



# Comment on suggestion 10

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The Chair and Members  
Redistribution Committee for Victoria  
Australian Electoral Commission

Dear Chair and Members

I write to make comments on the recently released suggestions by members of the public and by parties, particularly as they relate to my own community, the Moonee Valley LGA.

I am surprised and disheartened that the submissions from the Victorian head offices of the Australian Labor Party, the Liberal Party of Australia and the Australian Greens have seen fit to urge on the Committee that Moonee Valley LGA continue to be divided between several Divisions, particularly when several cogently prepared independent submissions (those by Ben Elwood, Mark Mulcair, Charles Richardson and David Walsh) demonstrate that unifying the Moonee Valley LGA into a single Division (whether Maribyrnong or the new 38th Division) is a practical proposal (in fact, four practical proposals). Labor, the Liberals and the Greens all have the wit to do the same, but have chosen not to.

The Labor submission is egregious in slicing Moonee Valley along the entire length of Buckley Street (which Labor head office calls "Buckley Road" on several occasions - so much for local knowledge!), thus dividing Essendon from Moonee Ponds and Aberfeldie, and Avondale Heights from Keilor East. The northern half of Moonee Valley LGA (to be in Labor's proposed "Fraser" Division) is joined with Ardeer and Deer Park in a bizarre "headlock" gerrymander that embraces but excludes St Albans.

The Liberals' submission is outlandish in carving out Airport West (from Maribyrnong) and Strathmore North/Heights (from Wills) and placing them into a reshaped Calwell Division stretching all the way across to Campbellfield, Lalor (the suburb, not the Division) and Epping! The MP for such a Division would need to liaise with Whittlesea, Hume, Moreland and Moonee Valley Councils on those LGAs' issues. Moonee Valley would be its smallest (and therefore most easily ignored) component.

The Greens' submission is grotesque in proposing to maintain the east-to-west geographic extremes of the current Maribyrnong Division, to introduce a new boundary between Ascot Vale and Flemington/Travancore, and (like the Liberals' proposal) to transfer Airport West and Strathmore North/Heights to Calwell, again as an insignificant and easily

ignored component of that Division.

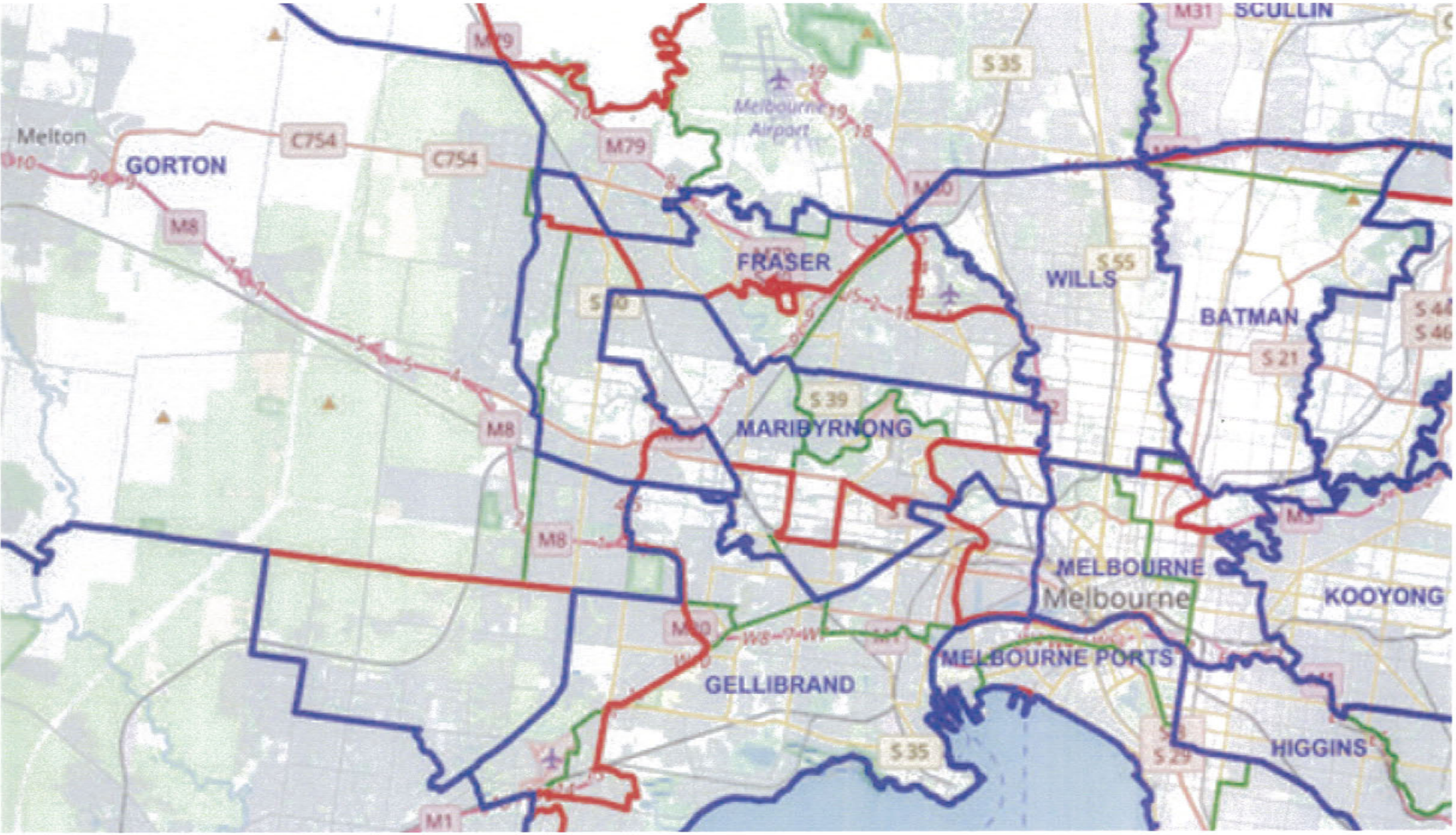
I urge the Committee to give serious consideration to the cogent submissions by Messrs Elwood, Mulcair, Richardson and Walsh so that, as far as is practical, Moonee Valley LGA is placed entirely in one Division (whether Maribyrnong or the new 38th Division). Given Gowanbrae's isolation from the bulk of Moreland LGA and Wills Division, and its local booth being shared with Strathmore Heights, transferring Gowanbrae to the Division containing Moonee Valley LGA is also worth considering.

