



The Federal Redistribution 2010  
Victoria



---

**Comment Number 1  
on Public Suggestions**

**Martin Gordon**

**21 pages**

---

**From:** Martin Gordon [martin.c.gordon@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, 12 April 2010 7:15 PM  
**To:** VIC Redistribution  
**Subject:** FW: redistribution proposal  
**Attachments:** Boundaries Summation.xls; vic.doc; Victoria redis comments.doc

Attached is my commentary on the public submissions. It appears my original submission was lost in your email system.

I have submitted the original material for information, and this commentary as an official submission.

Could you confirm receipt of it by email?

Thank you.

Martin Gordon

---

From: martin.c.gordon@hotmail.com  
To: vicredistribution@aec.gov.au  
Subject: redistribution proposal  
Date: Mon, 5 Apr 2010 16:53:10 +1000

Attached is a redistribution proposal for the entire state of Victoria, it includes a word document and excel spreadsheet.

Regards

Martin Gordon

---

86 Companion Crescent  
Flynn ACT 2615  
[martin.c.gordon@hotmail.com](mailto:martin.c.gordon@hotmail.com)  
02-62589372

The Redistribution Committee for Victoria

Dear Members,

### **Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Victoria**

I had intended to make a public submission earlier but have now incorporated my proposals in a form of a commentary on existing submissions. My original submission sent on 5 April appears to have being lost in your email system. I have attached the original submission and updated it and used it as this commentary.

My comments/submission have similarities with a number of the proposals and recognise as have the Greens the population imbalance on the two sides of the Yarra. They propose a solution in the upper reaches of the Yarra, and I propose that as well as a crossing in the City of Melbourne, which reflects the reality of the City not being neatly split along the Yarra and in fact straddling it and the City of Melbourne boundaries reflect this development on both sides of the river. Several submissions note the substantial differential in population growth in the west of Melbourne particularly in the Werribee and Melton corridors. Similarly the Greens propose a Bendigo like mine based upon the Calder Highway, with similar solutions for Wannon and Mallee.

My proposals do not reflect adversely on any of the proposals of others. I maintain the existing 37 divisions substantially as they currently exist, except for Lalor, Gorton, Calwell, Scullin, Maribyrnong which all require major adjustments (a fact recognised by all the other submissions). My proposed solution for Melbourne Ports also significantly reduces disturbance to divisions around Melbourne. On a number of electors shifted basis the least disturbance occurs in:

Gippsland, Ballarat, Gellibrand, all with no change;

Wannon, Indi, Corangamite, Corio, McMillan, Flinders, Dunkley, La Trobe, Goldstein, Aston, Batman, with modest change (less than 10,000 electors);

Murray, Mallee, Bendigo, McEwen, Melbourne Ports, Melbourne, Isaacs, Hotham, Holt, Bruce, Jaga Jaga, Menzies, Casey, Deakin, Chisholm, Higgins, Kooyong, Wills, Maribyrnong, with larger changes (greater than 10,000 electors); and

Lalor, Gorton, Calwell, Scullin, (all with substantial changes)

I have noted the proposals of Charles Richardson and Mark Mulcair who have proposed some similar solutions to me. Overall my proposals do not significantly affect any political balance due to the overall lack of change to boundaries.

My comments and proposal relate to the entire state of Victoria.

I have used the relevant criteria for the redistribution, relied upon the voter projections provided and sought to minimise unnecessary changes, utilise major man made or natural features as boundaries.

I have detailed the changes by Division and they more or less run from the extremities of the state or water barriers, several divisions are close to quota or within tolerance and I have proposed no or minimal change. I have utilised local government boundaries to a reasonable degree, except where they will lead to numerical problems.

I have included an excel spreadsheet which summarises the changes proposed in a tabular form

### **Bellarine Peninsula – Corio and Corangamite**

The two Divisions in this area Corio is slightly below quota and Corangamite slightly above, I have proposed that about 5,500 electors in the areas of Drysdale, Port Arlington, St Leonards, and Wallington be transferred from Corangamite to Corio and that no other changes be made to Corio, or the northern or westerly boundaries of Corangamite.

### **Ballarat**

The existing boundaries of Ballarat provide a division that is close to quota now and projected to remain so, I have proposed that no change be made to Ballarat. I had considered adjustments with Wannon, Bendigo, and Corangamite and found that the existing configuration was preferable.

### **Wannon, Mallee, Bendigo, Murray, Indi and McEwen**

The northern and western parts of Victoria are comparatively slow growing in total, with areas of increase in Bendigo and McEwen. These six divisions have a current enrolment greater than six divisions, and projected to be near average quota in 2014.

I have proposed a series of inter-related transfers to bring all the divisions within quota in 2014.

I would propose that the area around Maryborough from Central Goldfield Shire be transferred to Wannon, so that Wannon has a greater emphasis in central Victoria. I had considered transferring Horsham from Mallee, but this then required further adjustments to Wannon and still necessitated transfers from Bendigo or Murray to Mallee to bring it up to tolerance. The transfer of one major town and surrounds is a comparatively straight forward change but effective in minimising two or more way transfers between divisions. The total number of electors is 5610/5674 approximately.

With Mallee I have proposed that its boundaries with Wannon remain unchanged, whilst transferring from Bendigo all the electors in the western portion of Bendigo (except Maryborough) from Central Goldfields, the western portion of Mount Alexander Council including Castlemaine.

All these areas are adjacent to Mallee, are similar in character with mixed farming, similar socio-economic characteristics. Whilst there may be discussion about the links of some of these towns more to Bendigo, there are many towns and suburbs in many divisions where numerical considerations prevent perfect alignment of communities of interest. With Horsham, it could equally be placed in Wannon, but it would necessitate substantial changes to other boundaries.

