



# Objection 243

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I would like to submit the following reasons for Flemington (if status quo is unable to remain) to be considered for the federal seat of Melbourne, not Maribyrnong:

- Flemington has traditionally been part of the Melbourne electorate (at a state or local level, if not federally).
- Flemington is very different demographically to Maribyrnong.
- Flemington has different infrastructure needs to Maribyrnong - including greater demonstrated need for cycling infrastructure, open space, language and youth services.
- The housing density of Flemington is more than twice that of most of Moonee Valley/Maribyrnong and this requires a different approach to services and infrastructure. Flemington is more closely aligned with suburb representations across Melbourne.
- Flemington has historic, geographic and demographic connections to Kensington. The Flemington /Kensington connection has been ignored at local and state boundary changes. The Flemington and Kensington communities have a strong cultural and community bond; returning Flemington to Melbourne would again provide that representation federally, as it is not reflected at any other level.
- Flemington residents are more likely to be properly represented in an electorate that includes its community of interest.

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