I look forward to the Committee's proposed redistribution report.

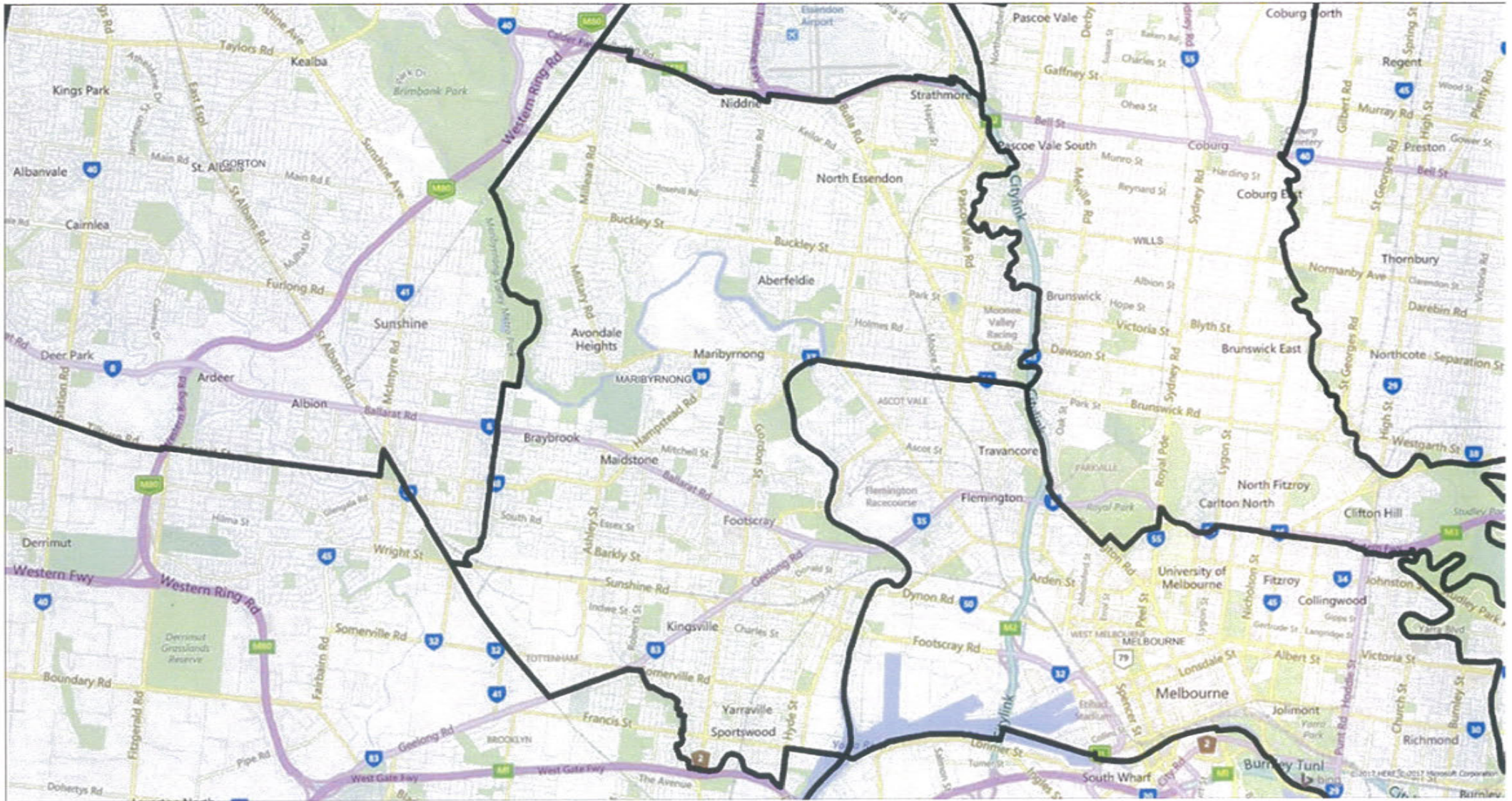
Yours faithfully

