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Please note correction.

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Dear Redistribution Committee

The rapid growth of population in Victoria and the fact that it has been seven years since the last redistribution, presents the Redistribution Committee with the opportunity for a thorough redistribution, rather than the "minimalist" ones that occur in NSW, after each election, due to its slower growth.

As seems to be the case in all recent redistributions, outer metropolitan electorates need to be reduced in size, while inner metropolitan and regional electorates need to increase. The huge growth in seats like Lalor, McEwan and Gorton means that they need to be reduced markedly.

To this end it seems sensible to amalgamate two slow growing regional seats and I suggest that these should be Mallee and Murray; and to abolish the slowest growing inner metropolitan seat, Maribyrnong.

This will allow for two new seats to be established in Melbourne's western and north western suburbs where population growth is high. One of these could be the re-established seat of Bourke.

May I also suggest that the man, rather than his district be recognized, by renaming Gippsland to "Gipps".

Regards,

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