



Suggestion 49

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2023 Electoral Redistribution Victoria

I welcome the opportunity to provide suggestions re the redrawing of the electoral boundaries for Victoria. Whereas the 2021 redistribution saw an increase of 1 in the number of divisions Victoria is entitled to the population changes over the ensuing period now sees a reduction of 1 in Victorias entitlement.

Change Overview

As a starting point I applied the SA1 and SA2 data provided for the redistribution against the boundaries that predated the 2021 redistribution.

The following table details these results. Those marked in RED are either under or over the quota's which are set re this redistribution.

Division pre 2021 redistribution	2018 Boundaries				Division pre 2021 redistribution	2018 Boundaries			
	Number of electors 9 /8/23	Var to Quota	Number of electors 17 /4/28	Var to Quota		Number of electors 9 /8/23	Var to Quota	Number of electors 17 /4/28	Var to Quota
Aston	110,768	-6,126	120,615	-6,623	Holt	123,953	7,059	134,512	7,274
Ballarat	123,677	6,783	133,878	6,640	Hotham	110,939	-5,955	121,556	-5,682
Bendigo	119,341	2,447	129,144	1,906	Indi	118,876	1,982	128,444	1,206
Bruce	111,360	-5,534	121,731	-5,507	Isaacs	113,084	-3,810	123,385	-3,853
Calwell	128,101	11,207	139,195	11,957	Jagajaga	108,543	-8,351	117,489	-9,749
Casey	114,562	-2,332	122,911	-4,327	Kooyong	107,587	-9,307	117,896	-9,342
Chisholm	108,051	-8,843	118,473	-8,765	La Trobe	129,445	12,551	140,641	13,403
Cooper	114,708	-2,186	125,561	-1,677	Lalor	133,212	16,318	147,063	19,825
Corangamite	132,375	15,481	144,999	17,761	Macnamara	117,776	882	130,125	2,887
Corio	113,985	-2,909	123,102	-4,136	Mallee	115,759	-1,135	125,003	-2,235
Deakin	108,429	-8,465	118,333	-8,905	Maribyrnong	115,641	-1,253	126,353	-885
Dunkley	112,715	-4,179	122,613	-4,625	MCEWEN	124,998	8,104	133,995	6,757
Flinders	114,469	-2,425	124,658	-2,580	Melbourne	115,670	-1,224	126,751	-487
Fraser	109,679	-7,215	119,468	-7,770	Menzies	108,449	-8,445	117,782	-9,456
Gellibrand	116,591	-303	127,146	-92	Monash	126,289	9,395	137,739	10,501
Gippsland	116,664	-230	126,776	-462	Nicholls	114,691	-2,203	124,233	-3,005
Goldstein	111,083	-5,811	121,366	-5,872	Scullin	111,244	-5,650	121,016	-6,222
Gorton	135,256	18,362	146,649	19,411	Wannon	118,019	1,125	127,018	-220
Higgins	112,397	-4,497	122,998	-4,240	Wills	113,597	-3,297	124,447	-2,791
						4,441,983		4,835,064	

This did not suggest that removing the Division of Hawke and starting with the 2018 boundaries provided a good starting point in building the potential boundaries post this redistribution.

However there are opportunities to reverse some of the changes made in the 2021 redistribution in setting the boundaries I am suggesting.

In summary I am suggesting.

- That the redistribution be broadly done in a clockwise direction beginning with the Division of Hawke and its relationship to the adjoining Divisions of Ballarat, Bendigo and McEwan. Moving East, the Divisions in Melbourne's Northern suburbs, are addressed until reaching the Division of Casey. At that point the circle broadly turns South and West.
- That there will be no changes in the divisions of

