Suggestion 102

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Dear Commissioner,

This submission aims to provide a proposed redistribution for Melbourne's South-East. As the eight electorates of Macnamara, Higgins, Hotham, Goldstein, Isaacs, Bruce, Dunkley and Flinders have the population for very near to eight quotas, I suggest that these eight seats only be changed through swaps with each other and then the remainder of the state be considered afterwards.
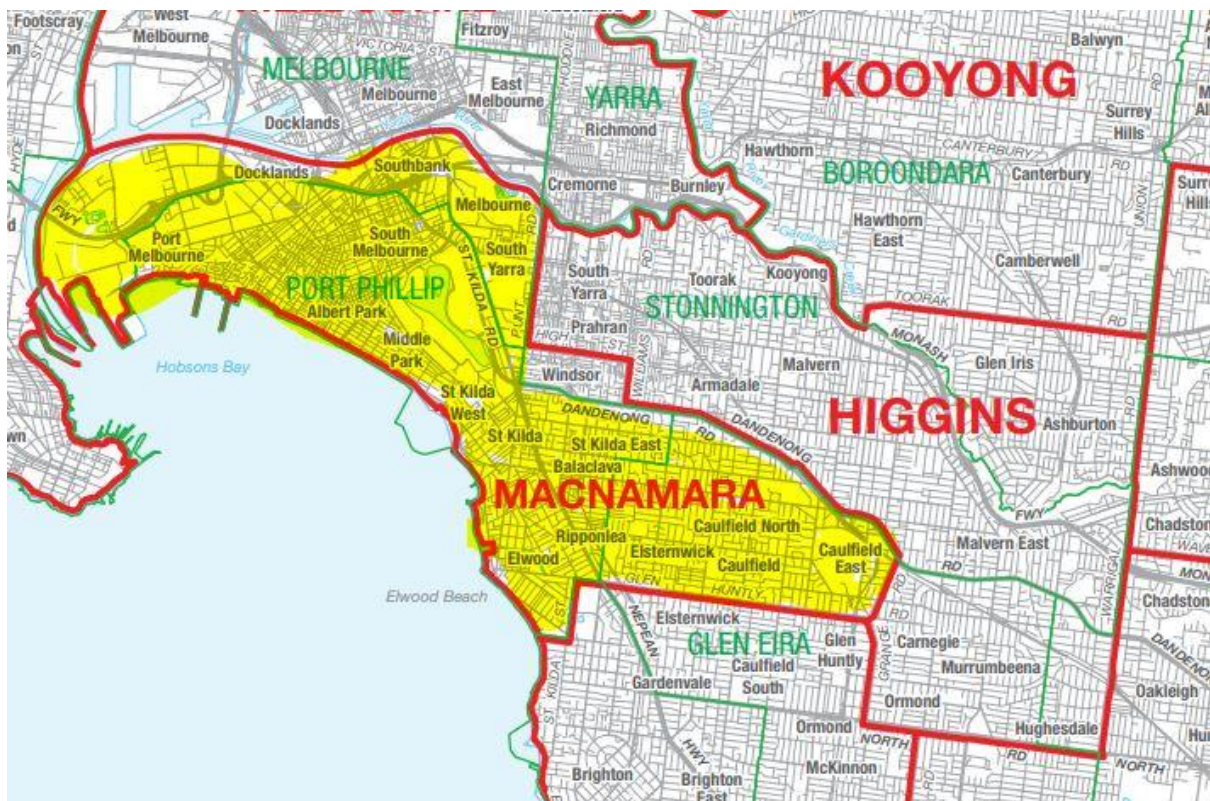
Proposed changes (starting at Macnamara and moving out)

1. **Macnamara – starting quota 114,564 / starting projected quota 121,453**

Proposed changes:

- Transfer 5,056 current (5,177 projected) from suburb of Windsor (Prahran-Windsor SA2) to Higgins.

