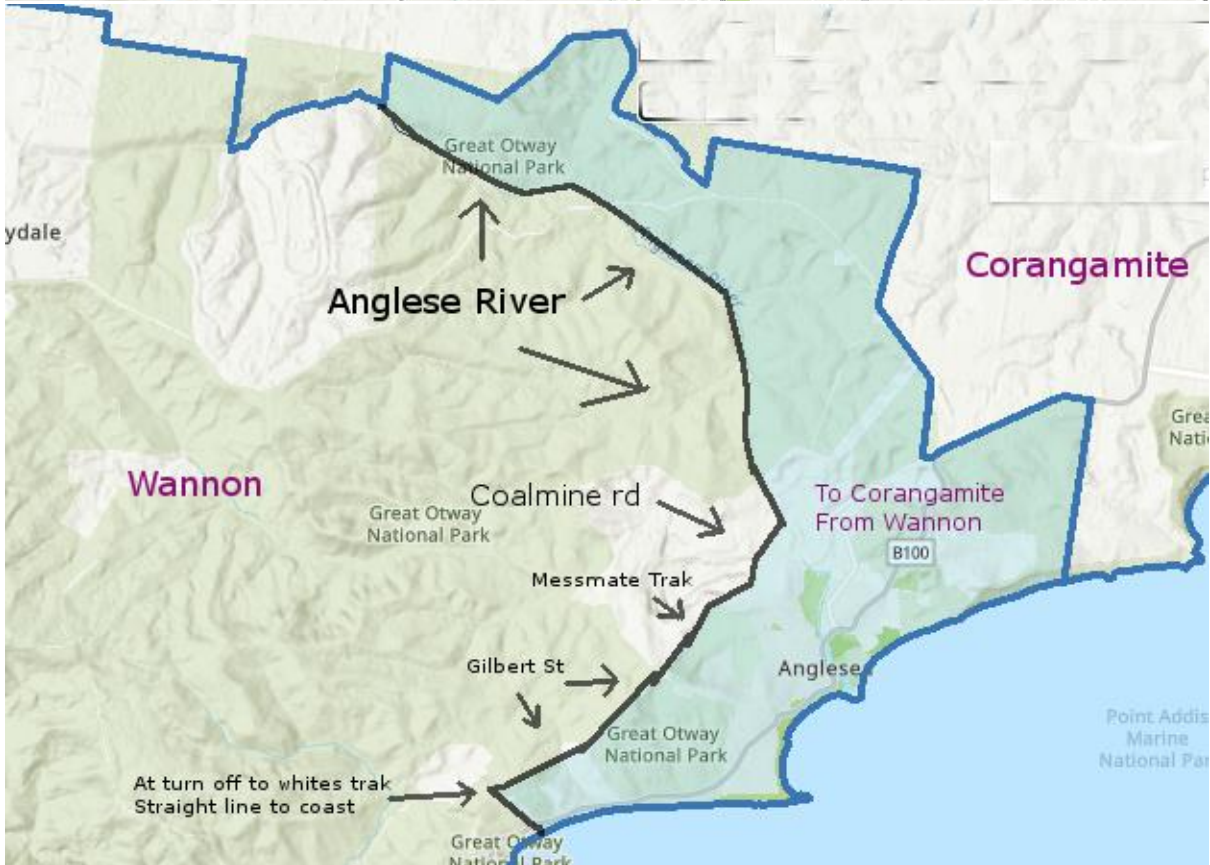
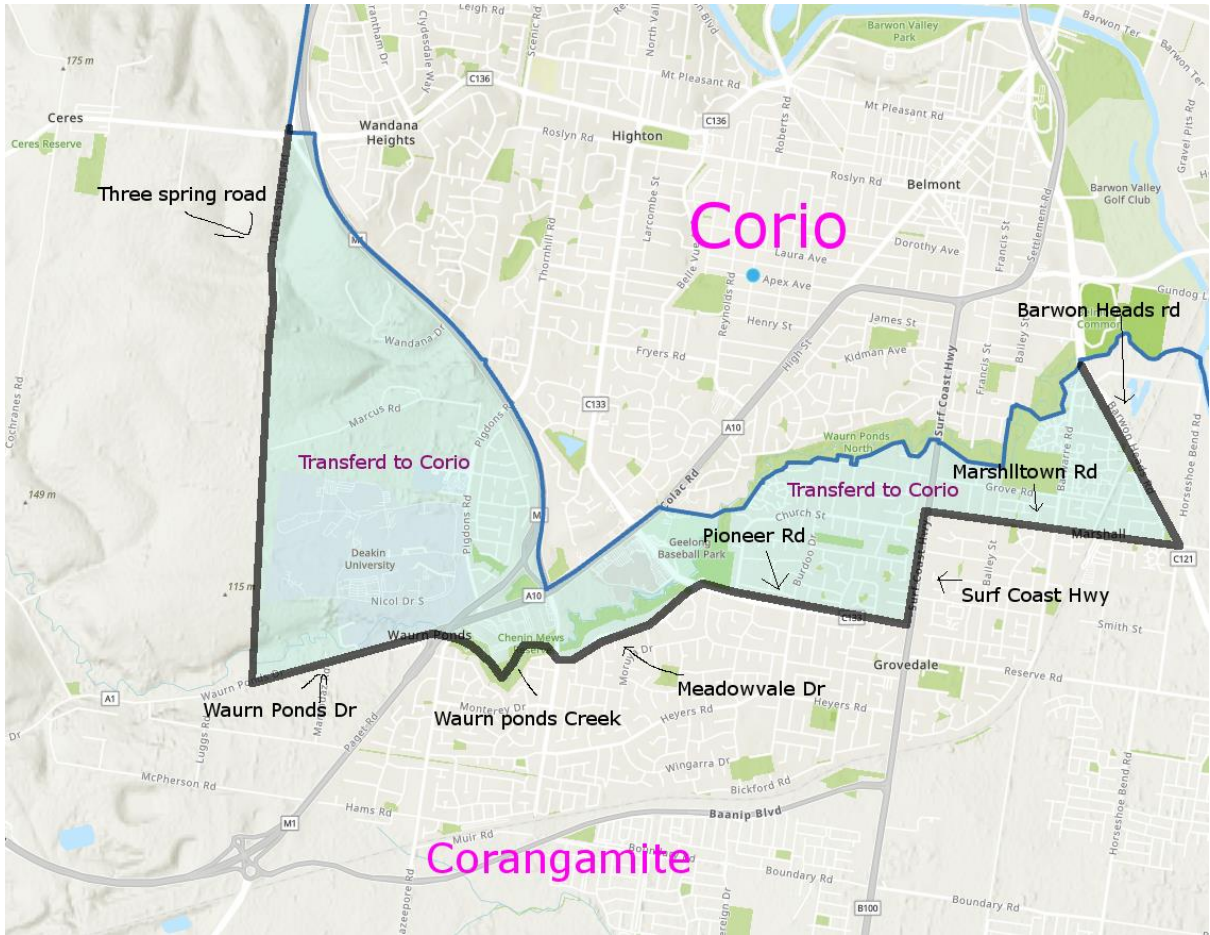
While I would have liked to give my full opinions on all of these, time is precious and when testing I ended up getting stuck (turns out there is a very good reason why boundaries are drawn outwards in, I have learnt that the hard way).