Flinders	Fraser	Gellibrand	Gippsland
Gorton	Indi	Lalor	Wannon

- That the Divisions of Casey and Goldstein are removed
- That a new Division broadly centered on the City of Monash be created. A possible name is Child in honor of Joan Child the first female speaker of the House of Representatives and I believe a resident of Carnegie which I propose be included in this new Division.
- As the Divisions of Maribyrnong, Wills and Cooper have limited ability to spread in an East / West direction due to well defined boundary constraints and an inability to source additional electors from the divisions to their North, on account of constraints they themselves face, these Divisions need to spread further South which sees them taking electors from the Division of Melbourne. For it to stay inside the quota requirements it needs to cross the Yarra River into the Southbank / Docklands area. Whilst the Yarra has long been viewed as a natural boundary the Southbank / Docklands area is more aligned with the Division of Melbourne than of MacNamarra where it is currently located.
- Due to the Division of Mallee being close to its maximum allowable electors on 17 May 2028 the area around Cohuna is moved to the Division of Nicholls. This helps Nicholls come closer to the quotas. This does break the norm whereby a large part of the boundaries of the Division of Mallee are aligned with municipal boundaries however they type of agriculture in the Cohuna area is more closely aligned with that of the Division of Nicholls than with the Division of Mallee. Whilst I have used SA1 boundaries I'd suggest that the boundary align with the Yarran ward of the Gannawarra council. This will also closely align with the boundary of the Cohuna Shire with that shire being subsumed into the Gannawarra Shire at the time of council amalgamations.
- It was noticeable that the current well-defined boundaries to the North and West Division of Aston lead to a situation whereby growth in Aston is best achieved by moving in a westerly direction into the Dandenong Ranges. Suburbs on the existing Western side of Aston are located in the foothills of the Dandenongs thus there is a good relationship. Thus a mitigating factor in determining that Casey was the Division to be removed.

- It was noted that the Northern part of the Division of Casey contained Healesville and surrounds and it was noted that certainly at the time of the 2008 election this area was contained in the Division of McEwan. Thus another mitigating factor in removing the Division
- At a number of recent redistributions attempts have been made to recast the Division of MacNamarra in order to remove its unusual reverse J shape with no success. Given the need for the Division of Melbourne to take voters from the Division of MacNamarra the proposed Division of MacNamarra now follows Port Phillip Bay from Port Melbourne to Hampton. This sees it take a significant number of electors from the Division of Goldstein thus being part or the reason for the proposed removal of this Division. Allied with this the SA2's of the reverse J component of the Division of MacNamarra (including St Kilda East and Caulfield North which have been contentious areas in past redistributions) are proposed to be incorporated in the Division of Higgins. It is noted that this does see part of the Stonnington municipality removed from the Division of Higgins however it is felt that the proposed Division meets all the necessary criteria.
- In looking at opportunities to establish the new Division boundaries close examination was made of areas moved in the 2021 redistribution. This has resulted in the return areas such as that part of the Research - North Warrandyte SA2 which was moved in the 2021 redistribution from JagaJaga to Menzies to return back to JagaJaga or similarly the part of Clifton Hill – Alphington moved from Cooper to Melbourne to return to Cooper when determining the new boundaries.
- In looking at my proposed boundaries there was some supposition as to whether it should be the Division of Goldstein or Hotham which should be replaced by the new division but by a small margin the proposed Hotham contains more of the current Hotham than would have been the case with Goldstein.

Changes.

The changes are detailed in the attached spreadsheets however I provide the following as further detail of the proposal.

Aston

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Monday
9 August	17 April	9 August	17 April	9 August	17 April
2023	2028	2023	2028	2023	2028
18,561	20,291	26,230	27,366	7,669	7,075

Aston loses Rowville Central and Rowville South SA2's at its southern extremity but gains Belgrave - Selby , Lysterfield , Monbulk - Silvan , Mount Dandenong - Olinda , Upwey - Tecoma SA2's from Casey. This increases the orientation Aston has toward the Dandenong Ranges noting it has limited opportunity to spread in a North or East direction

Ballarat

In

Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028
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4,862	5,233
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Ballarat gains the Bacchus Marsh Surrounds SA2 from Hawke having lost it at the 2021 redistribution. This SA2 encompasses the locality of Ballan and has a good relationship with the Ballarat Division

Bendigo

In

Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028
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5,962	6,373
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Bendigo needs to gain electors and this is achieved by Woodend SA2 moving from McEwan. This SA2 had been in the Division of Bendigo prior to the 2021 redistribution thus making it a good fit to return to the Division

Bruce

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028	Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028	Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028
19,504	21,317	22,815	24,954	3,311	3,637

Whilst Bruce was within limits changes are forced due to changes in surrounding divisions. Bruce loses electors;

- in the Berwick North SA2 in the area west of Harkaway Rd and North of the Princess Highway. It is noted that this addresses an issue raised in the 2021 redistribution re the way the boundaries were drawn in the Berwick area.
- It also loses to Holt electors in the Hallam, Narre Warren - South West and Narre Warren South – West in the area South of the Princess Highway and West of Centre Rd. This helps address the deficiency in electors in the Division of Holt
- It loses to the New division those electors in the Mulgrave SA2. This allows all the Mulgrave SA2 to be consolidated in a single division.