There is a strong community of interest argument for this, reuniting Windsor with Higgins and the rest of the City of Stonnington.

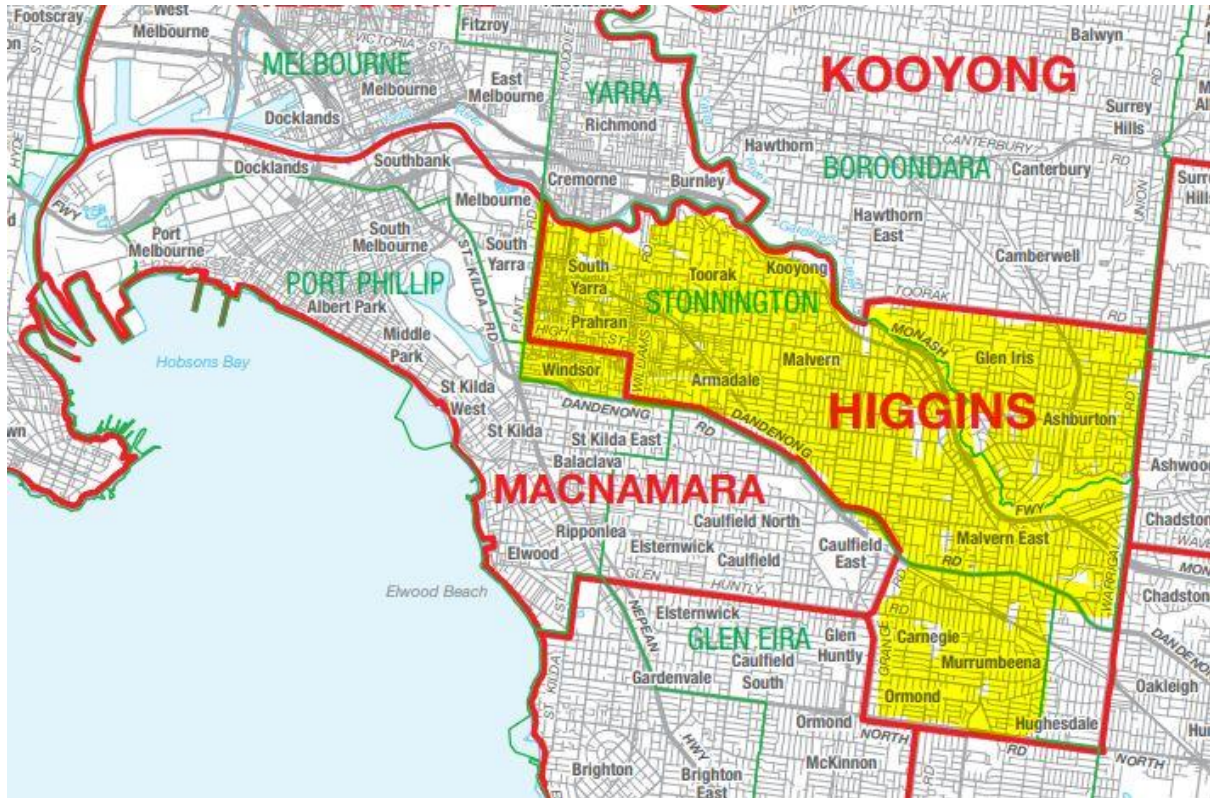**Redistributed quota 109,508. Redistributed projected quota 116,276.**

2. **Higgins – starting quota 111,285 / starting projected quota 117,504**

Proposed changes:

- Accept 5,056 current (5,177 projected) voters from Macnamara from suburb of Windsor (Prahran-Windsor SA2)
- Transfer 4,929 current (5,218 projected) voters from Hughesdale SA2 to Hotham.

Hughesdale is the only part of the City of Monash in Higgins and clearly sits better in Hotham. Following the transfer of Windsor from Macnamara to Higgins, Hughesdale transferring to Hotham brings Higgins back to 111,412 voters (117,463 projected), suitably close to quota.

