



Objection 26

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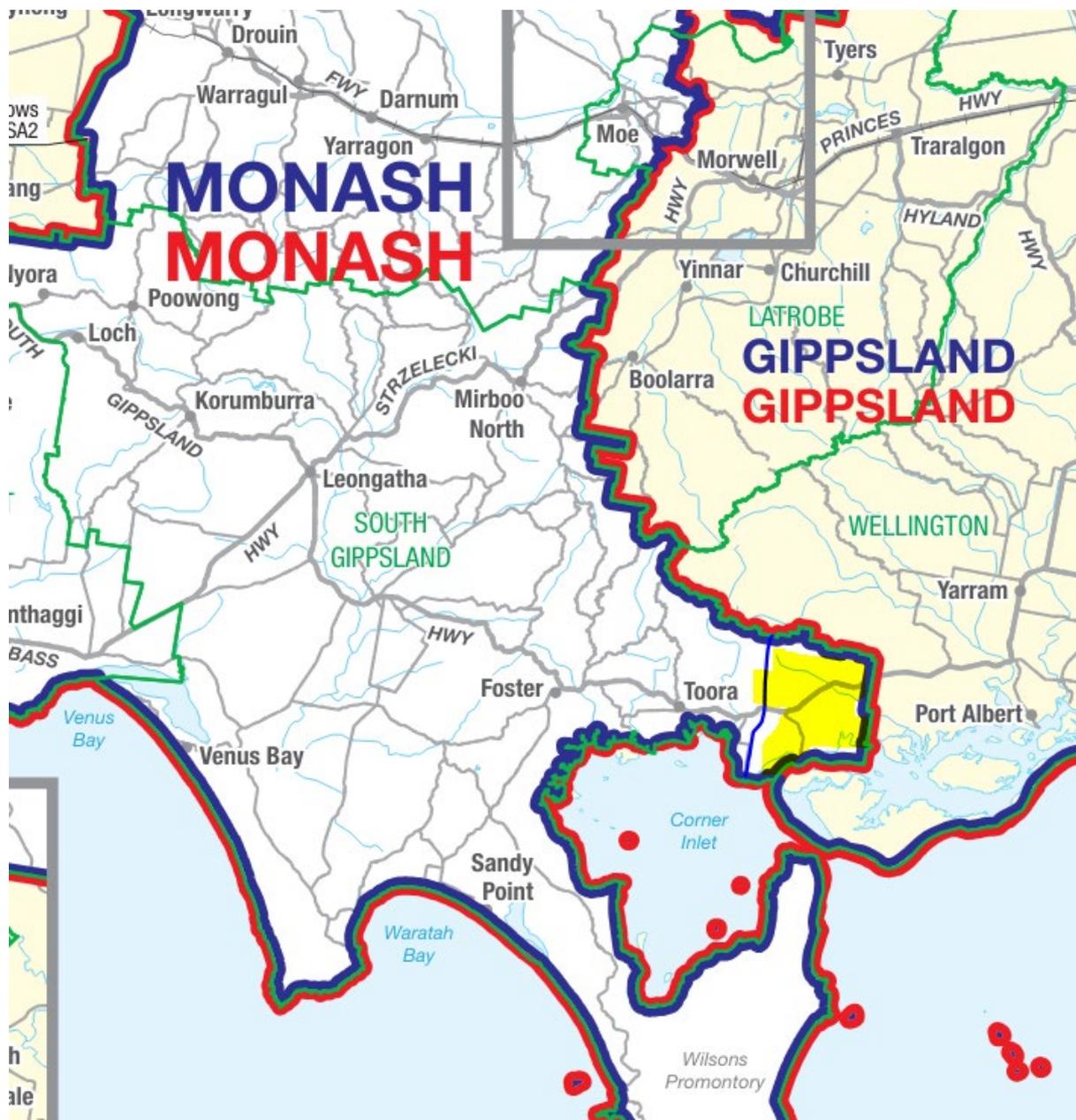
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Thank you for the proposed boundaries and for the Commission's work drafting these.

