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Choice of Seat to Abolish

There have been numerous objections to the proposed abolition of Hotham, including by Stonnington Council and local residents. There are over 300 mentions of Higgins in the objections stage. The Liberal Party has proposed an alternative which would involve the abolition of Hotham, which is why I initially endorsed it. Benjamin Close has also proposed an alternative which would save Higgins, and I urge the AEC to examine that as well. I would encourage the AEC to reconsider whether Hotham can be abolished.

Holt/Flinders

Abolishing Hotham will improve communities of interest across the Southeast. The Liberal Party proposed that the coastal hamlets in Casey Council be transferred to Flinders. I originally proposed this, and so did Trent Wilson in his initial submission. This will allow Holt to focus on the Cranbourne rail growth corridor.

Isaacs

The Liberal Party's objection also suggests that more of Greater Dandenong LGA be removed and more of Kingston LGA be included, which I very much support. As mentioned in my initial submission, the Sandbelt and the Southeast Manufacturing belt are different communities of interest and are better served in separate electorates.

Naming

The Labor Party has proposed that Gellibrand be renamed Tucker, and I endorse this proposal. There have been some suggestions to rename Corangamite to Connewarre. While this is worthy, it is important to remember that Corangamite is a Federation name, and if there is an expansion of parliament in the next decade, it is possible the seat may move westward to take in the lake. I urge that all Federation names be retained. If Hotham is retained, then I would urge that the seat be renamed.