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Objection to Victorian Federal Redistribution

I object to the Victorian Federal Redistribution of Flemington into the seat of Maribyrnong.

Importantly, the boundary suggested by the AEC excludes Flemington's community and its facilities. Racecourse Road is the heart of Flemington and half of it will be moved to a different district. It will also push our library, RSL club and community health centre, local sporting and swimming facility as well as many of our shops into a different district. What this means is that we would have to go asking the member for Melbourne to continue looking after our interests and to seek the cooperation of the representative for Essendon, but that is very difficult and definitely not desirable. Currently, this is not successful at State level.

Also, Flemington is an inner city suburb with similar needs to that of the rest of electorate of Melbourne, and quite different from those suburbs currently in the seat of Maribyrnong. Demographically we are very different to Maribyrnong and much more akin to Melbourne, with greater housing density, demonstrated need for cycling infrastructure, open spaces, language and youth services, as well as historic, geographic and demographic ties with Kensington.

As such, Flemington should remain part of the Melbourne electorate.

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