Example here is my attempt at option 1.

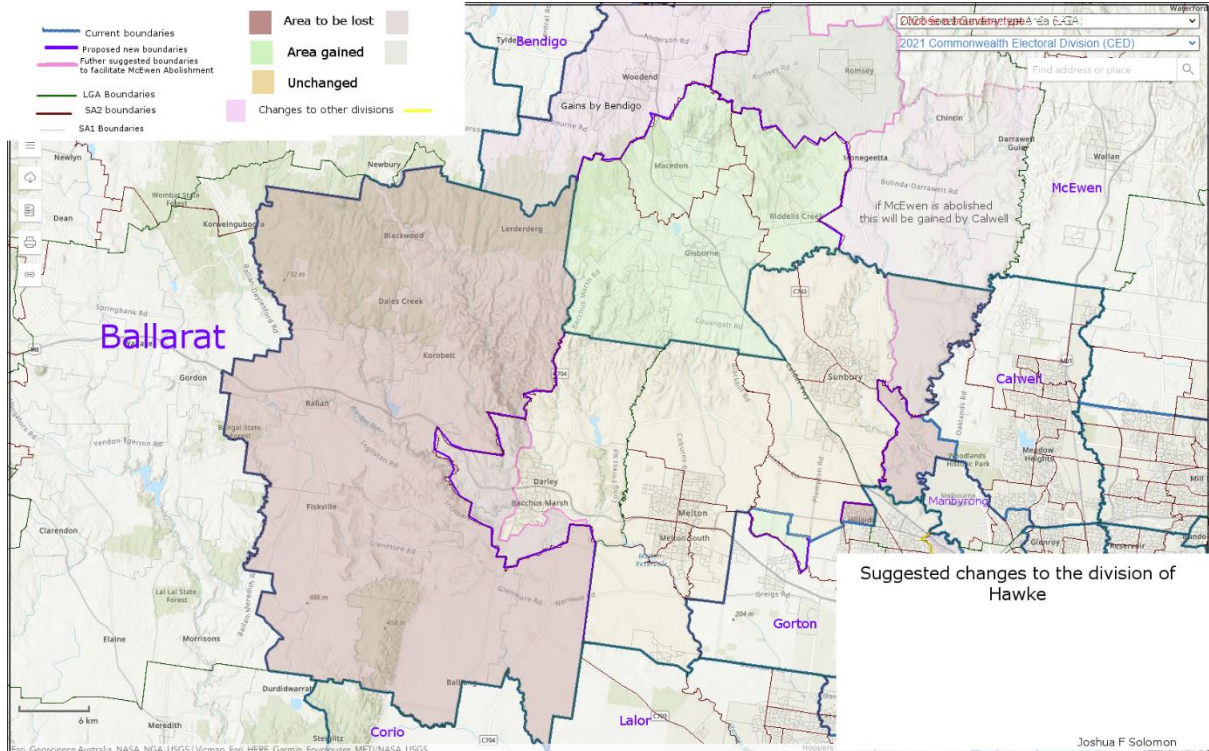


Where the shaded green area has roughly 1.5 quotas. Looks good in theory but you end up getting electors stuck surrounded by “completed divisions”

Anyways when I finally got around to doing a proper suggestion, I began by doing stuff I think should happen regardless, Changes to Corio & Corangamite are independent of most things and so make sense to do first.



Following that all my planning had a similar Idea for Hawke so that's what I did next



