



Suggestion 41

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Overview

- Regional and rural seats: 9.87 quotas for 10 seats
- Melbourne seats: 28.13 quotas for 29 seats
- Seats north and west of Yarra: 20.52 quotas for 21 seats
- Seats south and east of Yarra: 17.48 quotas for 18 seats

A seat needs to be abolished and about half a quota needs to be transferred from one side of the Yarra to the other. As regional areas are only .13 quotas short, I suggest the abolished electorate be in metropolitan Melbourne. With only a few small changes, regional electorates can be brought into quota. I would advise that a seat east of the Yarra be abolished due to the slower growth in the region over the last couple of decades. North and west of the Yarra is predicted to grow faster in the future too:

Per The Age on 26 Oct 2023: 'The Melbourne regions set to grow up to 141 per cent as population booms'

*"The department predicts in its Victoria in Future projections that by 2036, an extra 845,000 people will live in the cities of **Wyndham, Melton, Hume, Whittlesea** and Casey, and the peri-urban shires of **Mitchell** and Cardinia.*

*Outer suburban and semi-regional municipalities that still have large tracts of undeveloped land have seven of the 10 highest population growth rates in greater Melbourne. **Mitchell Shire**, for example, which straddles the metro-regional boundary, is tipped to grow by 141 per cent. **Melton** is expected to grow by 93 per cent."*

Of the 7 mentioned councils 5 are west of the Yarra, and 2 east. Abolishing a seat west of the Yarra will lead to the decision having to be reversed at a later redistribution. I strongly encourage a seat east of the Yarra being abolished. As it is outer suburbs and councils that are growing fastest, I would also encourage an inner-city electorate be abolished because of their slower growth and to help electorates move closer to the inner city. There are already some inner-city electorates that extends way out to the outer-suburbs and abolishing an outer-metropolitan electorate will only make them have to extend further out to the outer suburbs.

I suggest the electorate to cross the Yarra be Melbourne. Melbourne City council is the only council that crosses the Yarra, there are plenty of roads/bridges in the area that cross the Yarra and the class divide is similar on both sides. It is the area in which most people cross the Yarra every day without even noticing. By transferring everything in Macnamara up to and including Middle Park and the small bit of North Warrandyte in Menzies to Jagajaga, 52819 voters (.42 quotas) can be transferred. This easily fixes the issue and requires no other changes.

As these changes leaves Macnamara with only 71732 voters (0.56 quotas) I suggest the Division of Macnamara be abolished but for the name to be transferred to the Division of Higgins instead. Macnamara's share of voters can easily be divided into the neighbouring electorates of Melbourne, Higgins and Goldstein.

My proposal sees about 14.5% of voters moved from one division to another. This compares with 12.6% in the 2021 redistribution and 19.5% in the 2018 redistribution. A large chunk of the change occurring in a few inner-city electorates: Melbourne, Wills, Macnamara and Higgins.