The effect of the proposal is to leave Bendigo a division based on towns on the Calder Highway, to which I propose that Gisborne, Macedon, Woodend, Lancefield and their surrounds in the Macedon Ranges Shire (22,450/23,225) be added from McEwen, which places Bendigo above tolerance. I propose that a ward from the Greater Bendigo City Council of North West Plains be transferred to Murray. Whilst it would be preferable to place the entire city within one Division, the impacts on surrounding divisions would be substantial with Murray having to reach deep into Central Victoria to reach quota, and the other alternative is for Bendigo to take in towns on the Murray in Campaspe Shire Council, and for Murray still needing to reach deep into Central Victoria. The comparatively simple transfer from McEwen which bring McEwen within tolerance, with adjustments to only one division and makes McEwen more compact.

With Mallee the transfer from Bendigo places it above tolerance. To remedy this I propose that the Yarran Ward (Cohuna) from the Gannawarra Shire be transferred from Murray to Mallee.

Whilst this is a two way transfer it would mean that Murray is placed along the Murray River and this is the least disruptive change between the two divisions.

Indi is slightly below projected tolerance and I propose that Yarrawonga (4,000 electors) be transferred to Indi from Murray. This minor adjustment can be accomplished given the earlier transfers from Mallee into Murray. The change between Murray and Indi is quite minor.

I have referred to McEwen and a proposed transfer of electors from McEwen taking in the areas of Gisborne, Macedon, Woodend and Lancefield and their surrounds to Bendigo. This has the effect of displacing both electorates to the east and making both more compact than currently.

I have proposed no other adjustments to McEwen and propose that the existing northern boundaries of Calwell, Scullin, Jaga Jaga, and Casey where they adjoin McEwen remain as they are.

### **Gippsland, McMillan, Flinders,**

I have grouped the four divisions as they form a large geographical block and I propose a number of minor changes to bring all within tolerance. The existing

configuration of Gippsland is within tolerance and I propose to make no changes to the division.

With McMillan, it is slightly below quota and is likely to be outside tolerance otherwise. I propose that the remainder of Bass Coast Shire be transferred to McMillan (4,642/4,654 elector). This is simplest and least disruptive boundary change to satisfy the electors numbers of both divisions.

### **Central Melbourne**

The growth of Melbourne is highly uneven; the growth of the west of Melbourne is large enough to contemplate a division being required to be located there possibly in the next redistribution. Currently however there is insufficient elector numbers to warrant the creation of a new division wholly to the west of the Yarra, but some changes to both Jaga Jaga and Melbourne Ports is sufficient to conform local government boundaries and create options which facilitate workable boundaries. In the case of Melbourne Ports, the traditional use of the Yarra as a boundary is possibly little relevant and the City of Melbourne boundaries span the Yarra, similarly should Melbourne Ports revert to older configurations where it used to span across to Williamstown to incorporate the ports of Melbourne?

Without the configuration I have proposed the divisions of the entire state need adjustment to accommodate the use of the Yarra as a sacrosanct boundary. Without crossing the Yarra, the extent of the changes in the east and west of Melbourne would be quite extensive, whereas I would suggest they can be quite modest.

### **Western and Northern Melbourne – Melbourne Ports, Melbourne, Batman, Wills, Jaga Jaga, Scullin, Calwell, Maribyrnong, Lalor, Gellibrand and Gorton**

I have grouped these seats together as they currently have slightly in excess of 11 quotas (subject to the changes I have proposed to both Melbourne Ports and Jaga Jaga) and are defined in large part by being north and west of the Yarra River, the existing outer boundaries of this region are comparatively well defined by local government boundaries, natural features, and some man made ones to the north such as powerlines.

The crossing of the Yarra in a practical sense reflects local government boundaries, as the City of Melbourne spans the Yarra, with Southbank and Port Melbourne forming part of the City. In other cities, the cities of the capital frequently span the major river, Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra come readily to mind.

Melbourne Ports – I have proposed that the City of Port Phillip be retained within Melbourne Ports and expanded over the Yarra, to incorporate the remainders of the City of Melbourne and parts of Moonee Valley currently within Melbourne. I proposed that the portion of the City of Glen Eira we removed and added to the neighbouring Higgins division, which will facilitate changes to other eastern suburban divisions.

Melbourne – The centre of Melbourne is undergoing strong population growth and both Melbourne Ports and Melbourne need to shed electors overall. I have described

under Melbourne Ports the transfers of those parts of the cities of Moonee Valley and Melbourne to Melbourne Ports. The addition of some 12,334/13,334 electors from the Brunswick portion of the City of Moreland will bring Melbourne up to tolerance. This fits in well in with the overall distribution.

Gellibrand – A federation seat with elector numbers growing to keep it within tolerances, I have proposed that no changes be made to the divisions boundaries.

Lalor – currently incorporates two high growing growth corridors in Werribee and Melton. On its current boundaries Lalor is well over quota and I propose that Melton (29,094/32,494) be removed from the division and that some additional elector numbers be added from Maribyrnong in the Brooklyn and Sunshine area.

Gorton – a new Division it is also very fast growing and needs to shed electors to keep it within quota. The concentration of growth makes redrawing the boundaries to keep within the 10% tolerance and 3.5% tolerance difficult. I have proposed that the fastest growing part of the division in the City of Melton be transferred to Calwell 27,333/37355 electors along with parts of the City of Melton currently within Lalor. The addition of a small number of electors (10,000) from Maribyrnong which is a slower growing area as part of the overall redistribution.

Calwell – The changes I propose to Calwell are substantial and only a minority of its electors will come from the existing Calwell. The extent of growth in the west of Melbourne particularly in the City of Melton is very large. The bulk of Melton City will be in Calwell, together with the Sunbury and Bulla portion of Hume City, and the rural areas that stretch out to Kalkallo and Mickleham in the north of Hume City.

I had considered other options but the magnitude of growth in Melton precluded most as they were too fast growing.

