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**Objection Number 13**

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To Whom It May Concern,

Suggestions/Objections RE the proposed Victorian Electoral REDistribution:

For nearly two decades Victoria has been largely irrelevant to federal election results as the electorates are divided in such a way that there are only a handful of marginal seats that could change hands

The result is that our second most populous state is disenfranchised whilst marginal seat sandbagging in QLD and NSW decides most elections.

The solution is simple as eastern greater Melbourne is ripe to become an area of marginal seats like outer Sydney or Brisbane.

This redistribution should aim to make as many seats as possible between a margin of 7.5% TPP to ALP to 0.5% TPP for ALP

Following the last two decades of history this would mean all the seats would go to the dominant party at their high point of support (55 % ALP 2010, 53% Coalition 1990) .

All this requires is redrawing of boundaries ignoring roads, LGA etc to remove the safe Liberal & Labour seats in Eastern Melbourne, ie Jagajaga, Menzies, Kooyong, Higgins, Melbourne Ports, Goldstein, Hotham, Isaacs, Dunkley, Holt, La Trobe, Aston, Bruce, Chisolm, Deakin, Casey  
These adjustments could also move enough voters to bring McMillan, Gippsland, Corangamite & Corio into this marginal zone, bringing the total number of marginals up for grabs to 20 out of 36 and making Victoria relevant to federal elections.

Being in a marginal seat and having a say in who forms government is more important than maintaining communities of shared interest whose vote never counts.

From a Green voter who wants to see true representation in the house of representatives