Regional and Rural Areas

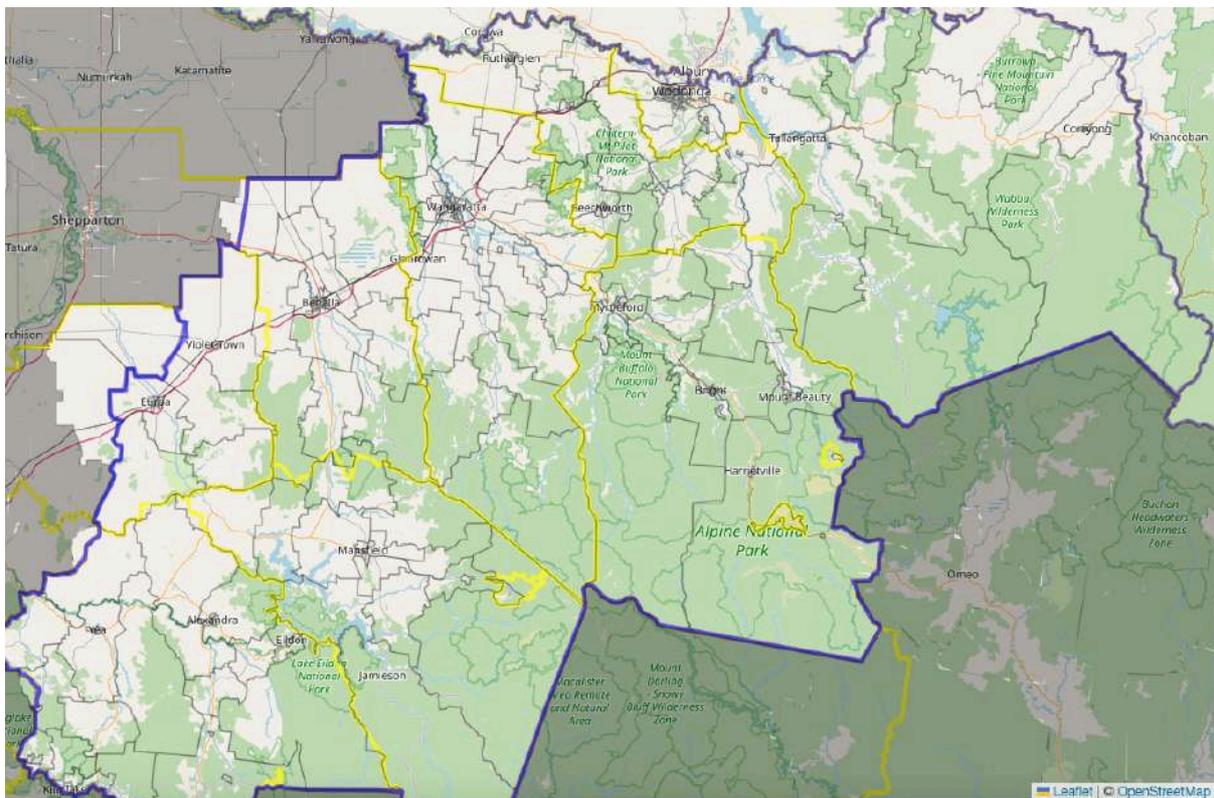
As mentioned above, electorates outside Melbourne have 9.87 quotas for ten seats. With only four changes, 26389 voters (.21 quotas) can be transferred from Melbourne to regional Victoria. Three of these changes would align the border with the Greater Capital City Statistical Area as well.

Mallee/Wannon/Gippsland

- No Change

Indi

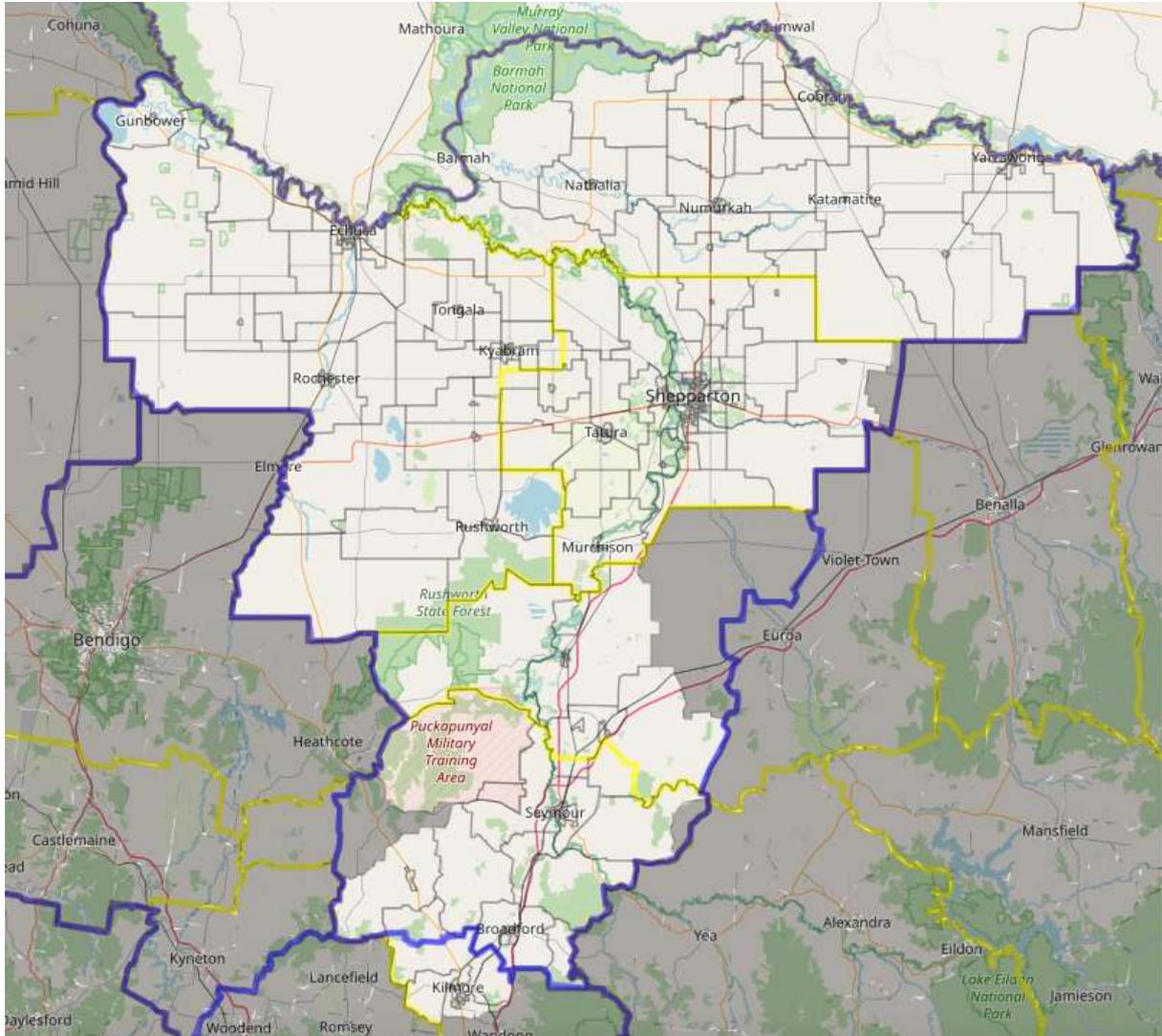
- Gains the small share of Euroa SA2 from Nicholls