Bruce gains electors;

- The Rowville Central and Rowville South SA2 from Aston. These abut the divisions existing Northern boundary
- From Hotham it gains electors in the Springvale SA2 located North of the Princess Highway, Noble Park – East located West of Chandler Rd and the whole Noble Park North SA2. These are principally small changes and fit within the structure of the Division

Calwell

In	
Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028
2,353	2,528

Calwell is within the quota limits however it was felt beneficial to relocate from the Division of McEwan those electors located in the Donnybrook locality. This new growing suburb has

close links to communities in the Calwell Division and they are certainly much closer than is the case with the large Division of McEwan.

Casey

Out	
Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028

115,636 124,041

Casey was determined to be the Division to be removed. It's electors have been relocated to the following Divisions

	Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028
Aston	26,230	27,366
Deakin	48,831	52,737
La Trobe	1,169	1,228
McEwan	28,870	31,341
Menzies	10,536	11,369

Chisholm

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Monday
9 August	17 April	9 August	17 April	9 August	17 April
2023	2028	2023	2028	2023	2028
56,570	62,050	62,644	68,719	6,074	6,669

Chisholm undergoes significant change as a consequence of the changes occurring in all surrounding Divisions. It gains Blackburn South , Blackburn , Forest Hill , Mitcham (Vic.) , Nunawading , Vermont South , Vermont SA2's from the Division of Deakin , Box Hill North , Surrey Hills (East) - Mont Albert SA2's from the Division of Kooyong whilst from Menzies the following SA2's , Blackburn , Box Hill North , Box Hill. These see it spread further North, East and West. As a consequence at it's southern end Chisholm loses to the New Division the following SA2's, Mulgrave , Clayton (North) - Notting Hill , Oakleigh - Huntingdale , Wheelers Hill and those parts of the SA2's of Glen Waverley - East , Glen Waverley - West , Mount Waverley - North , Mount Waverley - South , Ashwood – Chadstone which are South of High Street Rd. High Street Rd becomes the Southern boundary of the Division and it is felt that this provides a strong boundary. It is acknowledged that it does create a small split particularly in the Glen Waverley and Mount Waverley areas however this does not detract from the proposed boundaries. Other alternatives were examined but these had major implications to all Divisions across this part of Melbourne.

These changes result in the Division having a strong focus to the City of Whitehorse encompassing the majority of that municipal area.

Cooper

In	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday	Monday
9 August	17 April
2023	2028
3,765	4,130

Cooper was under quota and needed to gain electors. It was noted that there were SA1's in the Clifton Hill – Alphington SA2 which were moved from the Division of Cooper to the Division of Melbourne at the 2021 redistribution and returning these to Cooper returns Cooper to being within quota.

Corangamite & Corio

Although each division was within quota Corangamite was over quota with Corio being under. It was noticed that there were 1325 (current) and 1420 (projected) electors in the Moolap locality which could be relocated better balancing both divisions. This also unifies the Moolap locality in the Division of Corio

Deakin

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Monday	Wednesday	Monday
9 August	17 April	9 August	17 April	9 August	17 April
2023	2028	2023	2028	2023	2028
47,554	51,684	48,831	52,737	1,277	1,053

Deakin incurs substantial change primarily as it abuts the Division of Casey. From Casey it gains the SA1's in the Lilydale locality of the Lilydale – Coldstream SA2. Additionally it gains from Casey the SA2's of Kilsyth , Montrose , Mooroolbark , Mount Evelyn. To offset these gains it transfers the Croydon Hills – Warranwood SA2 to the Division of Menzies and Blackburn South , Blackburn , Forest Hill , Mitcham (Vic.) , Nunawading , Vermont South , Vermont to the Division of Chisholm.

Dunkley

In	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday	Monday
9 August	17 April
2023	2028

4,696	5,104
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Dunkley was under quota and needed to gain voters. It was considered that the addition of the Pearce Dale - Tooradin SA2 (excluding the Tooradin locality) from the Division of Holt - The SA2 primarily encompasses the Pearce Dale locality plus some smaller ones abutting Westernport Bay - met the requirements. Pearce Dale abuts the current boundary of the Division of Dunkley

Goldstein

Out	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday	Monday
9 August	17 April
2023	2028

111,083	121,366
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The electors in Goldstein have been distributed to the following divisions

Hotham	35,641	38,818
MacNamara	58,360	63,859
Higgins	17,082	18,689
	111,083	121,366

Those moving to Hotham are at the Southern end of the division principally south of Hampton. Macnamara picks up the northern end including Brighton, Brighton East and Bentleigh. Higgins picks up Elsternwick and Caulfield South as part of remediating the unusual shape of the Division of MacNamarra.

Hawke

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
4,862	5,233	13,803	14,788	8,941	9,555

Hawke loses electors on its western edge in the Bacchus Marsh Surrounds SA2 to Ballarat to enable Ballarat to reach quota. Hawke then takes in the SA2's of Gisborne and Riddells Creek from McEwan. These SA2's abut the existing Hawke and enable these communities to be closer to the centre of the Division and their communities of interest that is the case if they remained in McEwan.