Jaga Jaga – This division has changed comparatively little since its creation in 1984. I propose fairly minor changes to the division to accommodate changes to Menzies, and other north eastern divisions. The transfers of the Cities of Nillumbik, and Banyule south of the Lower Plenty Road to Menzies will create a Jaga Jaga with a more north south alignment following the main communications.

Compensating transfers with Scullin from Banyule, Nillumbik and Whittlesea Cities and making use of the Plenty Road in Whittlesea City will make the boundaries clearer, than currently.

Batman – is under quota and requires the transfer of electors, and I have proposed that some 9,000 electors be transferred from Scullin in the Thomastown and Bundoora area essentially south of the Metropolitan Ring Road. The socio economic characteristics are similar but this sufficient to bring Batman within quota.

Maribyrnong – is both slow growing and under quota. I have proposed a number of changes with Maribyrnong as it borders a large number of other divisions, which are generally faster growing, the changes are generally described in the other division, such as Lalor, Gorton, Calwell, Wills, etc. The fact that Maribyrnong is in such a position is not unusual, sometimes divisions, are sufficiently large to not warrant

abolition, but sufficiently importantly located to be the interchange of a large number of interreactions. Lalor needs the additions of slow growing areas to enable it to be within 10% of quota and be able to meet quota within 4 years. Similarly a slower growing area is needed for Gorton and Maribyrnong is adjacent. The addition of electors from Wills from Moonee Valley serves to add numbers to Maribyrnong and there is a need to transfer surplus electors from Calwell. Maribyrnong is at just such a point of convergence.

The overall effect is that Maribyrnong serves to increase numbers in western Melbourne electorates and incorporate numbers from northern Melbourne ones such as Calwell and Wills.

Scullin - Under Jaga Jaga I have explained the nature of the transfers from Scullin to Jaga. Similarly under Batman I explained the nature of the changes to Batman. Superficially this may seem large other than when one realises that Scullin is already under quota and projected to be without changes. The incorporation of some 37,000.40,000 electors from Calwell in the City of Hume is a large transfer but the areas are ones of similar socio economic character. Overall Scullin is displaced to the west and remains an outer suburban division which will continue to grow over time.

Wills – is near quota. However it as a convergence of divisions such as Melbourne which need to undergo significant changes, and Maribyrnong which needs additional electors, and due to my proposed changes to Calwell to a more westerly division it will take up parts of what were formerly Calwell. Other options exist, but significant changes will occur to either Wills, or Maribyrnong or those inner western Melbourne divisions.

### **Eastern, north eastern and south eastern Melbourne**

This part of Victoria contains 15 divisions and there is considerable growth in the other suburbs particularly to the south east whilst all those closer to the city generally are slower growing and/or well below quota.

Higgins - I refer to the description of the proposed transfers from Melbourne Ports i.e. part of the City of Glen Eira and there is a need for a compensating transfer that involves that portion of the City of Boroondara currently within Higgins being approximately evenly divided between Kooyong and Chisholm, bringing both of these divisions within tolerance.

Kooyong - A federation division, it requires additional electors and I propose that that portion of the City of Boroondara currently within Higgins being approximately evenly divided between Kooyong and Chisholm, bringing both of these divisions within tolerance.

Chisholm – This division has over recent decades undergone quite a dramatic change in its shape and location, on this occasion a comparatively simple change with a neighbouring division is sufficient to bring Chisholm with tolerance that portion of the City of Boroondara currently within Higgins being approximately evenly divided between Kooyong and Chisholm, bringing both of these divisions within tolerance.

La Trobe - is a comparatively fast growing division and which is slightly over quota. I propose one change to the division given that there are no changes to the divisions to the south and east, that about 5,000 electors be transferred from Upper Ferntree Gully north and east of the Burwood Highway to Aston.

Aston - The current boundaries of Aston are within tolerance (but fractionally below quota), and I have proposed one change from La Trobe in the Upper Ferntree Gully area with some 5,000 electors. The change is modest and transfers areas of similar socio-economic characteristics.

Menzies - I have proposed that to accommodate greater elector numbers west of the Yarra that Melbourne Ports and Jaga Jaga undergo changes, that see then span the Yarra, or in the case of Menzies gain electors from Jaga Jaga in total some 21,463/21,747 in Banyule City, Nillumbik City this will see areas of similar socio economic interests, combined, and which will facilitate deal with elector deficiencies in neighbouring Deakin and Casey.

I have proposed that about 14,000 electors be transferred to Deakin east of Springvale Road including the suburbs and localities of Donvale, Kalinda, Milgate, Park Orchards, Parkwood and Ringwood North. Again areas of similar socio economic interest.

Deakin – Based on the current boundaries Deakin is both below quota and slow growing. I have described in Menzies above a change which bring some 14,000 electors into Deakin from Menzies,

I have also proposed a transfer from Deakin to Casey (which is slightly below quota, and is slow growing), this transfer of Croydon South and Croydon Town north of Eastfield Road is the least disruptive minor transfer (about 4,000) electors to bring the divisions with tolerance.

Casey – Is slightly below quota and slow growing. I have described a minor transfer from Deakin above which remedies this deficiency and which fits within an overall remediation of voter shortfalls, in Deakin, Menzies and Casey.

Goldstein – Under the current boundaries the division is slightly below quota and slower growing than average. I have proposed a small change to Goldstein to place it above quota but within tolerance, by the addition of parts of Carnegie East and Murrumbeena, west of Murrumbeena Road and north of North Road. This is minor adjustment which adds about 5,000 electors.

Dunkley – The division is slightly below quota and a comparatively simple transfer from Isaacs would remedy this deficiency. I propose that the current boundary at Ballarto Road be moved north to Hall Road this would mean that parts of Carrum Downs and Skye would be transferred involving about 5,000 electors and which would align roughly with the existing Boggy Creek boundary in the west near the Frankston Highway.