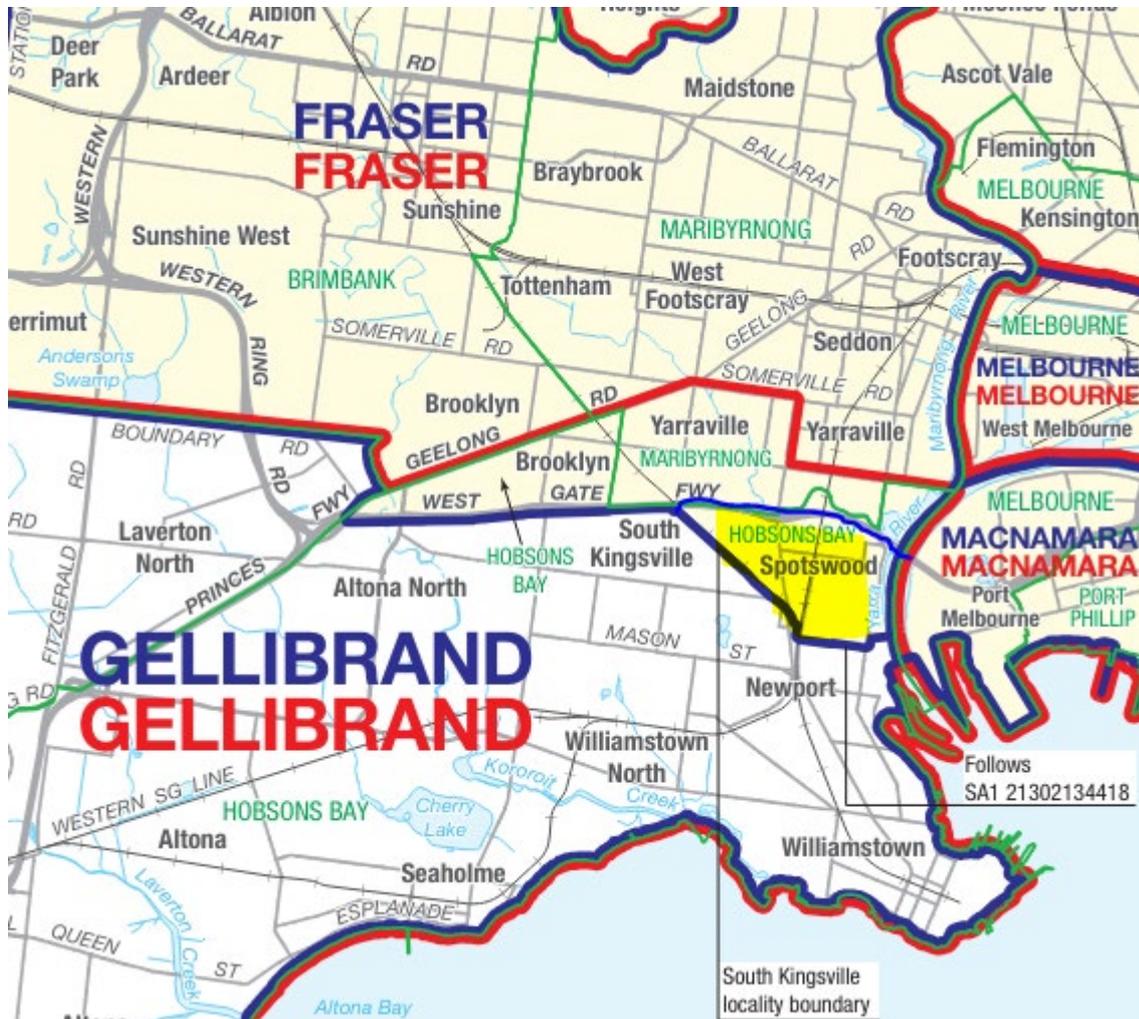
Rather than propose significant changes, which I'll leave to others, I'm going to suggest a small number of direct swaps between electorates that in the event the Commission wants to track closely to the proposed boundaries, improves communities of interest and brings electorates closer to the projected quota.

In no particular order:

Suggestion 1: Gippsland – Monash. At ~123,000 projected electors, Gippsland is slightly under the projected quota. It can be brought closer to quota by picking up the Welshpool and Port Welshpool SA1s. Suggest these small townships are equally good in either electorate, so therefore should be in the one with fewer projected electors.



Suggestion 2: Fraser – Gellibrand. The West Gate Freeway is one of the strongest boundaries in Melbourne and a key dividing line in Melbourne’s inner-west. Suggest returning the ‘Newport’ SA2 from Fraser to Gellibrand, making the West Gate Freeway the electoral boundary between the two. This returns about 2,000 projected electors to Gellibrand and keeps both close to quota. This also better splits the electorates along council boundaries.