Higgins

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
46,542	50,836	51,897	57,292	5,355	6,456

Higgins experiences significant change. In part it was driven by the need for Kooyong to gain electors which was done by relocating the Glen Iris – East and Ashburton (Vic.) to that division. It was noted that these areas are primarily in the Boorondarra municipality with the municipality already being heavily represented in the division of Kooyong thus an additional driver for the move. Additionally Higgins has been used as a vehicle to overcome to current odd shape of the Division of MacNamarra and also being cognizant of the fact that the Division of MacNamarra has been significantly impacted at it's Northern end due to the loss of electors to the Division of Melbourne. Consequently that part of the East Malvern SA2 East of Bourke Rd (which is a solid boundary) along with the Carnegie, Murrumbeena and Ormond – Glenhuntly SA2's are also removed.

To compensate for these losses the following SA2's are relocated from the division of MacNamarra Caulfield - North , Caulfield - South , Elsternwick , Ormond - Glen Huntly , St Kilda East whilst additionally the following SA2's are relocated from the Division of Goldstein Caulfield – South, Elsternwick and that part of Ormond - Glen Huntly which is North of North Rd. The Southern boundary runs along North Rd and that provides a strong boundary.

It is noted that the division currently is constituted primarily by electors in the municipality of Stonnington and broadly runs in an East / West direction as against the more North / South orientation of the proposed division however the fact that the MacNamarra odd shape is remediated plus Kooyong now seems to have a better association with its communities of interest offsets this detracting.

Holt

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
4,696	5,104	8,930	9,766	4,234	4,662

Holt was marginally under quota however the loss of electors in the Pearcedale area to the Division of Dunkley necessitates a more major change. This is done primarily by adding electors in the Dandenong South SA2, which abuts Holt on its western side, whom are north of the Dandenong bypass road. These electors have previously been in the Division of Isaacs and thus this brings these electors much closer to their primary centre of interest. Additionally there are small additions of SA1's currently in the Division of Bruce but which equally fit in the Division of Holt. These are on the North and North Eastern edge of the division and bring in electors from the Hallam, Narre Warren - South West and Narre Warren South - West SA2's. The Northern boundary of Holt moves to the Princess Highway and then begins a southern trajectory where the highway intersects with Centre Rd till it intersects with the current boundary. These seem to be quite strong boundaries.

Hotham

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
72,523	79,531	68,721	75,043	-3,802	-4,488

Hotham encounters significant alteration on account of being impacted by changes in its surrounding Divisions. To the North it loses the SA2's of Hughesdale, Clayton (North) - Notting Hill and Mulgrave plus that part of the Oakleigh – Huntingdale which is North or North Rd. On it's Eastern side it loses SA1's in Springvale (North of the Princess Highway on account of the Princess Highway being used as a boundary), Noble Park - East (West of Chandler Rd which becomes the boundary) and the SA2 of Noble Park North to Bruce and the remainder of the Springvale SA2 plus the SA2's of Dingley Village, Springvale South , Keysborough - North , Noble Park – West and the reminder Noble Park - East to Isaacs.

To compensate for these losses Hotham moves in a South Westerly direction taking the SA2's of Beaumaris , Highett (West) - Cheltenham , Sandringham - Black Rock plus those SA1's in the Hampton SA2 located in the Hampton East locality from Goldstein and the SA2's of Highett (East) - Cheltenham , Mentone , Moorabbin - Heatherton , Moorabbin Airport from Isaacs.

These changes result in Hotham fundamentally containing parts of the municipalities of Kingston and Bayside. There was some thought to changing the name of the Division however as electors currently in Hotham constitute the highest proportion of electors in the Division it was determined to keep the name. The break up of electors for the division is as follows

	Current	2028
Goldstein	35641	38818
Hotham	45181	49426
Isaacs	33080	36225
	113902	124469

Isaacs

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
37,500	41,072	43,443	47,635	5,943	6,563

In large part there is the transference of electors between the Divisions of Isaacs and Hotham. On it's Eastern side Isaacs loses to Hotham SA2's of Highett (East) - Cheltenham , Mentone , Moorabbin - Heatherton , Moorabbin Airport but picks up from Hotham Springvale , Springvale South , Keysborough - North , Noble Park - West and that part of Noble Park – East west of Chandler Rd. Additionally Isaacs loses electors in the Dandenong - South SA2 located North of the Dandenong Bypass to Holt.