Isaacs – The division is an unusual division with a coastal strip of suburbs, and an expansive hinterland of suburbs stretching from Noble Park, to Dandenong, to Skye

and Lyndhurst. I have proposed a small transfer to Dunkley which remedies the elector deficiency there.

I have proposed the transfer of a portion of Cranbourne south of Thompsons Road of about 11,000 electors to Isaacs. As part of a solution for Holt and also for remedying an elector deficiency in Hotham which after adjustments with Goldstein needs some 14-15,000 additional electors, and these can be most easily added in the City of Greater Dandenong generally north of Hutton and Green Roads.

Hotham – The small transfer to Goldstein is noted under Goldstein and under Isaacs I have described the transfer from Isaacs of part of the City of Greater Dandenong. Alternative options I looked at involved much more radical changes to accommodate the surpluses in Holt, Isaacs, and deficiencies in Bruce and Hotham.

Bruce – I have proposed that Bruce remain largely as it is and that a port of the City of Casey in the area of Endeavour Hills be added. This transfer of some 9,000 electors is sufficient to leave the boundaries with adjoining divisions unchanged.

Holt – the current division is relatively fast growing covering a spread of outer suburbs, and which will need to shed electors to be within tolerance. I have proposed two changes that involve the transfer of Endeavour Hills north of Heatherton Road to Bruce, and of portion of Cranbourne south of Thompsons Road of about 11,000 electors to Isaacs. Alternative transfers say of significant numbers to Bruce would then generate significant changes to the boundaries of Hotham and so on.

The transfers involve areas of similar socio economic character been added to neighbouring divisions.

## Summary

I have provided a spreadsheet with the transfers involved from Division to Division, which summarises what has been said in the text above.

The overall proposals lead to fast growing divisions been well below quota but within tolerance in 2014. The significant growth in the west of Melbourne and the south east of Melbourne will increasingly dictate future redistributions, with adjustments been made by other divisions which are displaced to give up electors to remedy shortfalls, and take in new electors from fast growing outer suburbs.

Martin Gordon  
13 April 2010

Division	Description	Electors 2010	Electors Revised Boundaries	Electors 2014	Electors Revised Boundaries	% of Quota 2010	% of Quota 2014
Corio		90111		95139			
	Transfer of Wallington, St Leonards, Drysdale, Port Arlington from Corangamite to Corio	5500		5700			
			95611		100839	101.67%	99.62%
Corangamite		98348		106032			
	Transfer of Wallington, St Leonards, Drysdale, Port Arlington from Corangamite to Corio	-5500		-5700			
			92848		100332	98.73%	99.12%
Wannon		91107		96331			
	Transfer of Maryborough and surrounds from Bendigo to Wannon	5610		5674			
			96717		102005	102.85%	100.77%
Bendigo		98034		104722			
	Transfer of Maryborough and surrounds from Bendigo to Wannon	-5610		-5674			
	Transfer balance of Central Goldfields Shire (other than Maryborough) to Mallee	-3855		-3780			
	Transfer Castlemaine and western portion of Mount Alexander Shire to Mallee	-9106		-9891			
	Transfer North West Plains Ward from Greater Bendigo Council from Bendigo to Murray	-7658		-8264			
	Transfer of Gisborne, Woodend and Macedon and surrounds from McEwen to Bendigo	22450		23225			
			94255		100338	100.23%	99.13%
Ballarat	No Change	95003	95003	100786	100786	101.02%	99.57%
Mallee		89016		91721			
	Transfer balance of Central Goldfields Shire (other than Maryborough) to Mallee	3855		3780			
	Transfer Castlemaine and western portion of Mount Alexander Shire to Mallee	9106		9891			
	Transfer of Yarran Ward (Cohuna) Gannawarra Shire from Mallee to Murray	-2280		-2242			
			99696		103150	106.01%	101.91%
McEwen		110741		122829			
	Transfer of Gisborne, Woodend and Macedon and surrounds from McEwen to Bendigo	-22450		-23225			
			88291		99604	93.89%	98.40%
Murray		88778		92402			
	Transfer of Yarran Ward (Cohuna) Gannawarra Shire from Mallee to Murray	2280		2242			
	Transfer North West Plains Ward from Greater Bendigo Council from Bendigo to Murray	7658		8264			
	Transfer of Yarrawonga from Murray to Indi	-4000		-4100			
			94716		98808	100.72%	97.62%
Indi		91168		95386			
	Transfer of Yarrawonga from Murray to Indi	4000		4100			
			95168		99486	101.20%	98.28%
Gippsland	No Change	95721	95721	102038	102038	101.79%	100.81%
McMillan		89917		97313			
	Transfer of remainder of Bass Coast Shire from Flinders to McMillan	4642		4654			
			94559		101967	100.55%	100.74%
Flinders		97816		102669			
	Transfer of remainder of Bass Coast Shire from Flinders to McMillan	-4642		-4654			