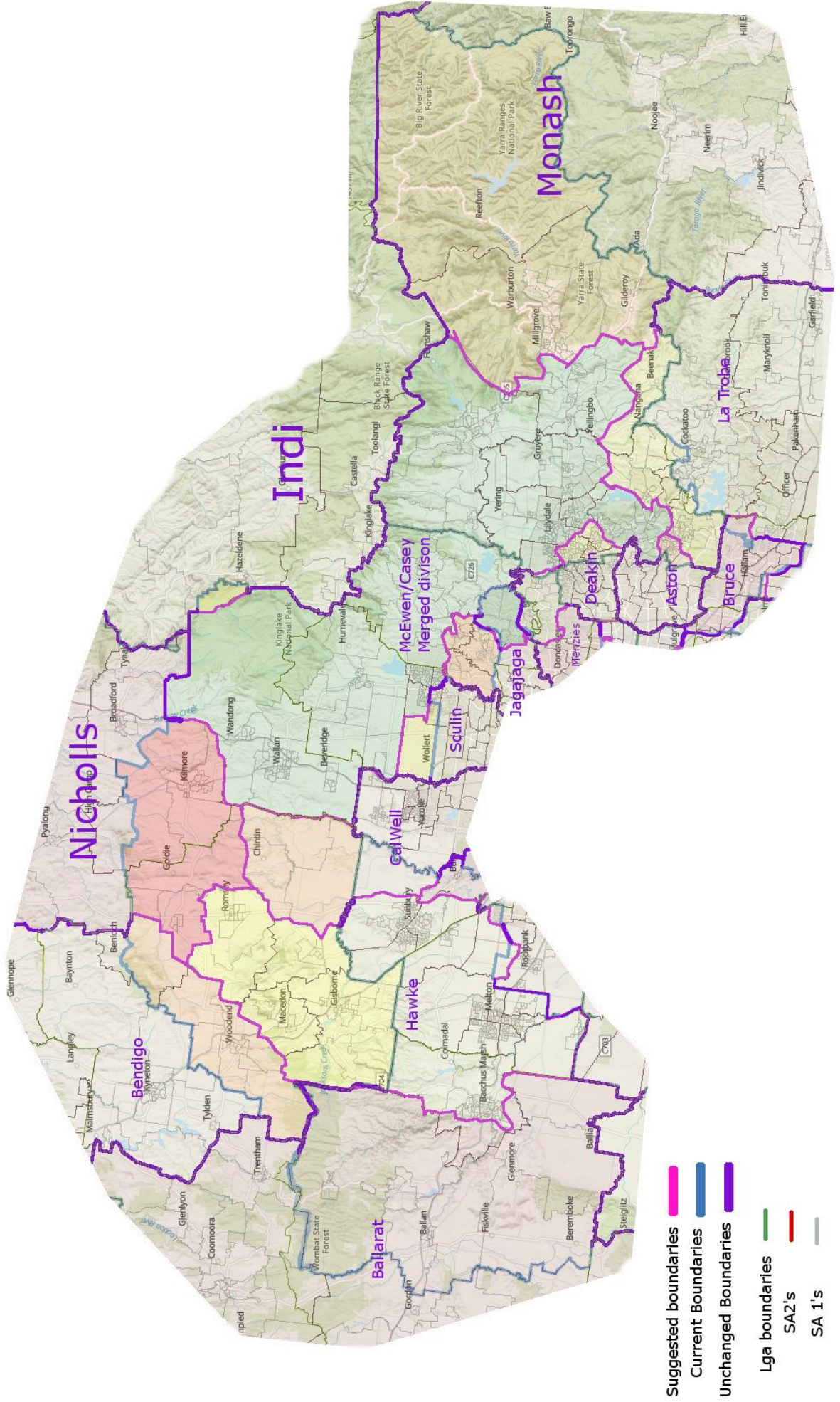
This puts Ballarat in the green decently simple and begins to chip away at McEwen, even if you don't Abolish McEwen, you still need to move it east.

With time running out I then preceded to work on such a thing, although I ended up doing such significant changes to Casey also that rather than abolishing McEwen it ended up more as a merger and so my suggestion goes as follows