These changes give Isaacs a very strong focus to the City of Greater Dandenong where the majority of electors are located. Currently the Division is split over the municipalities of Kingston and Greater Dandenong. It is felt that this then brings together areas with a greater degree of interest than is currently the case

JagaJaga

In	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028

2,209	2,338
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JagaJaga has a minor change bringing in those electors Research - North Warrandyte SA2 currently located in the Division of Menzies. This reverses a change made in the 2021 redistribution. This unites the whole of the SA2 in JagaJaga. This change also enables Menzies to be within Quota

Kooyong

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
10,937	11,997	14,367	15,553	3,430	3,556

Kooyong was under quota and needed to gain electors. This has been achieved by bringing from Higgins electors in the SA2's of Glen Iris - East and Ashburton (Vic.) It is noted that these are both located in the municipality of Boorondarra with that municipality constituting the predominant part of the current Kooyong. Kooyong now has to lose electors and that was achieved by moving those electors in the Box Hill North and Surrey Hills (East) - Mont Albert into the Division of Chisholm. It is noted that these electors are primarily located in the City of Whitehorse with that forming the nucleus of proposed Chisholm and thus is a good fit. It also unites the Box Hill North SA2 into a single division.

La Trobe

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
6,059	6,633	12,916	14,067	6,857	7,434

Whilst La Trobe was within quota changes in adjoining Divisions have necessitated movement both in and out of La Trobe. La Trobe gains from Casey the small number of electors in the Emerald – Cockatoo SA2 which had been located in that Division and unites the SA2 into a single Division. Additionally, due to the changes in the Division of Bruce all of the Berwick - South West SA2 from the Division of Bruce plus those SA1's in the Berwick – North SA2 that are located around central Berwick which are North of Princess Highway and West of Harkaway Rd are relocated. It is noted that the latter in particular was a point of contention when

the boundaries were set in the 2021 referendum whereby central Berwick was split over the Divisions of Bruce and La Trobe and this change remediated this situation.

To compensate for this gain those electors in the Koo Wee Rup SA2 apart from those located in the Cardinia, Officer Sth, Rythdale, Pakenham Sth, Officer and Pakenham localities are relocated to the Division of Monash. Whilst Monash was within the quota bounds it was under the quota and this change aids in better balancing electors across the divisions. The electors relocated are in the more rural parts of La Trobe thus being a further reason behind the move given the more rural focus of Monash than La Trobe.

MacNamara

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
52,629	58,828	58,360	63,859	5,731	5,031

MacNamara has been a contentions Division over time due to its unusual shape. It is noted that change has been attempted at previous redistributions but ultimately rejected primarily due to the desire to keep to areas strong Jewish community in a single Division.

The proposed removal of the CBD focused Northern parts of the Division provides possibilities to alter the focus of the Division such that encompasses much of the bayside area from Port Melbourne to Hampton and removes the areas around East St Kilda and Caulfield.

The SA2's of Docklands , Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria , Southbank - East , Southbank (West) - South Wharf , South Yarra - West , Port Melbourne Industrial are proposed to be relocated to the Division of Melbourne whilst Caulfield - North , Caulfield - South , Elsternwick , Ormond - Glen Huntly , St Kilda East SA2's are proposed to be moved into Higgins. The former is necessitated as the Division of Melbourne needs to gain electors and moving over the Yarra River into the CBD focussed areas of Southbank and Docklands seems appropriate. The Higgins move captures those areas in the "hook" part of the Division of MacNamara and in my view does unite areas of a similar nature. It also fully unites the Caulfield - South and Elsternwick SA2's

MacNamara continues its Bayside focus by picking up the Brighton (Vic.) and Brighton East SA2's from Goldstein plus the Hampton locality from the Hampton SA2 also from Goldstein. It was felt rather than continuing further South the Bentleigh - McKinnon SA2 plus that part of the Ormond - Glen Huntly SA2 located in the Division of Goldstein which is located South of North Rd (with North Rd being used as the Division boundary) also move into the Division.

In summary the electors in the new division are composed as follows;

	Current	2028
MacNamara	60252	65928
GOLDSTEIN	58360	63859

Thus why it was deemed to retain the Division of Macnamara name rather than that of Goldstein.

There may be some conjecture re communities of interest due to the spread of the Division but its strong Bayside focus negates this in part. I would suggest that it could be argued that due to its shape the current Division of MacNamara has community of interest issues and the proposal is no worse than that of the current Division.