			93174		98015	99.08%	96.83%
Aston		92463		98260			
	Transfer of electors in Upper Ferntree Gully north of Burwood Highway from La Trobe to Aston	5000		5000			
			97463		103260	103.64%	102.01%
Bruce		87909		91795			
	Transfer of electors in City of Casey in Endeavour Hills north of Heatherton Road	9000		9000			
			96909		100795	103.05%	99.58%
Casey		90677		95903			
	Transfer of parts of Croydon north of Eastfield Road from Deakin to Casey	4000		4000			
			94677		99903	100.68%	98.70%
Chisholm		85187		91635			
	Part of Boroondara City East/West of Summerhill Road and North/South of High Street from Higgins to Kooyong/Chisholm	10359		10848			
			95546		102483	101.60%	101.25%
Deakin		86751		90731			
	Transfer of electors east of Springvale Road, including Donvale, Kalinda, Milgate, Park Orchards, Parkwood, and Ringwood North from Menzies to Deakin	14000		14000			
	Transfer of parts of Croydon north of Eastfield Road from Deakin to Casey	-4000		-4000			
			96751		100731	102.88%	99.51%
Dunkley		93049		97784			
	Transfer parts of Carrum Downs and Skye south of Hall Road from Isaacs to Dunkley	5000		5000			
			98049		102784	104.26%	101.54%
Goldstein		92138		97749			
	Transfer of area west of Murrumbeena Road and north of North Road from Hotham to Goldstein	5000		5000			
			97138		102749	103.29%	101.51%
Higgins		88723		95284			
	Part of Boroondara City East/West of Summerhill Road and North/South of High Street from Higgins to Kooyong/Chisholm	-20718		-21695			
	Transfer of Glen Eira City in Melbourne Ports to Higgins	28270		30485			
			96275		104074	102.38%	102.82%
Holt		105318		121943			
	Transfer of electors in City of Casey in Endeavour Hills north of Heatherton Road	-9000		-9000			
	Transfers of City of Casey south of Thompsons Road and South Gippsland Railway from Holt to Isaacs	-11000		-12000			
			85318		100943	90.73%	99.72%
Hotham		88722		93256			
	Transfer of area west of Murrumbeena Road and north of North Road from Hotham to Goldstein	-5000		-5000			
	Transfer of areas in the City of Greater Dandenong north of Hutton and Green Roads from Isaacs to Hotham	14083		15348			
			97805		103604	104.00%	102.35%
Isaacs		100173		109577			
	Transfer parts of Carrum Downs and Skye south of Hall Road from Isaacs to Dunkley	-5000		-5000			
	Transfer of areas in the City of Greater Dandenong north of Hutton and Green Roads from Isaacs to Hotham	-14083		-15348			
	Transfers of City of Casey south of Thompsons Road and South Gippsland Railway from Holt to Isaacs	11000		12000			
			92090		101229	97.93%	100.01%

Kooyong		87846		92087			
	Part of Boroondara City East/West of Summerhill Road and North/South of High Street from Higgins to Kooyong/Chisholm	10359		10848			
			98205		102935	104.43%	101.69%
La Trobe		94961		105762			
	Transfer of electors in Upper Ferntree Gully north of Burwood Highway from La Trobe to Aston	-5000		-5000			
			89961		100762	95.66%	99.55%
Menzies		90218		92932			
	Transfer of electors from Nillumbik City from Jaga Jaga to Menzies	17463		17747			
	Part of Banyule south of the Lower Plenty Road from Jaga Jaga to Menzies	4000		4000			
	Transfer of electors east of Springvale Road, including Donvale, Kalinda, Milgate, Park Orchards, Parkwood, and Ringwood North from Menzies to Deakin	-14000		-14000			
			97681		100679	103.87%	99.46%
Batman		86701		93702			
	Transfer of parts of Thomastown and Bundoora south of the Metropolitan Ring Road from Scullin to Batman	9000		9000			
			95701		102702	101.77%	101.46%
Calwell		99284		109034			
	Transfer Melton City balance within Lalor from Lalor to Calwell	29094		32494			
	Transfer portions of Hume City in Broadmeadows and Craigieburn (exclude 20,000 transferred to Maribyrnong) Kalkallo and Mickleham	-51112		-57885			
	Transfer of Melton City to Calwell from Gorton	27333		37355			
	Transfer bulk of Hume City Airport Ward (Hume City) from Calwell to Maribyrnong	-20000		-20000			
			84599		100998	90.12%	99.78%
Gellibrand		93812	93812	102248	102248	99.76%	101.01%
Gorton		110342		126751			
	Transfer of Melton City to Calwell from Gorton	-27333		-37355			
	Transfer portions of City of Brimbank, west and north of	10000		10000			
			93009		99396	98.90%	98.20%
Jaga Jaga		94015		96909			
	Transfer of electors from Nillumbik City from Jaga Jaga to Menzies	-17463		-17747			
	Part of Banyule south of the Lower Plenty Road from Jaga Jaga to Menzies	-4000		-4000			
	Transfer Banyule City from Scullin to Jaga Jaga	8636		8997			
	Transfer Nillumbik City from Scullin to Jaga Jaga	6985		7830			
	Transfer part of Whittlesea City east of Plenty Road from Scullin to Jaga Jaga	9000		9000			
			97173		100989	103.33%	99.77%
Lalor		110515		129351			
	Transfer Melton City balance within Lalor from Lalor to Calwell	-29094		-32494			
	Transfer of parts of Brooklyn and Sunshine from Maribyrnong to Lalor	4000		4000			
			85421		100857	90.83%	99.64%
Maribyrnong		87615		88363			
	Transfer of parts of Brooklyn and Sunshine from Maribyrnong to Lalor	-4000		-4000			
	Transfer portions of City of Brimbank, west and north of the Western Ring Road, and west of the Maribyrnong River from Maribyrnong to Gorton	-10000		-10000			
	Transfer Moonee Valley City from Wills to Maribyrnong	3968		3801			
	Transfer Moonee Valley City from Wills to Maribyrnong	2662		2721			

	Transfer bulk of Hume City Airport Ward (Hume City) from Calwell to Maribyrnong	20000		20000				
			100245		100885	106.60%	99.67%	
Melbourne		96966		112694				
	City of Moonee Valley transferred from Melbourne to Melbourne Ports	-5335		-8804				
	City of Melbourne transferred from Melbourne to Melbourne Ports	-16727		-15833				
	Transfer southern half of Moreland City - Brunswick to Melbourne from Wills	12334		13334				
			87238		101391	92.77%	100.17%	
Melbourne Ports		94525		107152				
		-28270		-30485				
	City of Moonee Valley transferred from Melbourne to Melbourne Ports	5335		8804				
	City of Melbourne transferred from Melbourne to Melbourne Ports	16727		15833				
			88317		101304	93.91%	100.08%	
Scullin		89896		94598				
	Transfer Banyule City from Scullin to Jaga Jaga	-8636		-8997				
	Transfer Nillumbik City from Scullin to Jaga Jaga	-6985		-7830				
	Transfer part of Whittlesea City east of Plenty Road from Scullin to Jaga Jaga	-9000		-9000				
	Transfer of parts of Thomastown and Bundoora south of the Metropolitan Ring Road from Scullin to Batman	-9000		-9000				
	Transfer part of City of Hume from Calwell to Scullin	37000		40000				
			93275		99771	99.19%	98.57%	
Wills		95910		102337				
	Transfer Moonee Valley City from Wills to Maribyrnong	-3968		-3801				
	Transfer Moonee Valley City from Wills to Maribyrnong	-2662		-2721				
	Transfer southern half of Moreland City - Brunswick to Melbourne from Wills	-12334		-13334				
	Transfer part of City of Hume from Calwell to Wills	14112		17885				
			91059		100367	96.83%	99.15%	

