



Objection Number 107

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Redistribution Committee,

I start by commending you on the work you have done in attempting to establish a set of electoral boundaries for Victoria. I however believe it is deficient in that it does not address the fact that the 2002 boundaries resulted in the vast majority of Victorian electorates being classified as "blue ribbon". It appears that that the recent redistributions in New South Wales, Queensland and Western Australia have resulted in an increase in the number of more marginal electorates and I believe that sentiment needs to be reflected in Victoria. I believe that the fact that no matter how the boundaries are drawn in the northern and western suburbs of Melbourne it is hard to create marginal electorates does not necessitate the same sentiment in the southern and eastern suburbs. As an example a more marginal situation could most likely be achieved if the population of the Hotham and Goldstein electorates was distributed between each other such that the electorates ran generally in an east / west alignment. This should be able to be achieved using major roads such as South Rd, Old Dandenong Rd and the boundary. It may also be possible to include Isaacs in order to get a better alignment of boundaries.

I would also like to suggest that in setting the new boundaries the committee look at the boundaries that were in existence prior to the 2002 redistribution. I note at that point the electorate of Burke which it is proposed to recreate was abolished. Possibly consideration should be given to taking people back to the 2002 electorate rather than moving them again. To that end I would like to suggest that the Altona area be returned to the Lalor electorate as it was prior to the 2002 redistribution. I note that at the time of that redistribution there was considerable support for this to occur. I note that the current boundaries have resulted in the incumbent Prime Minister (as at today) no longer residing in the electorate she represents. To many this seems a crazy situation.

As an ex resident of McKinnon I would also suggest that the proposal to move the Hotham / Goldstein boundary to the Franskston train line results in both the McKinnon and Bentleigh suburbs being split across electorates. I believe that if my suggestion above cannot be implemented it would be more appropriate to continue to utilise the existing boundary along Tucker Rd.

I also believe that consideration should be given the returning the Bass Shire to the electorate of McMillan. I believe this was the case until 1994. In doing so I believe that the transfer of the shire of Cardinia from McMillan to LaTrobe makes greater synergies in the McMillan electorate. The compensatory adjustment in LaTrobe could be made by transferring the North Eastern part of the electorate to Aston. This provides a better shape to both electorates and also brings closer together area of common interest. The areas lost in Flinders could be made up by transfers in the more urban areas to the North.

Hope this assists in the task

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