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Hello,

I wish to make a suggestion for the 2023-24 Victorian Redistribution. My suggestion relates to abolishing divisions.

While Victoria is set to lose a division, I suggest abolishing one of the following divisions - Calwell, Gellibrand, Hotham, La Trobe, or Wills. I see little overwhelming reason to maintain any of these divisions, in terms of the individuals after whom they are named.

For now, I feel that the division probably most appropriate for abolition is Wills. I feel that this division should be abolished primarily because of the abolition some time ago of another division, namely Burke. Both divisions were named after explorers of repute, but they were synonymous with each other. There has twice been a division of Burke, only to be abolished at some point. I feel that if there is no division named Burke, there is no need for a division named Wills. You cannot have one of these divisions without the other, in my opinion. As this pending redistribution will see Victoria lose a division, it is probably easier to abolish a division than to add a new division and abolish two existing divisions. Therefore, unless there is a willingness to abolish two existing division and add a new division named Burke, the division of Wills should be abolished.

In summary, while I consider it preferable to add a new division named Burke and abolish two existing divisions, I feel that Wills should be abolished. However, the divisions of Calwell and Gellibrand and Hotham and La Trobe should be also be marked down for abolition instead.

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