86 Companion Crescent  
Flynn ACT 2615  
[martin.c.gordon@hotmail.com](mailto:martin.c.gordon@hotmail.com)  
02-62589372

The Redistribution Committee for Victoria

Dear Members,

### **Redistribution of Federal Electoral Boundaries in Victoria**

I wish to lodge a submission to the committee. I have proposed redistribution for the entire state of Victoria.

I have used the relevant criteria for the redistribution, relied upon the voter projections provided and sought to minimise unnecessary changes, utilise major man made or natural features as boundaries.

I have detailed the changes by Division and they more or less run from the extremities of the state or water barriers, several divisions are close to quota or within tolerance and I have proposed no or minimal change. I have utilised local government boundaries to a reasonable degree, except where they will lead to numerical problems.

I have included an excel spreadsheet which summarises the changes proposed in a tabular form

#### **Bellarine Peninsula – Corio and Corangamite**

The two Divisions in this area Corio is slightly below quota and Corangamite slightly above, I have proposed that about 5,500 electors in the areas of Drysdale, Port Arlington, St Leonards, and Wallington be transferred from Corangamite to Corio and that no other changes be made to Corio, or the northern or westerly boundaries of Corangamite.

#### **Ballarat**

The existing boundaries of Ballarat provide a division that is close to quota now and projected to remain so, I have proposed that no change be made to Ballarat. I had considered adjustments with Wannon, Bendigo, and Corangamite and found that the existing configuration was preferable.

#### **Wannon, Mallee, Bendigo, Murray, Indi and McEwen**

The northern and western parts of Victoria are comparatively slow growing in total, with areas of increase in Bendigo and McEwen. These six divisions have a current enrolment greater than six divisions, and projected to be near average quota in 2014.

I have proposed a series of inter-related transfers to bring all the divisions within quota in 2014.

I would propose that the area around Maryborough from Central Goldfield Shire be transferred to Wannon, so that Wannon has a greater emphasis in central Victoria. I had considered transferring Horsham from Mallee, but this then required further adjustments to Wannon and still necessitated transfers from Bendigo or Murray to Mallee to bring it up to tolerance. The transfer of one major town and surrounds is a comparatively straight forward change but effective in minimising two or more way transfers between divisions. The total number of electors is 5610/5674 approximately.

With Mallee I have proposed that its boundaries with Wannon remain unchanged, whilst transferring from Bendigo all the electors in the western portion of Bendigo (except Maryborough) from Central Goldfields, the western portion of Mount Alexander Council including Castlemaine.

All these areas are adjacent to Mallee, are similar in character with mixed farming, similar socio-economic characteristics. Whilst there may be discussion about the links of some of these towns more to Bendigo, there are many towns and suburbs in many divisions where numerical considerations prevent perfect alignment of communities of interest. With Horsham, it could equally be placed in Wannon, but it would necessitate substantial changes to other boundaries.

The effect of the proposal is to leave Bendigo a division based on towns on the Calder Highway, to which I propose that Gisborne, Macedon, Woodend, Lancefield and their surrounds in the Macedon Ranges Shire (22,450/23,225) be added from McEwen, which places Bendigo above tolerance. I propose that a ward from the Greater Bendigo City Council of North West Plains be transferred to Murray. Whilst it would be preferable to place the entire city within one Division, the impacts on surrounding divisions would be substantial with Murray having to reach deep into Central Victoria to reach quota, and the other alternative is for Bendigo to take in towns on the Murray in Campaspe Shire Council, and for Murray still needing to reach deep into Central Victoria. The comparatively simple transfer from McEwen which bring McEwen within tolerance, with adjustments to only one division and makes McEwen more compact.

With Mallee the transfer from Bendigo places it above tolerance. To remedy this I propose that the Yarran Ward (Cohuna) from the Gannawarra Shire **be** transferred from Murray to Mallee.

Whilst this is a two way transfer it would mean that Murray is placed along the Murray River and this is the least disruptive change between the two divisions.

Indi is slightly below projected tolerance and I propose that Yarrawonga (4,000 electors) be transferred to Indi from Murray. This minor adjustment can be accomplished given the earlier transfers from Mallee into Murray. The change between Murray and Indi is quite minor.

I have referred to McEwen and a proposed transfer of electors from McEwen taking in the areas of Gisborne, Macedon, Woodend and Lancefield and their surrounds to Bendigo. This has the effect of displacing both electorates to the east and making both more compact than currently.

I have proposed no other adjustments to McEwen and propose that the existing northern boundaries of Calwell, Scullin, Jaga Jaga, and Casey where they adjoin McEwen remain as they are.

### **Gippsland, McMillan, Flinders,**

I have grouped the four divisions as they form a large geographical block and I propose a number of minor changes to bring all within tolerance. The existing configuration of Gippsland is within tolerance and I propose to make no changes to the division.

With McMillan, it is slightly below quota and is likely to be outside tolerance otherwise. I propose that the remainder of Bass Coast Shire be transferred to McMillan (4,642/4,654 elector). This is simplest and least disruptive boundary change to satisfy the electors numbers of both divisions.