Redistributed quota 111,412. Redistributed projected quota 117,463.

3. **Goldstein - starting quota 109,554 / starting projected quota 115,856**

   No changes to Goldstein.

4. **Hotham - starting quota 108,535 / starting projected quota 112,790**
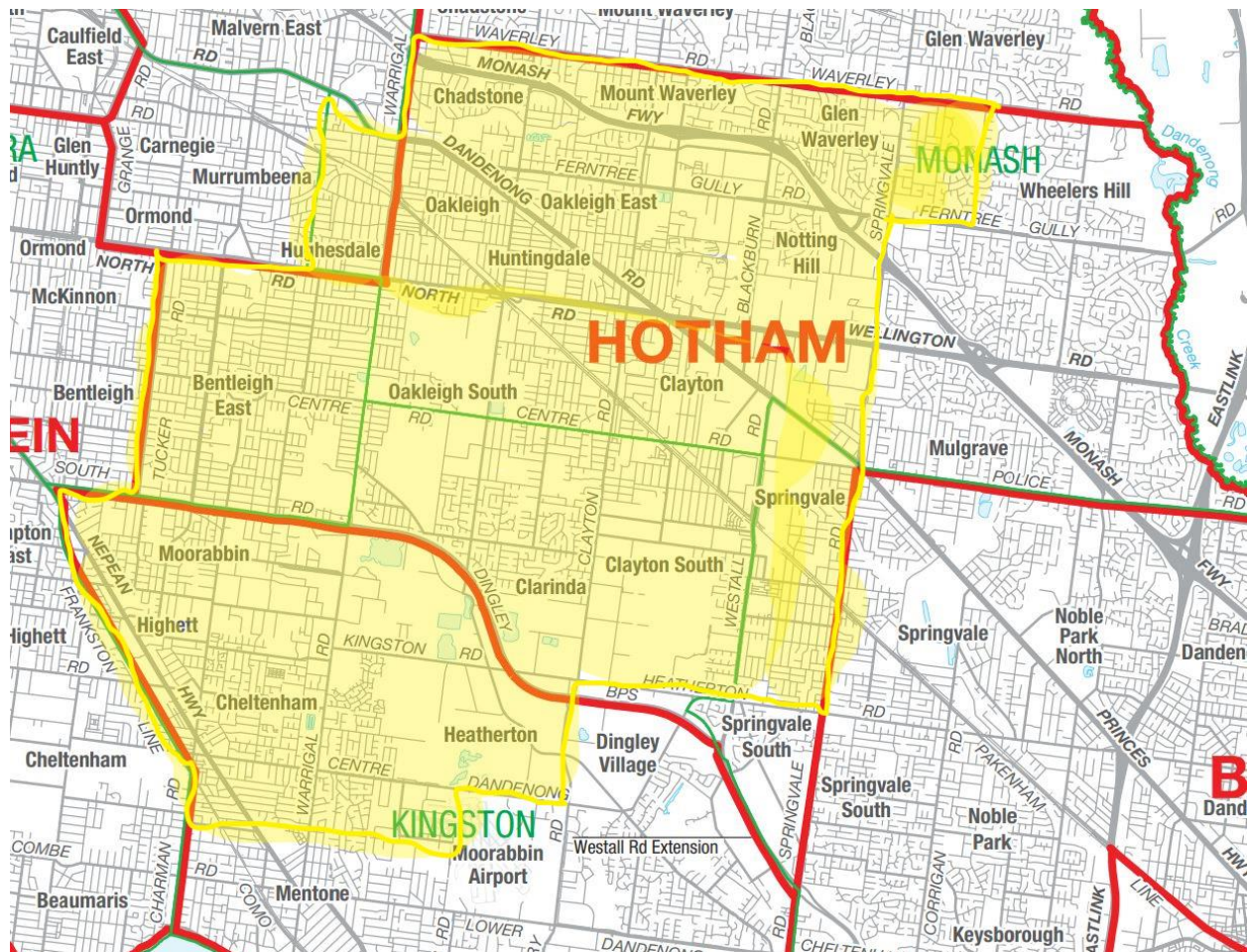
Proposed changes:

- Accept 4,929 current (5,218 projected) voters in Hughesdale SA2, transferred from Higgins.
- Accept 22,697 current (24,325 projected) voters in Cheltenham-Highett (East) (16,630 current and 17,886 projected) and Moorabbin-Heatherton (6,067 current and 6,439 projected) from Isaacs.
- Transfer 2,687 current (2,733 projected) voters in Springvale South SA2 to Isaacs.
- Transfer 26,380 current (26,551 projected) voters from Mulgrave SA2 that is east of Springvale Road (12,249 current/12,450 projected) and Wheelers Hill (14,131 current/14,101 projected) to Bruce.

With Higgins taking Windsor, the knock-on effect should see Hotham gain Hughesdale, removing the one part of the City of Monash from Higgins. Hotham should also see voters in Cheltenham-Highett (East) and Moorabbin-Heatherton returned from Isaacs, reuniting a 'northern Kingston' electorate and regaining suburbs that traditionally look north to Bentleigh and Oakleigh as opposed to the

'Bayside' Kingston suburbs that belong in Isaacs. Wheelers Hill and Mulgrave east of Springvale Road should be transferred to Bruce. Springvale South belongs in the same seat as Dingley Village and Keysborough and should be transferred to Isaacs.

This creates stronger boundaries with common sense communities of interest, with Springvale Road, Waverley Road and Heatherton Road all well-known and identifiable locations and results in current and projected quotas within the permissible range.
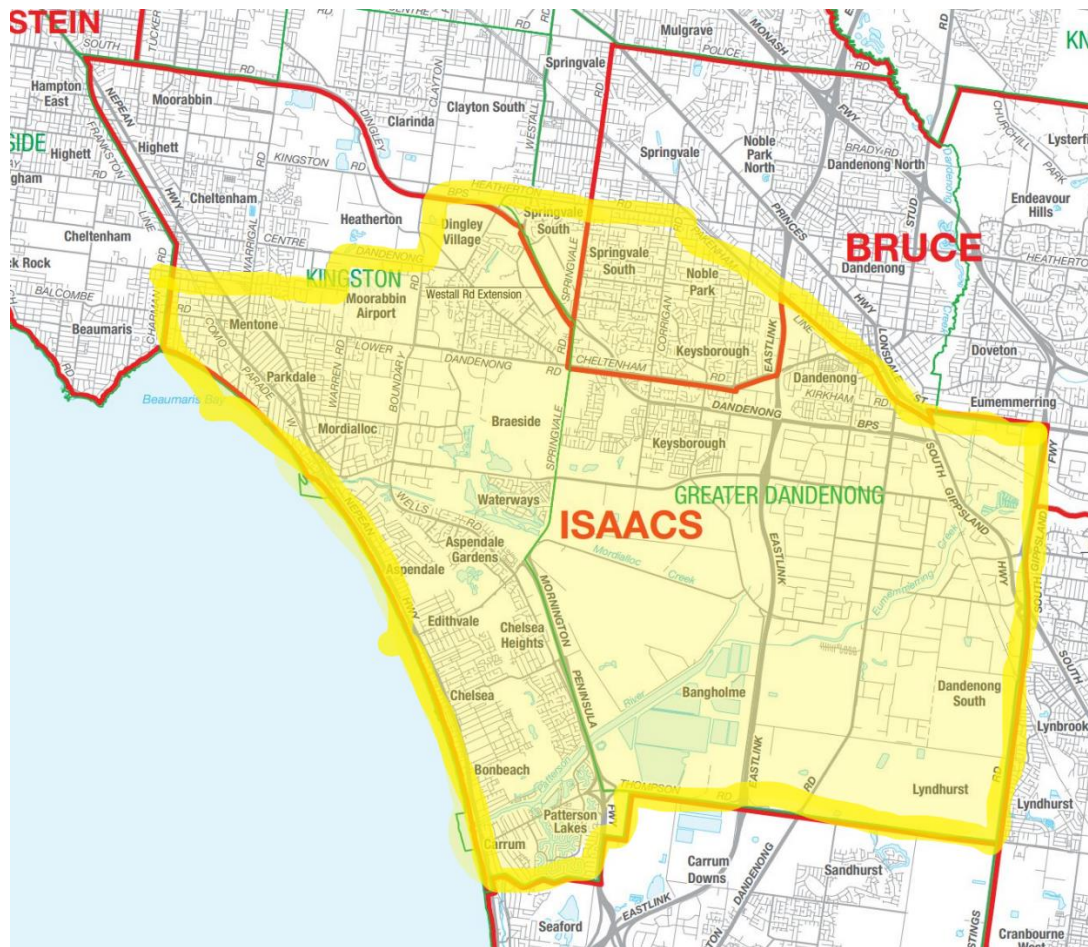

