



Objection 53

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I commend the Redistribution Committee for adopting the following measures:

- Generally adopting freeways as boundaries. They are big and noticeable and often clearly delineate communities of interest.
 - In particular, adopting the Monash Freeway as the Chisholm/Hotham boundary. It is a strong boundary in this part of Melbourne separating the working-class southeastern suburbs with the affluent eastern suburbs.
- Preventing a Menzies or Jagajaga crossing of the Yarra, acknowledging the strong boundary of the Yarra in this part of Melbourne, including the transfer of North Warrandyte to Jagajaga. Suburbs like Bulleen and Templestowe should be kept in an electorate with Doncaster and Doncaster East
- Uniting the whole of the Box Hill and Doncaster activity centres in one electorate, with both having a strong community of interest demographically. Reorientating Menzies and Deakin north-south seems to work very well. The Doncaster area and surrounding areas are increasingly becoming satellite suburbs of Box Hill which itself is positioning to be Melbourne's 2nd CBD so it is vital to incorporate all these areas in the same electorate.
- Adopting a crossing of the Yarra for the electorate of Melbourne where densification of the CBD allows for strong community of interest across the river.
- Abolition of Higgins which is the most under quota seat and has very distinct communities of interest from the Chapel Street corridor, the affluent core of Toorak, Armadale and Malvern, upper-middle class Glen Iris and Ashburton, and middle-class Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Hughesdale.

That being said, there are a few things that the committee should change:

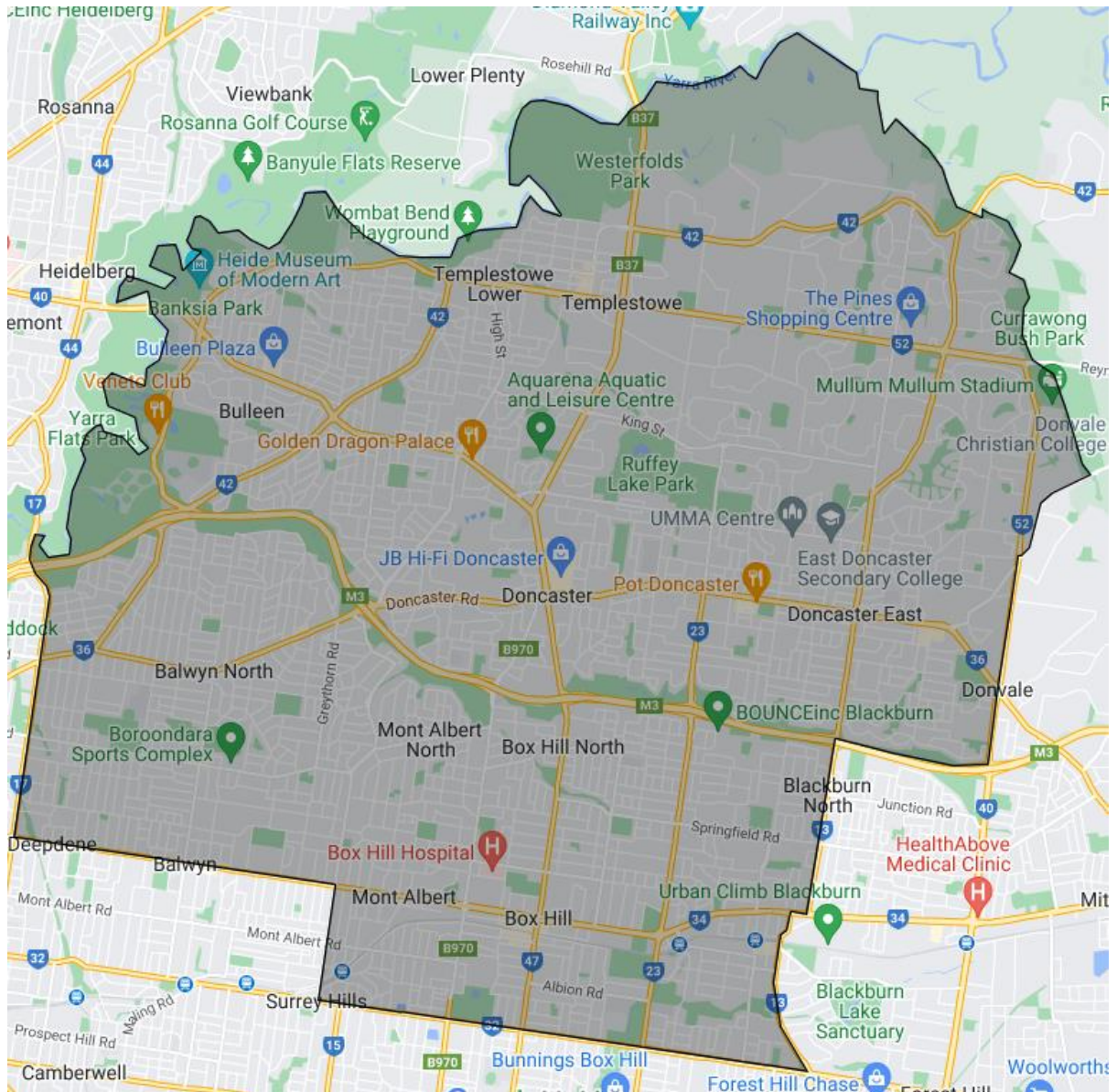
- Menzies has an awkward tail of Warrandyte sticking out, either to Deakin or Casey depending on the numbers. It should be transferred with the Mullum Mullum Creek, Old Warrandyte Road and Springvale Road being the boundaries as they clearly delineate the Green Wedge from the suburban areas of Manningham LGA
 - Alternatively, the committee could transfer the entirety of the Manningham LGA back to Menzies though I still contend in such case the Box Hill activity centre and surrounds should still be in Menzies
- Mount Eliza should be transferred back to Dunkley where it has a significantly better community of interest than the faraway communities of the Mornington Peninsula. Ideally as much of Mornington should be transferred into Dunkley as well though numbers may make that tricky
- The inclusion of Prahran in Melbourne is odd. Southbank should be the locality where Melbourne crosses the Yarra. The Melbourne/Macnamara boundary should be the Citylink and Kings Way/Toorak Road where possible and if numbers