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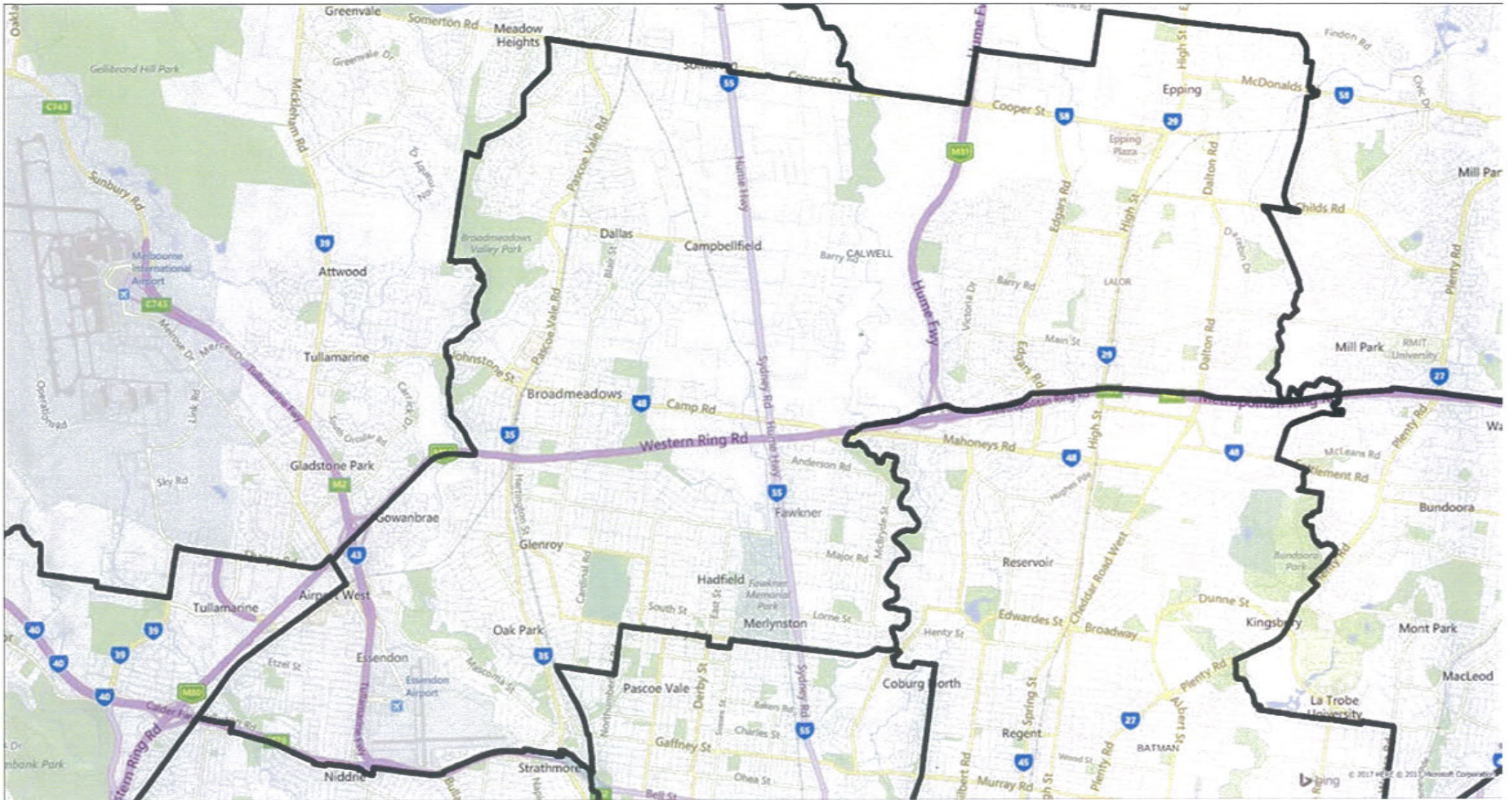
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# Maribyrnong