Mallee / Nicholls

Out		In	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
2,714	2,815	2,714	2,815

This sees a transfer of electors between the adjoining Divisions of Mallee and Nicholls. At the time of the projected enrolment date in 2028 Mallee was only 329 electors below the maximum limit and thus it was thought beneficial to move some electors to the adjoining Division of Nicholls which was below the quota midpoint at the same time. It is my view that the area surrounding Cohuna presented the best opportunity to do this as it sits at the Eastern end of the Division of Mallee and abuts the Division of Nicholls. Cohuna being primarily a dairying area has much in common with Nicholls and this was considered a further good reason for making the change. It is suggested that the area to be relocated aligns as best as possible with the Yarran ward boundary of the Shire of Gannawarra. The figures used are an approximation of this based on the available SA1 data for the area. It should be noted that prior to the Victorian council amalgamations Cohuna had its own council and as council boundaries are used for the vast majority of the Division of Murray using that boundary has some rationale.

Overall this change provides a better balance of voters across the state and it makes Mallee's variance from quota more consistent with those of other Divisions.

Maribyrnong

	In
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday	Monday
9 August	17 April
2023	2028

4,820 5,284

Maribyrnong was below the lower limit quota at the time of the projected enrolment and thus needed to gain electors. Given that at its Northern end it abuts the Division of Calwell and that Division is unable to shed voters and as it has strong river / creek related boundaries to its East and West there were limited opportunities to seek the additional electors. It was achieved by taking parts of the SA1's from the Parkville and North Melbourne SA2 and also adding the West Melbourne - Industrial SA2 all from the Division of Melbourne.

The area of Parkville chosen is that encompassing Royal Park and the population on its western side (the area of the Royal Park Psychiatric hospital development). This area is quite distinct from that of the remainder of the SA2 and has a closer proximity to the electors in the Division of Maribyrnong than that of the Division of Melbourne.

The area of North Melbourne chosen is that west of the full length of Dryburgh St. Significant parts of this area are undergoing change as a consequence of the Metro tunnel development and the proposed relocated North Melbourne train station (the current North Melbourne station is to become West Melbourne). An example of the change is the relatively recent construct of a shopping complex incorporating a major supermarket in this area. This area will in time become similar to parts of the Flemington / Kensington area contained in the Division of Maribyrnong where regentrification has occurred. Thus this move is not considered inappropriate.

It was noted that a straight line across from Dryburgh St at its Southern End was the Eastern boundary of the West Melbourne - Industrial SA2 thus why the move it suggested. It allows for a tidy design of the proposed division.

McEwan

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
25,463	27,350	28,870	31,341	3,407	3,991

McEwan has long been a contention division in its construction as it has in essence been a “filler” division. Given this my initial premise particularly noting that a number of divisions North of the Yarra needed to gain electors that this may be the Division to remove. It soon became apparent this was not the case. Broadly the proposed Division loses electors on its Western side and gains then on its Eastern side primarily from the Division of Casey.

As has been previously discussed McEwan loses electors at its Western end to the Divisions of Hawke and Bendigo in the areas of Woodend, Gisborne, and Riddells Creek. It also loses a small number to Calwell in the Donnybrook locality and it loses to Scullin that part of the Wollert SA2 currently in the Division. This allows the unification of this SA2 and aids Scullin in attaining it’s quota requirements.

McEwan then gains the SA2’s Healesville - Yarra Glen, Upper Yarra Valley, Wandin – Seville and Yarra Valley from Casey. It is noted that some if not all of these SA2’s were in the Division of McEwan around 2008.

Overall it is considered that these losses and gains offset each other and thus the Division largely remains as it was in relation to its communities of interest.

Melbourne

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
14,927	16,371	17,814	20,225	2,887	3,854

As has been previously covered the Division of Melbourne has needed to lose electors on its Northern and Western boundaries to accommodate the requirements of other Divisions which had no option but to move toward the Division of Melbourne (to that end I refer you to the comments re the Divisions of Maribyrnong, Cooper and Wills).

Needing to gain electors the only option was to cross the Yarra River and bring in electors from the SA2's of Docklands , Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria , Southbank - East , Southbank (West) - South Wharf , South Yarra - West , Port Melbourne Industrial from the Division of MacNamarra. It is noted that the Southbank / Docklands area is effectively part of the main Melbourne precinct in many ways that this links areas of interest. Port Melbourne Industrial incorporates the ongoing Fishermans Bend regeneration and that is being designed to link with the CBD rather than other nearby parts. The South Yarra - West SA2 is located in the Melbourne City Council area thus the rationale for including this is the Division of Melbourne rather than the nearby Division of Higgins.

Whilst in one sense it is radical to cross the Yarra it was done further to the East in previous redistributions and the nature of the Melbourne CBD has altered dramatically over the past 20 years. Thus it is felt that the proposed Division meets all the requirements.