don't allow, South Yarra west of Punt Road and north of Toorak Road can be moved into Macnamara

- Malvern East is split between Chisholm and Hotham, in this part of Melbourne west of Warrigal Road, the Monash Freeway isn't really a divide, but eastwards it is a very strong divide. Hence, the entirety of Malvern East should be united in Chisholm
- Kooyong's proposed boundaries though are sound on a community of interest point of view due to the similarities between newly added Toorak, Armadale and Malvern with the rest of the seat, have an awkward appendage in Prahran East. That locality should be transferred into Macnamara
- Balwyn North is awkwardly split between Kooyong and Menzies along Greythorn Road and local streets

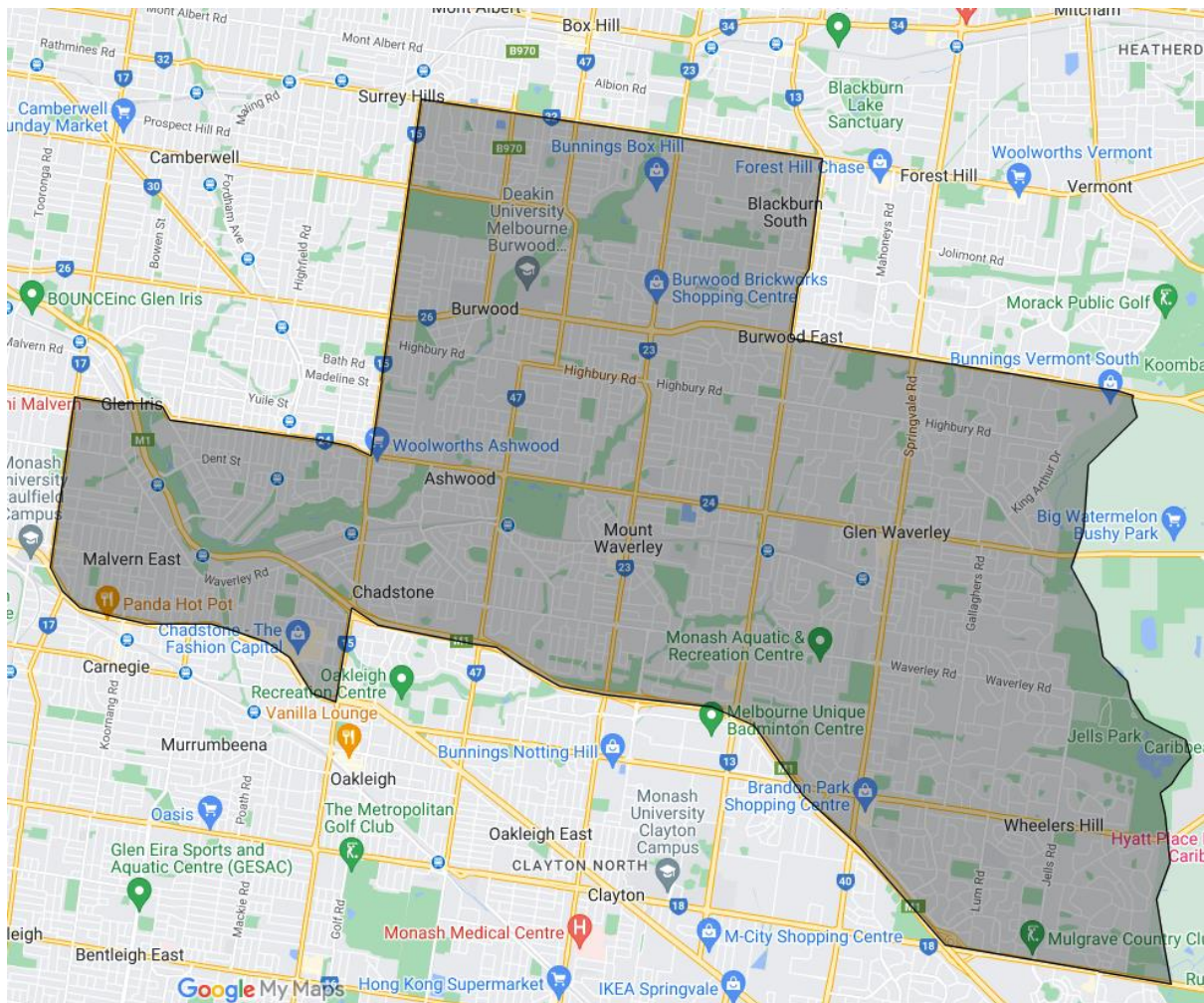
Hence, I propose these main adjustments to the Committee's boundaries:

- Menzies loses Warrandyte to either Deakin or Casey depending on numbers and whether there are tweaks to the boundaries of either seat.
- Menzies gains the entirety of Balwyn North and parts of Deepdene and Balwyn north of Whitehorse Road.
 - Whitehorse Road is a solid boundary, for example the Balwyn High School catchment zone has Whitehorse Road as a boundary
 - Mont Albert Road could also work as a good boundary and should the committee adopt this proposal, it is possible to move Menzies down to Mont Albert Road in the likely event Menzies will need to expand in future redistributions with slower growth in Melbourne's East compared to the West
 - These areas are also quite demographically similar to the core areas of Doncaster and Box Hill in Menzies with the large Chinese populations in the seat, uniting the community in Melbourne's northeast.
- Menzies loses Surrey Hills, Box Hill South and Blackburn South.
 - Though Riversdale Road is a solid boundary, so is Canterbury Road and the enrolment numbers require these suburbs to be lost.