Redistributed quota 107,094. Redistributed projected quota 113,049

5. **Isaacs - starting quota 109,823 / starting projected quota 117,413**

Proposed changes:

- Transfer 22,697 current (24,325 projected) voters in Cheltenham-Highett (East) (16,630 current and 17,886 projected) and Moorabbin-Heatherton (6,067 current and 6,439 projected) to Hotham.
- Accept 23,446 current (24,640 projected) voters in Keysborough (8,114 current, 8,702 projected), Springvale South (5,257 current, 5,504 projected) and all of Noble Park -West SA2 south of Heatherton Road (10,095 current, 10,434 projected) from Bruce.
- Accept 2,687 current (2,733 projected) voters in Springvale South SA2 from Hotham.

Isaacs is currently a bits and pieces electorate that would create stronger communities of interest by returning Cheltenham, Highett, Moorabbin and Heatherton to Hotham and picking up a mix of Keysborough, Noble Park and Springvale South from Bruce and Hotham. This creates a strong community of interest based on the southern part of the City of Greater Dandenong. It also connects Dingley Village to Keysborough and Springvale South and returns Moorabbin, Cheltenham, Heatherton and Highett – suburbs that look toward Bentleigh and Oakleigh – to Hotham where they have traditionally belonged, while leaving the 'Bayside' Kingston suburbs in Isaacs. This creates a strong northern border of Heatherton Road and a known north-eastern border of the Dandenong Train Line.

Redistributed quota 113,259. Redistributed projected quota 120,461.