Menzies

Out		In		Change	
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment	Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028	Wednesday 9 August 2023	Monday 17 April 2028
19,659	21,480	23,833	25,473	4,174	3,993

As was the case with the previously discussed Deakin Menzies is impacted by the cessation of the Division of Casey, it's adjoining neighbor to the East.

From Casey the SA1's from the Lilydale – Coldstream SA2 in the location of Yering and Coldstream are relocated. These were considered to have a closer affinity with the Division of Menzies that of the Division of Deakin which the remainder of the SA2 was moved into. Also from Casey are the SA2's of Chirnside Park and Warrandyte - Wonga Park noting that with the latter this consolidates the whole of the SA2 in the Division of Menzies. Additionally the SA2 Croydon Hills – Warranwood was relocated from the Division of Deakin noting that parts of this SA2 have previously been in the Division of Menzies.

The SA2's of Blackburn , Box Hill North and Box Hill are relocated into the Division of Chisholm and this also unifies these SA2's. This also see's the Menzies boundary with

Chisholm move North and no longer runs along Whitehorse Rd / Maroondah Highway which was the source of contention in the 2021 redistribution. As has been mentioned under the Division of JagaJaga that part of the Research - North Warrandyte SA2 which was in Menzies returns to JagaJaga aiding in providing a better Northern boundary.

It is considered these changes have negligible impact on the nature of the Division.

Monash

Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	In Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028
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6,059	6,633
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The changes impacting the Division of Monash have largely been covered in the commentary re the changes to the Division of La Trobe and are caused due to that Division needing to shed electors. The Division gains those electors in the Koo Wee Rup SA2 apart from those located in the Cardinia, Officer Sth, Rythdale, Pakenham Sth, Officer and Pakenham localities. The nature of the communities and localities has much in common with those currently in the Division of Monash and thus this is seen as a good fit.

The Division of Monash was under quota in both periods and this change brings it closer to the quota which is an additional reason this is a good fit.

Scullin

Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	In Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028
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3,345	3,661
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The Division of Scullin was under quota limits as at 2028 and needed to gain electors. This was achieved by bringing from the Division of McEwan those electors currently contained in the Wollert SA2. That SA2 is currently split across the Divisions and the unification presents no issue and provides for a simple change.

Wills

Actual enrolment Wednesday 9 August 2023	In Projected enrolment Monday 17 April 2028
6,342	6,957

Similar to the Division of Scullin the Division of Wills was under quota limits as at 2028 and needed to gain electors. It was somewhat constrained as to where it could gain electors due to no growth being available to its North and the constraints of creeks and rivers as strong boundaries on its East and West.

Wills gains electors from the Division of Melbourne using a number of SA1's in the in the Brunswick East and Fitzroy North SA2.

The following SA1's were taken from Brunswick East;

20601110605, 20601110606, 20601110620, 20601110621, 20601110622, 20601110623,
20601110624, 20601110625, 20601110627, 20601110628

Noting that these SA1's were in the Division of Wills pre the 2021 redistribution.

The following SA1's were taken from Fitzroy North;

20607114301, 20607114302, 20607114303, 20607114304, 20607114305, 20607114306,
20607114307, 20607114308

These SA1's abut the Brunswick East SA2 and result in a continuation of the Wills Southern boundary along Park St to the Merri Creek which is an existing boundary for the division.

New (Child)

	In
Actual enrolment	Projected enrolment
Wednesday	Monday
9 August	17 April
2023	2028

116,816 128,125

The new Division gains electors from the Divisions of Hotham, Higgins, Bruce and Chisholm as follows:

	Current	2028	
Chisholm	56,570	62,050	48%
Higgins	32,175	35,283	28%
HOTHAM	24,826	27,233	21%
Bruce	3,245	3,559	3%

As was identified in the Chisholm commentary the Northern Boundary is High St Rd. The Eastern boundary is Warrigal Rd to Gardiners Creek where it turns West and follows the East Malvern SA2 boundary to Burke Rd where it turns South. At the intersection with the Princess Highway it has a slight dogleg to then continue South along Grange Rd to North Rd where it turns East until the Princess Highway where it turns South East until Police Rd where it turns to the East until Police Rd intersects with the Dandenong Creek. The boundary then follows the creek North until it intersects with High Street Rd.

