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Dear AEC

My submission today is advocating for the abolition of Hotham and retention of Higgins.

After reading the initial submissions and objections, I believe with the proposed boundaries the AEC is missing a key opportunity for genuine realignment of communities of interest in the east of Melbourne.

My first suggestion is to expand the electorate of Melbourne to include the west part of Macnamara. It is well known that an electorate would have to cross the Yarra at this redistribution and I believe that doing it in the city would be most practical due to the various bridges and transport links already connected port Melbourne to the CBD. To offset this loss, Macnamara should gain the high density suburbs of South Yarra, Prahran and Windsor. These suburbs demographically are very similar to the inner city areas in Macnamara like Albert Park, St Kilda and Elwood.

My second suggestion is to increase the amount of electors in Higgins but including Caulfield and surrounds from Macnamara. Given the similar demographic, use by Caulfield train station by Malvern and Malvern East residents and uniting of a significant Jewish population in Higgins in a time of heightened anti-Semitism I believe this move to be entirely appropriate. I also recommend Higgins gaining Caulfield South and Glen Huntly from Goldstein so that Goldstein can pick up electors from the abolished Hotham. By making these changes the electorate of Higgins will include the suburbs of Toorak, Malvern, Malvern East, Caulfield, Caulfield East, Caulfield South, Caulfield North, Armadale, Kooyong, Glen Iris, Ashburton, Hughesdale, Carnegie, Murrumbeena, Glen Huntly, Ashwood, Burwood and Chadstone.

My third suggestion is around the abolition of Hotham. Hotham split over 5 LGA's makes sense for abolition as Goldstein, Isaacs, Bruce, Chisholm, and Higgins all need to pick up electors.

Bentleigh East, Cheltenham, Mentone and Murrabbin all are bayside suburbs and should be represented by Goldstein.

Springvale, Noble Park, Keysborough, Clayton South, and Clarinda should all be moved into Isaacs.

Noble Park North should be moved into Bruce

The electorate of Chisholm moves down to take Clayton, Oakleigh South, Notting Hill, Mulgrave.

Menzies retains its previous boundaries.

Kooyong retains its previous boundaries excluding Glen Iris

Deakin expands to take in Box Hill South, Blackburn South and Glen Waverley

Thank You for taking the time to read my submission.