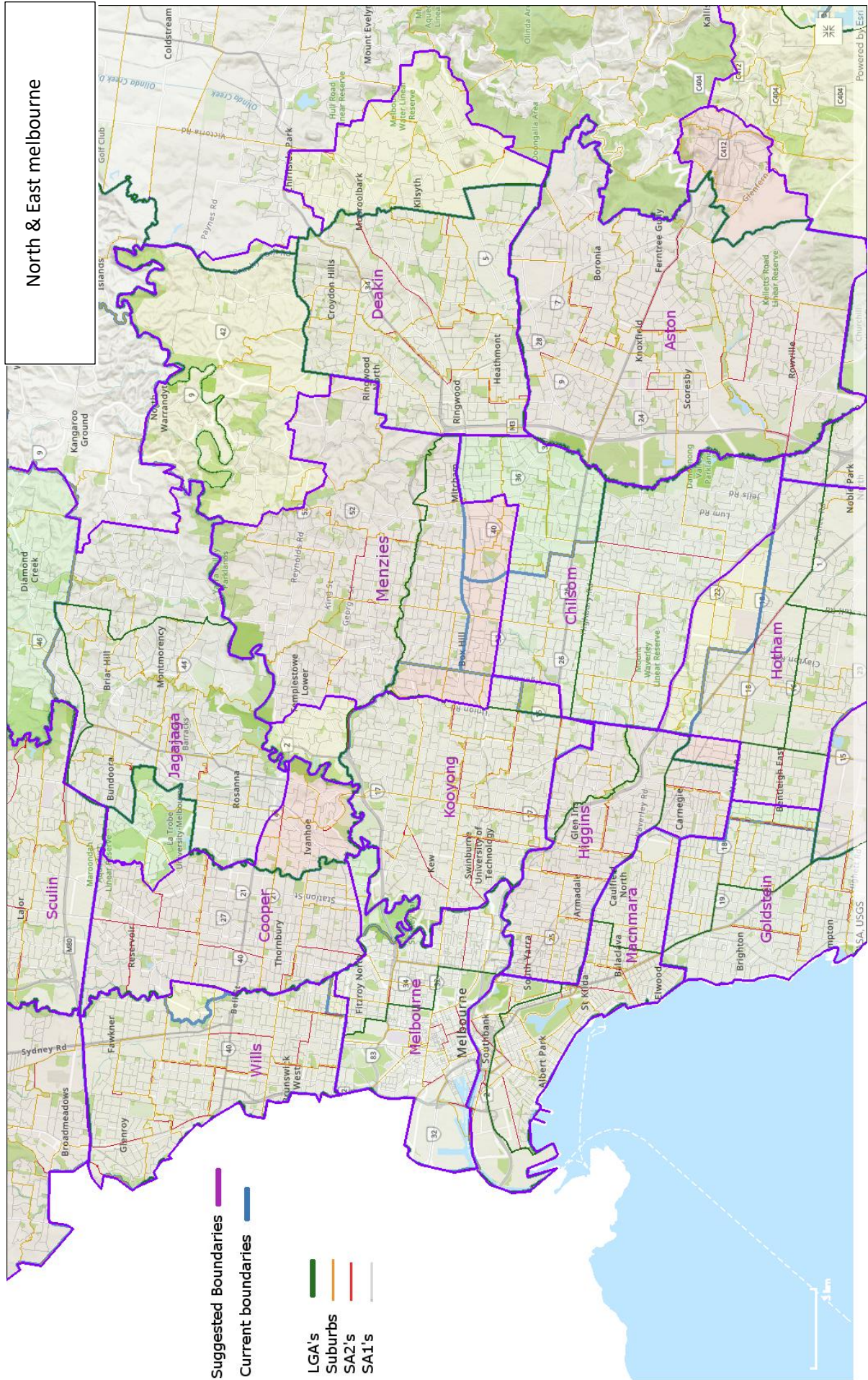
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Division	Current Enrolment	Projected Enrolment	Gains	Losses	New enrolment	electors new	Summary of changes
Kooyong	113,586	124,455	14,942	11,997	127,400 (0.13%)	11.72%	Gains Bulleen from Menzies, Loses electors in box hill and Surrey hills between Canterbury Rd & the Boroondara LGA boundary. Gains some electors in Burwood
Holt	113,159	122,766	10,570	4,913	128,423 (0.93%)	8.23%	Gains electors in Clyde north from La Trobe, Loses electors in the south to Flinders and in the north to Bruce
Nicholls	114,691	124,233	10,453	3,923	130,763 (2.77%)	7.98%	Loses Lockington – Gun Bower to Mallee, Gains electors from McEwen in Lancefield and Kilmore
Hotham	117,704	128,957	9,916	12,861	126,012 (-0.96%)	7.86%	Loses electors in the west to Higgins & Goldstein, gains electors in the north from Chilsom
Minor Changes							
Division	Current Enrolment	Projected Enrolment	Gains	Losses	New enrolment	electors new	Variation from quota
Aston	110,768	120,615	7,456	0	128,071	6.17%	0.65%
Gorton	118,708	129,116	7,618	12,236	124,498	6.12%	-2.15%
Wills	110,228	120,751	7,055	0	127,806	5.55%	0.45%
Scullin	111,244	121,016	7,111	0	128,127	5.51%	0.70%
Bendigo	113,381	122,771	6,952	0	129,723	5.41%	1.95%
Goldstein	111,083	121,366	6,957	0	128,323	5.41%	0.85%
Ballarat	112,875	121,873	6,159	0	128,032	4.81%	0.62%
Higgins	109,335	119,660	5,469	0	125,129	4.36%	-1.66%
Maribyrnong	110,438	120,461	5,426	0	125,887	4.30%	-1.06%
Fraser	113,089	123,858	5,076	0	128,934	3.93%	1.33%
Wannon	116,485	125,633	4,493	2,979	127,147	3.51%	-0.07%
Corio	113,985	123,102	4,464	0	127,566	3.46%	0.26%
Mallee	121,563	131,342	3,149	4,726	129,765	2.45%	1.99%
Corangamite	116,531	127,763	2,979	4,464	126,278	2.36%	-0.75%
Melbourne	115,139	126,170	2,902	3,696	125,376	2.31%	-1.46%
Monash	113,398	123,796	2,860	0	126,656	2.28%	-0.46%
Bruce	114,307	124,753	2,796	2,319	125,230	2.22%	-1.58%
Isaacs	113,084	123,385	2,754	0	126,139	2.18%	-0.86%
Flinders	114,469	124,658	2,640	1,197	126,101	2.10%	-0.89%
Calwell	115,327	125,369	1,381	0	126,750	1.09%	-0.38%
Dunkley	112,715	122,613	1,197	0	123,810	0.98%	-2.69%
Indi	118,876	128,444	774	0	129,218	0.59%	1.56%
Gellibrand	112,851	123,999	0	0	123,999	0.00%	-2.55%
Gippsland	116,666	126,776	0	0	126,776	0.00%	-0.36%
Lalor	116,506	127,852	0	0	127,852	0.00%	0.48%
Macnamara	112,881	124,756	0	0	124,756	0.00%	-1.95%