From the current Division of Chisholm it takes in the electors in;

- the Mount Waverley - South , Ashwood - Chadstone , Mulgrave , Clayton (North) - Notting Hill , Oakleigh - Huntingdale , Wheelers Hill , SA2's.
- It also contains the SA1's of the Glen Waverley – East, Glen Waverley – West and Mount Waverley – North SA2's which are located South of High Street Rd,

From the current Division of Higgins it takes in the electors in;

- Carnegie , Murrumbeena , Ormond - Glen Huntly SA2's
- The SA1's in the Malvern East SA2 which are West of Burke Rd,

From the current Division of Hotham it takes in the electors in;

- Hughesdale , Clayton (North) - Notting Hill , Mulgrave SA2's
- The SA1's from the Oakleigh – Huntingdale SA2 which are contained North of North Rd

From the current Division of Bruce it takes in the electors in the Mulgrave SA2's

The vast majority of the electors are located in the Monash municipality with small numbers in the Stonnington, Glen Eira and Greater Dandenong municipalities.

Socio Economically there is much in common across all parts of the proposed division providing further rationale behind structuring a Division in this manner.

Please find below a summary of these changes which also details the percentage variation from quota by Division after the proposed changes

2023 Redistribution

Electoral division	Number of electors 9 /8/23	Var to Quota	% Quota	Number of electors 17 /4/28	Var to Quota	% Quota
Aston	118,437	1,543	1.32%	127,690	452	0.36%
Ballarat	117,737	843	0.72%	127,106	-132	-0.10%
Bendigo	119,343	2,449	2.10%	129,144	1,906	1.50%
Bruce	117,618	724	0.62%	128,390	1,152	0.91%
Calwell	117,680	786	0.67%	127,897	659	0.52%
Casey		-116,894	-100.00%		-127,238	-100.00%
Chisholm	116,746	-148	-0.13%	128,014	776	0.61%
Cooper	114,708	-2,186	-1.87%	125,561	-1,677	-1.32%
Corangamite	115,206	-1,688	-1.44%	126,343	-895	-0.70%
Corio	115,310	-1,584	-1.36%	124,522	-2,716	-2.13%
Deakin	114,991	-1,903	-1.63%	125,019	-2,219	-1.74%
Dunkley	117,411	517	0.44%	127,717	479	0.38%
Flinders	114,469	-2,425	-2.07%	124,658	-2,580	-2.03%
Fraser	113,089	-3,805	-3.26%	123,858	-3,380	-2.66%
Gellibrand	112,851	-4,043	-3.46%	123,999	-3,239	-2.55%
Gippsland	116,666	-228	-0.20%	126,776	-462	-0.36%
Goldstein		-116,894	-100.00%		-127,238	-100.00%
Gorton	118,708	1,814	1.55%	129,116	1,878	1.48%
Hawke	120,166	3,272	2.80%	128,870	1,632	1.28%
Higgins	114,690	-2,204	-1.89%	126,116	-1,122	-0.88%
Holt	117,393	499	0.43%	127,428	190	0.15%
Hotham	113,902	-2,992	-2.56%	124,469	-2,769	-2.18%
Indi	118,876	1,982	1.70%	128,444	1,206	0.95%
Isaacs	119,027	2,133	1.82%	129,948	2,710	2.13%
Jagajaga	116,545	-349	-0.30%	126,411	-827	-0.65%
Kooyong	117,016	122	0.10%	128,011	773	0.61%
La Trobe	120,165	3,271	2.80%	130,351	3,113	2.45%
Lalor	116,506	-388	-0.33%	127,852	614	0.48%
Macnamara	118,612	1,718	1.47%	129,787	2,549	2.00%
Mallee	118,849	1,955	1.67%	128,527	1,289	1.01%
Maribyrnong	115,258	-1,636	-1.40%	125,745	-1,493	-1.17%
McEwen	117,489	595	0.51%	126,176	-1,062	-0.83%
Melbourne	118,026	1,132	0.97%	130,024	2,786	2.19%
Menzies	117,168	274	0.23%	127,459	221	0.17%
Monash	119,457	2,563	2.19%	130,429	3,191	2.51%
Nicholls	117,405	511	0.44%	127,048	-190	-0.15%
Scullin	114,589	-2,305	-1.97%	124,677	-2,561	-2.01%
Wannon	116,485	-409	-0.35%	125,633	-1,605	-1.26%
Wills	116,570	-324	-0.28%	127,708	470	0.37%
New	116,816	-78	-0.07%	128,125	887	0.70%
TOTAL	4,441,980			4,835,048		

The items highlighted in Green did not require and alteration to their current boundaries

The embedded spreadsheet contains greater detail of the movements detailed above and through filtering allows the detail of the In's and Out's to be ascertained



2023 move
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-Closing

I thank you for the opportunity to be part of this process and I look forward to seeing how things evolve over the life of the redistribution process. Please contact me if any clarity is needed

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