### **Central Melbourne**

The growth of Melbourne is highly uneven; the growth of the west of Melbourne is large enough to contemplate a division being required to be located there possibly in the next redistribution. Currently however there is insufficient elector numbers to warrant the creation of a new division wholly to the west of the Yarra, but some changes to both Jaga Jaga and Melbourne Ports is sufficient to conform local government boundaries and create options which facilitate workable boundaries. In the case of Melbourne Ports, the traditional use of the Yarra as a boundary is possibly little relevant and the City of Melbourne boundaries span the Yarra, similarly should Melbourne Ports revert to older configurations where it used to span across to Williamstown to incorporate the ports of Melbourne?

Without the configuration I have proposed the divisions of the entire state need adjustment to accommodate the use of the Yarra as a sacrosanct boundary. Without crossing the Yarra, the extent of the changes in the east and west of Melbourne would be quite extensive, whereas I would suggest they can be quite modest.

### **Western and Northern Melbourne – Melbourne Ports, Melbourne, Batman, Wills, Jaga Jaga, Scullin, Calwell, Maribyrnong, Lalor, Gellibrand and Gorton**

I have grouped these seats together as they currently have slightly in excess of 11 quotas (subject to the changes I have proposed to both Melbourne Ports and Jaga Jaga) and are defined in large part by being north and west of the Yarra River, the existing outer boundaries of this region are comparatively well defined by local government boundaries, natural features, and some man made ones to the north such as powerlines.

The crossing of the Yarra in a practical sense reflects local government boundaries, as the City of Melbourne spans the Yarra, with Southbank and Port Melbourne forming part of the City. In other cities, the cities of the capital frequently span the major river, Brisbane, Adelaide and Canberra come readily to mind.

**Melbourne Ports** – I have proposed that the City of Port Phillip be retained within Melbourne Ports and expanded over the Yarra, to incorporate the remainders of the City of Melbourne and parts of Moonee Valley currently within Melbourne. I proposed that the portion of the City of Glen Eira we removed and added to the neighbouring Higgins division, which will facilitate changes to other eastern suburban divisions.

**Melbourne** – The centre of Melbourne is undergoing strong population growth and both Melbourne Ports and Melbourne need to shed electors overall. I have described under Melbourne Ports the transfers of the those parts of the cities of Moonee Valley and Melbourne to Melbourne Ports. The addition of some 12,334/13,334 electors from the Brunswick portion of the City of Moreland will bring Melbourne up to tolerance. This fits in well in with the overall distribution.

**Gellibrand** – A federation seat with elector numbers growing to keep it within tolerances, I have proposed that no changes be made to the divisions boundaries.

**Lalor** – currently incorporates two high growing growth corridors in Werribee and Melton. On its current boundaries Lalor is well over quota and I propose that Melton (29,094/32,494) be removed from the division and that some additional elector numbers be added from Maribyrnong in the Brooklyn and Sunshine area.

**Gorton** – a new Division it is also very fast growing and needs to shed electors to keep it within quota. The concentration of growth makes redrawing the boundaries to keep within the 10% tolerance and 3.5% tolerance difficult. I have proposed that the fastest growing part of the division in the City of Melton be transferred to Calwell 27,333/37355 electors along with parts of the City of Melton currently within Lalor. The addition of a small number of electors (10,000) from Maribyrnong which is a slower growing area as part of the overall redistribution.

**Calwell** – The changes I propose to Calwell are substantial and only a minority of its electors will come from the existing Calwell. The extent of growth in the west of Melbourne particularly in the City of Melton is very large. The bulk of Melton City will be in Calwell, together with the Sunbury and Bulla portion of Hume City, and the rural areas that stretch out to Kalkallo and Mickleham in the north of Hume City.

I had considered other options but the magnitude of growth in Melton precluded most as they were too fast growing.

**Jaga Jaga** – This division has changed comparatively little since its creation in 1984. I propose fairly minor changes to the division to accommodate changes to Menzies, and other north eastern divisions. The transfers of the Cities of Nillumbik, and Banyule south of the Lower Plenty Road to Menzies will create a Jaga Jaga with a more north south alignment following the main communications.

Compensating transfers with Scullin from Banyule, Nillumbik and Whittlesea Cities and making use of the Plenty Road in Whittlesea City will make the boundaries clearer, than currently.

Batman – is under quota and requires the transfer of electors, and I have proposed that some 9,000 electors be transferred from Scullin in the Thomastown and Bundoora area essentially south of the Metropolitan Ring Road. The socio economic characteristics are similar but this sufficient to bring Batman within quota.

Maribyrnong – is both slow growing and under quota. I have proposed a number of changes with Maribyrnong as it borders a large number of other divisions, which are generally faster growing, the changes are generally described in the other division, such as Lalor, Gorton, Calwell, Wills, etc. The fact that Maribyrnong is in such a position is not unusual, sometimes divisions, are sufficiently large to not warrant abolition, but sufficiently importantly located to be the interchange of a large number of interreactions. Lalor needs the additions of slow growing areas to enable it to be within 10% of quota and be able to meet quota within 4 years. Similarly a slower growing area is needed for Gorton and Maribyrnong is adjacent. The addition of electors from Wills from Moonee Valley serves to add numbers to Maribyrnong and there is a need to transfer surplus electors from Calwell. Maribyrnong is at just such a point of convergence.

The overall effect is that Maribyrnong serves to increase numbers in western Melbourne electorates and incorporate numbers from northern Melbourne ones such as Calwell and Wills.

Scullin - Under Jaga Jaga I have explained the nature of the transfers from Scullin to Jaga. Similarly under Batman I explained the nature of the changes to Batman. Superficially this may seem large other than when one realises that Scullin is already under quota and projected to be without changes. The incorporation of some 37,000.40,000 electors from Calwell in the City of Hume is a large transfer but the areas are ones of similar socio economic character. Overall Scullin is displaced to the west and remains an outer suburban division which will continue to grow over time.