General Map of suggested changes



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My full suggestion can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1MeA_wJeGcyEiExN-SG0xB_Q2mO_V8WvJs2Wa9sor49U/edit?usp=sharing

Division names

The new merged Division has a roughly an even split between current Casey and McEwen electors, as such the new division in my opinion should be called McEwen as it is the name of a former prime minister it takes priority and to prevent further confusion with Casey LGA which is now even further away.

Should a division name be required here are my suggestions for names from reviewing the suggestion?

- **Flack** after Edwin Flack, Australia's first Olympic Athlete (Suggestion 11)
- **Batman**, after John Batman one of Melbourne's founders and a former district that was abolished in 2019 (suggestion 8)
- **Peacock**, after Millie Peacock the first woman elected to the Victorian Parliament (The Liberal parties' suggestion that they didn't submit on time but leaked to the media)
- **Jospeh**, after Sir Joseph Cook the only deceased Australian prime minister to not have a district named after them, Ideally the present district of Cook in NSW should be reattributed to him rather than Captain James Cook, but I missed the chance to get that suggestion in to the NSW suggestions, so I mention it here.

Flaws with my suggestion

My suggestion is not perfect, far from it and there are some flaws I'm not happy with, but I must settle due to time and there may not being a perfect solution.

- Macnamara unchanged. Macnamara is currently at -1.95% variation and is an odd-looking shape unaligned with any real locality boundary I can see. I would have liked to take this as an opportunity to improve on the central 2 divisions but as I worked outside in, I didn't have enough wiggle room.
- Gellibrand unchanged. Similarly, I unfortunately am not suggesting any changes to Gellibrand despite its variation being -2.55%. Although this is slightly more solvable than Macnamara as minor adjustments could be made to the western boundary to share the deficit with Lalor, it just depends on what the committee as more important, Having the variation between divisions lower (whilst within allowed range) or making as few changes as possible.
- Calwell Stretched. I am not to satisfied with my suggestion for Calwell, While I think it is reasonable for it to absorb eastern Sunbury its harder to justify this all the way up to near Romsey. This also not a hard problem to solve however as this area could be absorbed by Nicholls if electors could be moved all the way anti-clockwise to Wannon which is only half a percentage excess of quota.
- Doreen split, the way the boundaries ended up working out, Doreen had to be split between McEwen and Scullin, while this annoying, considering the current boundaries also do this to some extended is a consideration.
- Southeast feels "Unfinished", I'm not fully satisfied with my suggestion for divisions like Flinders, Dunkley & Holt, I feel like with enough time I could have done more reasonable boundaries and ideally pushed the Bruce/holt boundaries with La Trobe to the Lga boundary.

- Eastern LGA's, one of my hopes was to reduce the number of divisions each LGA was in, and while I managed to reduce Whitehorse from 4 to 3, Manningham goes from 1 to 3 so it isn't that big of an achievement. With time or potentially in future redistributions Ideally Kooyong should fall into Boroondara LGA & Bulleen should be returned to Menzies.

Conclusion

In conclusion writing this was very much a learning experience and I apologise for how inconsistent it must feel reading. I hope some of my ideas prove useful to the committee and my administrative suggestions are forwarded to the right people.