 - It is possible to move Menzies back to Riversdale Road in future redistributions, in the likely event Menzies will need to expand in future redistributions with slower growth in Melbourne's East compared to the West



- Chisholm gains Box Hill South, Blackburn South and Surrey Hills south of Canterbury Road
 - These areas are also highly ethnically diverse and have a large Chinese population which would unite the community in Melbourne’s southeast
- Chisholm gains Malvern East south of the Monash Freeway from Hotham
- Chisholm adopts Burke Road as a boundary, which as a major road in the area, is a strong one
- Chisholm adopts High Street as a boundary too, though Toorak Road works better, the enrolment numbers mean High Street will have to be the boundary, which works well but is not the best-case scenario

- This allows Chisholm to also be an electorate that focuses on the Glen Waverley line, which is also something the proposed boundaries do as well and which I commend the Redistribution Committee for achieving
- Chisholm adopts Burwood Highway and Blackburn Road as boundaries which are strong ones, being major roads in the area and better delineate communities than the locality boundaries
- Transfer of Camberwell east of Highbury Road to Kooyong, it works better being united in Kooyong with the rest of Camberwell, but this part of Camberwell can work being united with Burwood as was the case with the Burwood state electorate.
 - It is possible to move Chisholm to absorb this part of Camberwell back in future redistributions, in the likely event Chisholm will need to expand in future redistributions with slower growth in Melbourne's East compared to the West



They are not a major deviation from the proposed boundaries which I think are solid overall but need a few tweaks as proposed above.