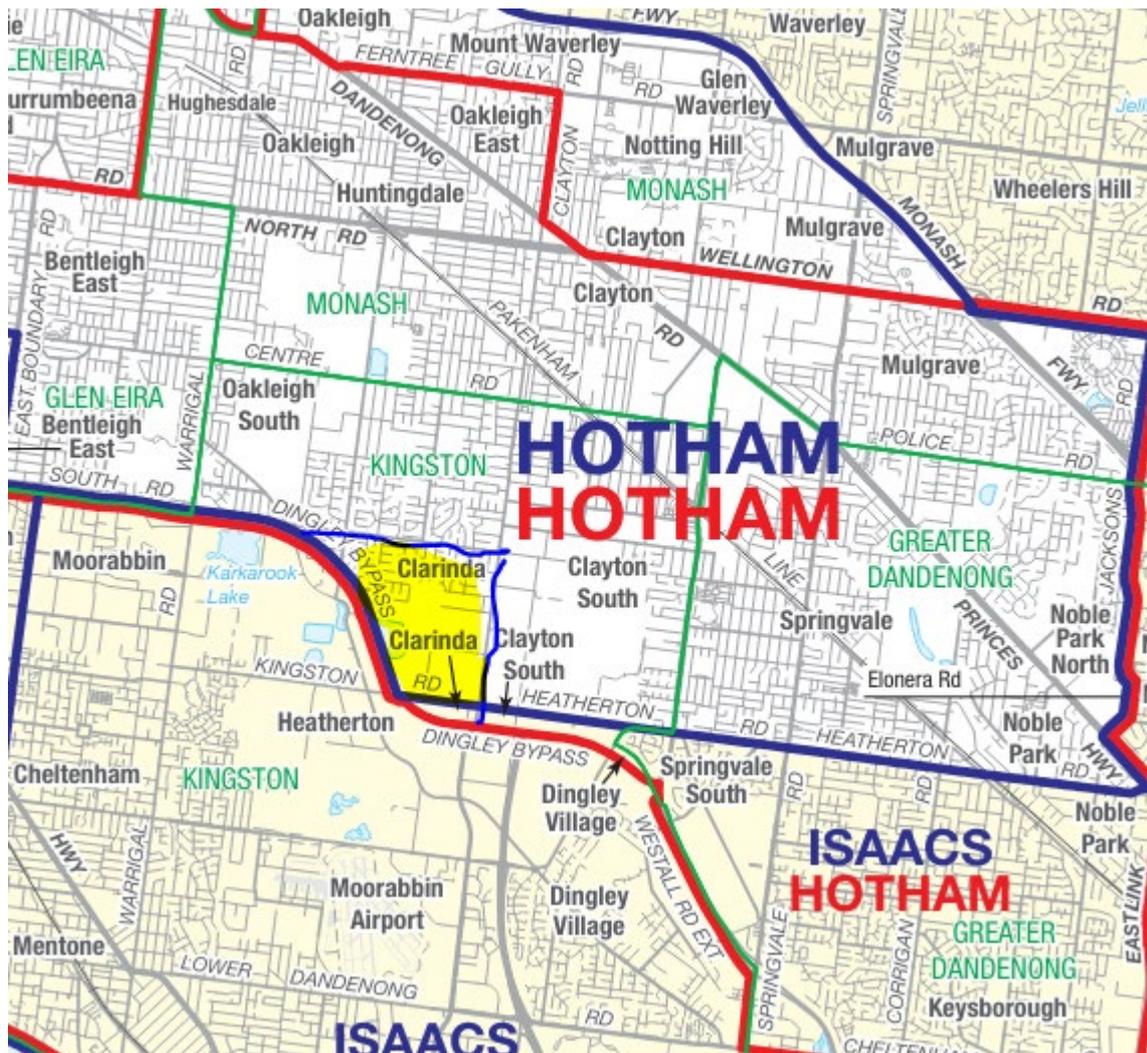
Suggestion 3: Melbourne – Wills. This is my least favourite of the proposed changes. In my view, Wills’ community of interest is strongest if it is kept north of Park Street (or Brunswick Road), which I view as a key dividing line between the communities, and where possible I would support the southern end of Wills not extending south of these roads. I’m sure others will have views on this, however, so will keep my proposal to just the most simple of swaps, if the Commission decides against a more wholesale change.

Wills is currently on over 130,000 projected electors, with Melbourne on ~126,000. I’d suggest that a small improvement to both, to bring both electorates closer to projected quota, while moving fewer electors, would be to move the proposed boundary, currently on Royal Parade, east to Lygon Street, so that the entire suburb of Princes Hill remains in Melbourne, while the residential (non-cemetery) part of Carlton North (along with Fitzroy North and Brunswick East) still move to Wills. This is an equally iconic boundary, and in my view maintains more coherent communities of interest, given

Princes Hill has historically looked south to Carlton for most of its community connections, including the obvious tram lines and local government connections.