6. **Bruce - starting quota 110,086 / starting projected quota 112,941**
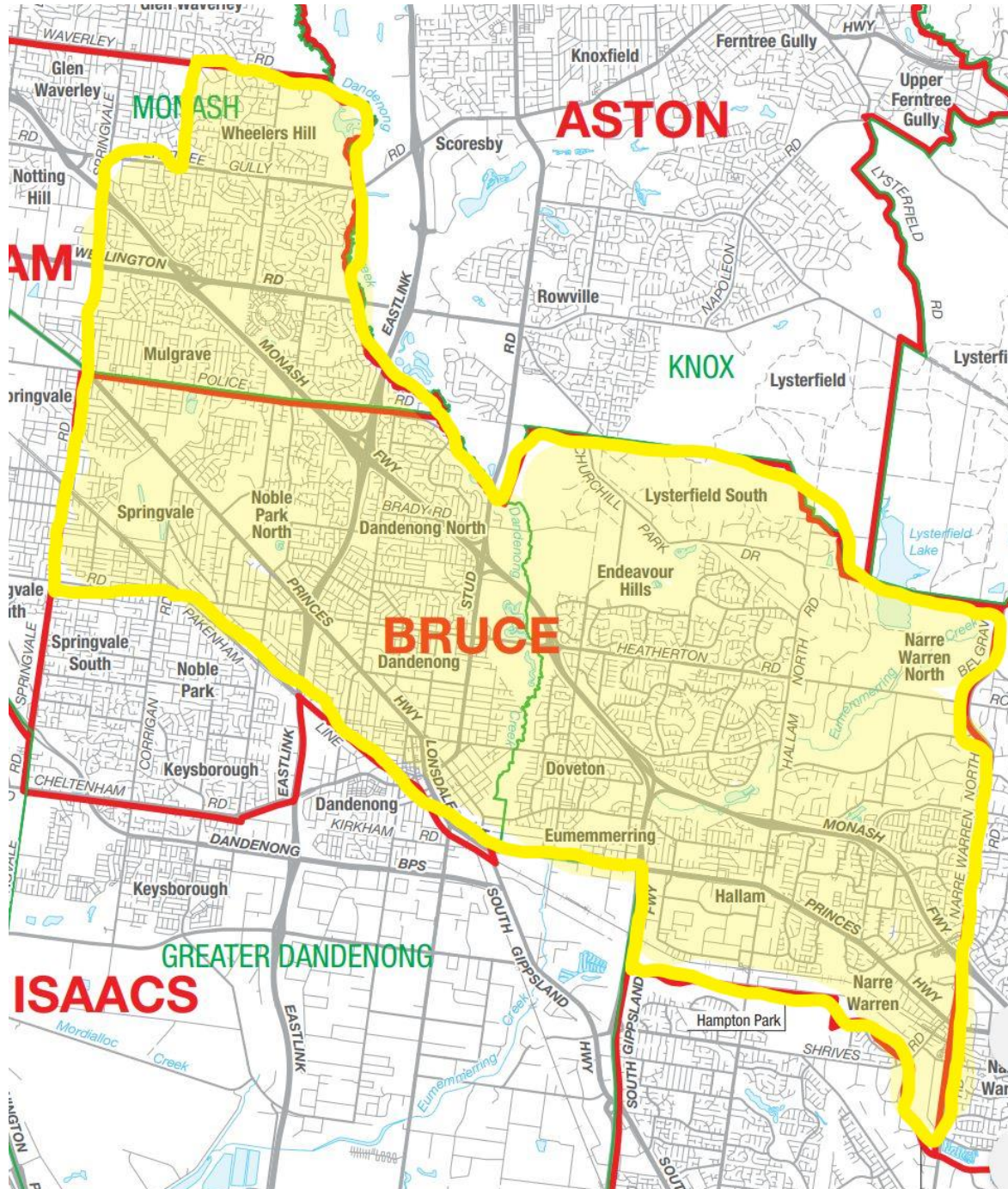
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- Accept 26,380 current (26,551 projected) voters from Mulgrave SA2 that is east of Springvale Road (12,249 current/12,450 projected) and Wheelers Hill SA2 (14,131 current/14,101 projected), transferred from Hotham.

These changes allow for the return of much of Mulgrave and Wheelers Hill to Bruce where they have traditionally been. Using Heatherton and Springvale Roads as boundaries, these changes also make stronger, more well-known boundaries for Bruce, Isaacs and Hotham.

Redistributed quota 113,020. Redistributed projected quota 114,852

7. Dunkley - starting quota 111,277 / starting projected quota 114,591

No changes required to Dunkley. Though it is above quota currently, it's comparatively slow population growth will have it slightly below quota by 2025 and as such it should see it left unchanged.

8. Flinders – starting quota 112,085 / 117,374

No changes required to Flinders. Though it is above quota currently, it's comparatively slow population growth will have it almost right on quota by 2025 and as such it should see it left unchanged.

If adopted, the map for the South-East would look like this (Flinders not pictured):