Wills – is near quota. However it is a convergence of divisions such as Melbourne which need to undergo significant changes, and Maribyrnong which needs additional electors, and due to my proposed changes to Calwell to a more westerly division it will take up parts of what were formerly Calwell. Other options exist, but significant changes will occur to either Wills, or Maribyrnong or those inner western Melbourne divisions.

### **Eastern, north eastern and south eastern Melbourne**

This part of Victoria contains 15 divisions and there is considerable growth in the other suburbs particularly to the south east whilst all those closer to the city generally are slower growing and/or well below quota.

Higgins - I refer to the description of the proposed transfers from Melbourne Ports i.e. part of the City of Glen Eira and there is a need for a compensating transfer that involves that portion of the City of Boroondara currently within Higgins being approximately evenly divided between Kooyong and Chisholm, bringing both of these divisions within tolerance.

Kooyong - A federation division, it requires additional electors and I propose that that portion of the City of Boroondara currently within Higgins being approximately evenly divided between Kooyong and Chisholm, bringing both of these divisions within tolerance.

Chisholm – This division has over recent decades undergone quite a dramatic change in its shape and location, on this occasion a comparatively simple change with a neighbouring division is sufficient to bring Chisholm with tolerance that portion of the City of Boroondara currently within Higgins being approximately evenly divided between Kooyong and Chisholm, bringing both of these divisions within tolerance.

La Trobe - is a comparatively fast growing division and which is slightly over quota. I propose one change to the division given that there are no changes to the divisions to the south and east, that about 5,000 electors be transferred from Upper Ferntree Gully north and east of the Burwood Highway to Aston.

Aston - The current boundaries of Aston are within tolerance (but fractionally below quota), and I have proposed one change from La Trobe in the Upper Ferntree Gully area with some 5,000 electors. The change is modest and transfers areas of similar socio-economic characteristics.

Menzies - I have proposed that to accommodate greater elector numbers west of the Yarra that Melbourne Ports and Jaga Jaga undergo changes, that see then span the Yarra, or in the case of Menzies gain electors from Jaga Jaga in total some 21,463/21,747 in Banyule City, Nillumbik City this will see areas of similar socio economic interests, combined, and which will facilitate deal with elector deficiencies in neighbouring Deakin and Casey.

I have proposed that about 14,000 electors be transferred to Deakin east of Springvale Road including the suburbs and localities of Donvale, Kalinda, Milgate, Park Orchards, Parkwood and Ringwood North. Again areas of similar socio economic interest.

Deakin – Based on the current boundaries Deakin is both below quota and slow growing. I have described in Menzies above a change which bring some 14,000 electors into Deakin from Menzies,

I have also proposed a transfer from Deakin to Casey (which is slightly below quota, and is slow growing), this transfer of Croydon South and Croydon Town north of Eastfield Road is the least disruptive minor transfer (about 4,000) electors to bring the divisions with tolerance.

Casey – Is slightly below quota and slow growing. I have described a minor transfer from Deakin above which remedies this deficiency and which fits within an overall remediation of voter shortfalls, in Deakin, Menzies and Casey.

Goldstein – Under the current boundaries the division is slightly below quota and slower growing than average. I have proposed a small change to Goldstein to place it above quota but within tolerance, by the addition of parts of Carnegie East and Murrumbeena, west of Murrumbeena Road and north of North Road. This is minor adjustment which adds about 5,000 electors.

Dunkley – The division is slightly below quota and a comparatively simple transfer from Isaacs would remedy this deficiency. I propose that the current boundary at Ballarto Road be moved north to Hall Road this would mean that parts of Carrum Downs and Skye would be transferred involving about 5,000 electors and which would align roughly with the existing Boggy Creek boundary in the west near the Frankston Highway.

Isaacs – The division is an unusual division with a coastal strip of suburbs, and an expansive hinterland of suburbs stretching from Noble Park, to Dandenong, to Skye and Lyndhurst. I have a proposed a small transfer to Dunkley which remedies the elector deficiency there.

I have proposed the transfer of a portion of Cranbourne south of Thompsons Road of about 11,000 electors to Isaacs. As part of a solution for Holt and also for remedying an elector deficiency in Hotham which after adjustments with Goldstein needs some 14-15,000 additional electors, and these can be most easily added in the City of Greater Dandenong generally north of Hutton and Green Roads.

Hotham – The small transfer to Goldstein is noted under Goldstein and under Isaacs I have described the transfer from Isaacs of part of the City of Greater Dandenong. Alternative options I looked at involved much more radical changes to accommodate the surpluses in Holt, Isaacs, and deficiencies in Bruce and Hotham.

Bruce – I have proposed that Bruce remain largely as it is and that a port of the City of Casey in the area of Endeavour Hills be added. This transfer of some 9,000 electors is sufficient to leave the boundaries with adjoining divisions unchanged.

Holt – the current division is relatively fast growing covering a spread of outer suburbs, and which will need to shed electors to be within tolerance. I have proposed two changes that involve the transfer of Endeavour Hills north of Heatherton Road to Bruce, and of portion of Cranbourne south of Thompsons Road of about 11,000 electors to Isaacs. Alternative transfers say of significant numbers to Bruce would then generate significant changes to the boundaries of Hotham and so on.

The transfers involve areas of similar socio economic character been added to neighbouring divisions.

## Summary

I have provided a spreadsheet with the transfers involved from Division to Division, which summarises what has been said in the text above.

The overall proposals lead to fast growing divisions been well below quota but within tolerance in 2014. The significant growth in the west of Melbourne and the south east of Melbourne will increasingly dictate future redistributions, with adjustments been made by other divisions which are displaced to give up electors to remedy shortfalls, and take in new electors from fast growing outer suburbs.

Martin Gordon  
5 April 2010