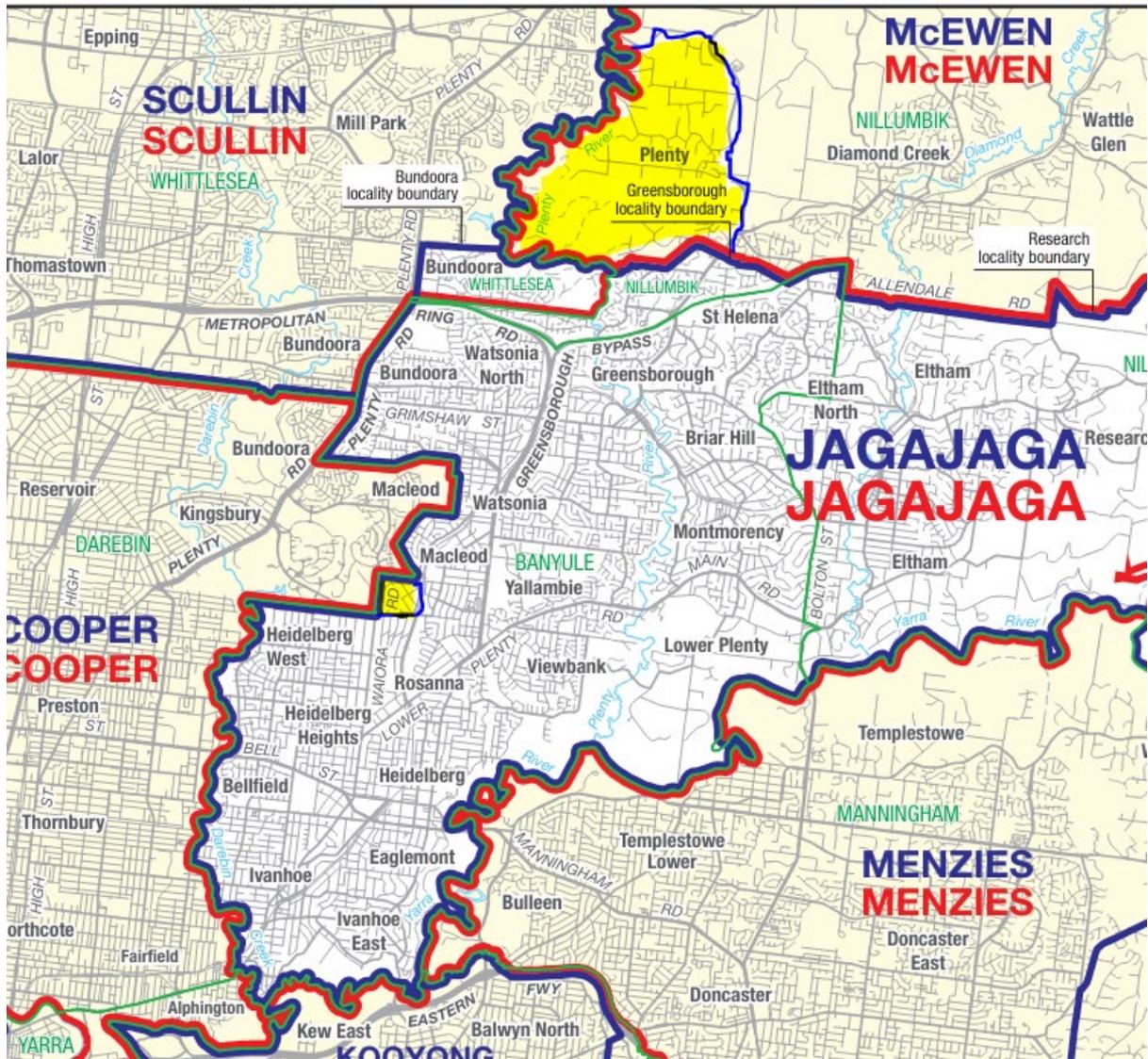


Suggestion 4: Hotham-Isaacs. On proposed boundaries, Isaacs' projected enrolment is just under 125,000, while Hotham's is on a shade under 130,000. To bring these closer, and to align more of Kingston's northern suburbs in Isaacs, suggest a small change to the Isaacs-Hotham boundary, with the addition of the part of Clarinda bound by Bourke Road to the north and Clayton Road to the east, to Isaacs. This will bring both electorates closer to projected quota, and adds more of Kingston's northern suburbs to Isaacs, a shared community of interest.



Suggestion 5: Cooper–Jagajaga–McEwen: Cooper’s current projected enrolment is just under 125,000. Jagajaga’s is just over 123,000. McEwen’s is over 128,000. To spread this out a bit better, I suggest two slight changes. The first, the pocket of Macleod bordered by Ruthven Street in the south, McNamara Street in the east, Cheery Street in the north and Waiora Street in the west, should move from Jagajaga to Cooper. This is actually a better fit anyway as it follows more identifiable and better-known roads. In turn, Jagajaga should pick up the suburb of Plenty from McEwen, which is well connected to the Jagajaga electorate already. This would bring all three a bit closer to projected quota, while slightly enhancing the communities of interest in each.

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I hope these suggestions are of help.