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Why Flemington, Travencore and Ascot Vale should remain in the electorate of Melbourne:

- geographically, as one comes into Melbourne from the airport the proposed area is considered the gateway to Melbourne – it marks the point at which one enters Melbourne not the point at which one turns back and goes to Maribyrnong
- historically, Flemington and Kensington have been strongly connected – what the proposal does is split roads and streets with close ties into different electorates, which for residents just doesn't work as residents see themselves as part of the Flem/Ken community
- historically, Flemington and Kensington have been connected at the state and local government levels – the fracturing of this connection into the Victorian state electoral district of Essendon and the Moonee Valley City Council has been disastrous because Flemington and Travencore have been considered as an 'add on' by Essendon and Moonee Valley and consequently received inadequate representation
- demographically, Flemington is similar to other inner-city locations – it is not similar to Essendon or Moonee Ponds
- Flemington also contains events, icons and landmarks that belong in the city of Melbourne