



# Suggestion 10

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## Victorian Electoral Redistribution Submission by Nimalan Sivakumar

### Naming

In terms of naming, could the AEC please consider retiring the name "Hotham" as it is a colonial name and does not date back to Federation in any case?

### Electoral Boundary Suggestions

Please note that I am not a member of a political party, and I do not have an interest in engineering a partisan outcome. I am simply interested in demographics and communities of interest.

### Outer South East Melbourne

The South East of Melbourne, between the Monash Freeway and the coast, can be broadly divided into two separate categories: Southern Melbourne and the South East Manufacturing belt. The Dingley Bypass separates bayside southern Melbourne from the South East Manufacturing belt and acts as a major socio-economic and cultural divide.

### The South East Manufacturing Belt

This area is highly industrialized and ethnically diverse. The area is staunchly working class and has some of the most disadvantaged parts of urban Australia. Areas like Dandenong (south of the Railway) have much more in common with the suburbs in the same LGA or even Clayton and Hallam than it does with suburbs in the same electorate, for example, Paterson Lakes, Mentone, or Dingley Village.

### Southern Melbourne/Bayside

These suburbs are often referred to as the Sandbelt, especially in Victorian state politics. The area has been gentrifying with increasing affluence. While Greater Melbourne has seen a vast increase in ethnic diversity over the last 20 years, this has not been the case in much of the Sandbelt, especially the Bayside suburbs. Therefore, the trajectories of these two regions are not going in the same direction and should, therefore, be separated. The Metro Tunnel, when it opens in 2025, will mean the Dandenong train line will only have one interchange and no shared track with the Frankston line until the CBD, further separating these regions.

For this reason, I request that as much of Greater Dandenong is removed from Isaacs as possible. I also feel that East Bentleigh, which is an upper-middle-class area, should not be in the same seat as economically deprived Noble Park. It can be moved into Goldstein or even Isaacs.

Inner West Melbourne

Can the AEC try and ensure that all of Yarraville is united in a seat with the rest of the LGA? This will ensure that there is a community of interest being preserved.

Inner South East Melbourne

Currently, the Macnamara/Goldstein boundary runs along Glen Huntly Road, Elsternwick. This is not ideal as it is an activity centre with a tram route and businesses on both sides that form a community of interest. A thoroughfare like Glen Eira Road, which also forms the boundary between suburbs and LGAs would be a far better option.

Yours Sincerely

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