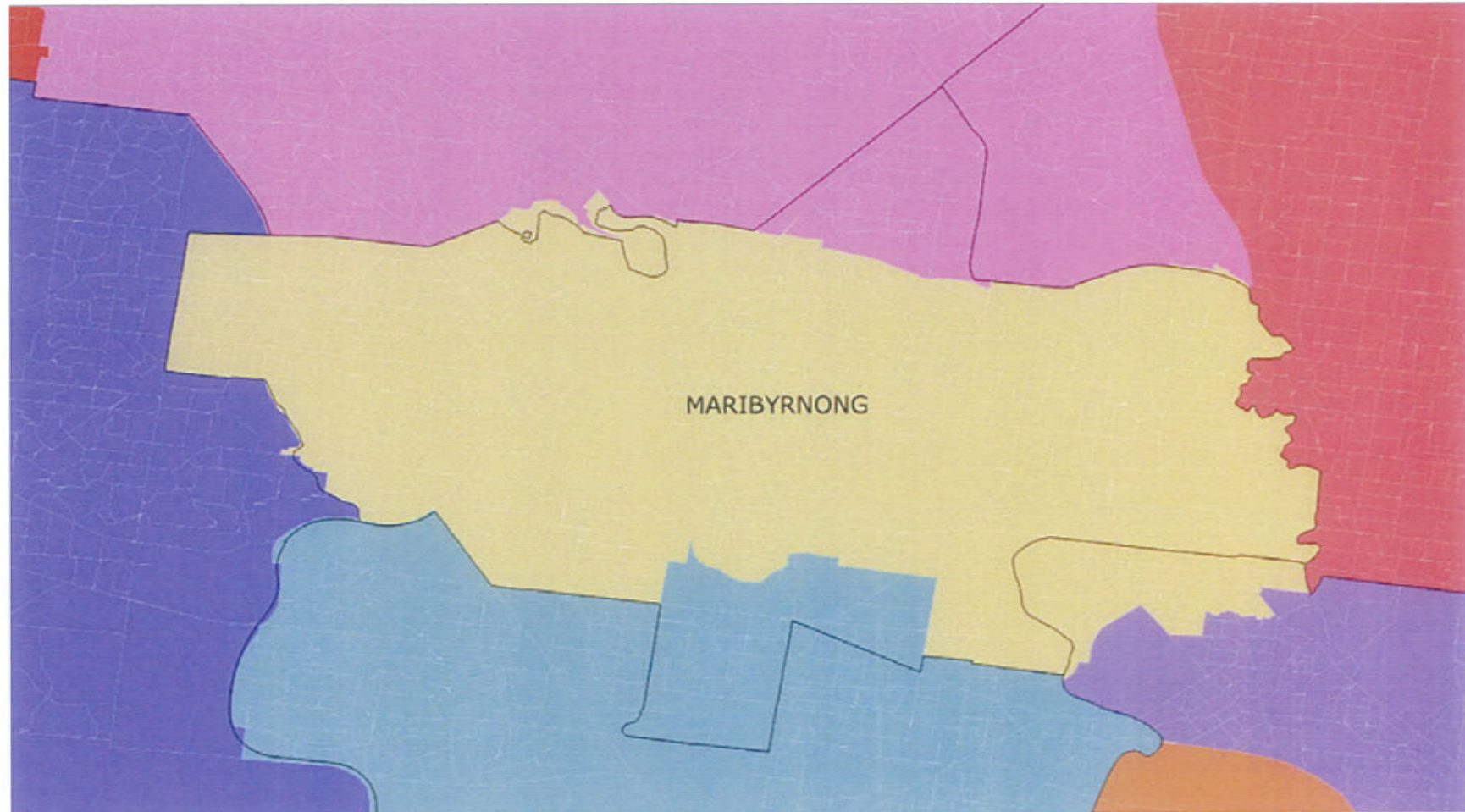


# Calwell



## Maribyrnong

Transferring Braybrook to Gellibrand and St Albans to Gorton would bring Maribyrnong well under the projected quota. However, adding Ascot Vale brings it back within the range, while also making it a more compact electorate.



## Calwell

Major changes are needed to Calwell as a flow on from the creation of the new seat of Fraser. We propose the shift of the Roxburgh Park and Somerton SA2 from Calwell to

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McEwen and moving in the areas of Wills west of the railway line and of Maribyrnong north of the Calder Freeway.

