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The proposed redistribution of the boundaries of Jagajaga and Menzies is excessive and exclusionary. The people of Nillumbik (namely Eltham and Research) have been in Jagajaga for years and far more identify with Banyule than Mannigham. Eltham, Montmorency, Greensborough, and Diamond Creek are much closer to each other than Eltham is with Donvale or even Templestowe. Eltham has a Green vote of near 20%, with a heavy preference to Labor. Moving these people from a marginal Labor Seat to a safe Liberal Seat would be grossly unjust and unfair. Whilst I don't object to most redistributions, this would be too extreme a shift in seat status. Moving the people of Ivanhoe to Menzies would make more sense, but that goes against the insistence of all of Banyule being within Jagajaga. Taking electors from Casey would make more sense than the current proposal. There is a sound reason why there is very little history of an Eltham Templestowe (cross Yarra) seat, and that is that they don't give fair representation.