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Nicholls

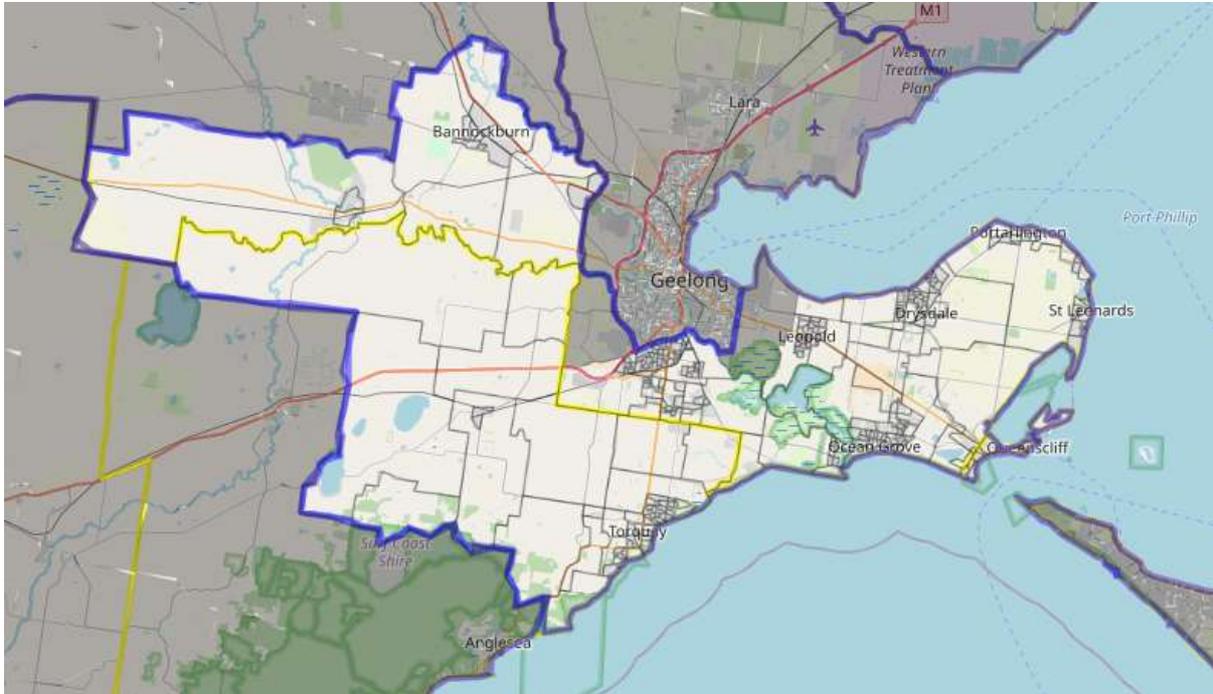
- Loses the remainder of Euroa SA2 to Indi
- Gains the rest of Kilmore SA2 from McEwen, uniting Kimore and Seymour into the same seat.



Nicholls

Corangamite & Corio

- As Corangamite has tended to be quite fast growing and Corio much slower, I suggest Corio gain the remainder of Highton SA2 and Newcomb – Moolap SA2 from Corangamite. Gaining Moolap aligns Corio's border with the state seat of Geelong.



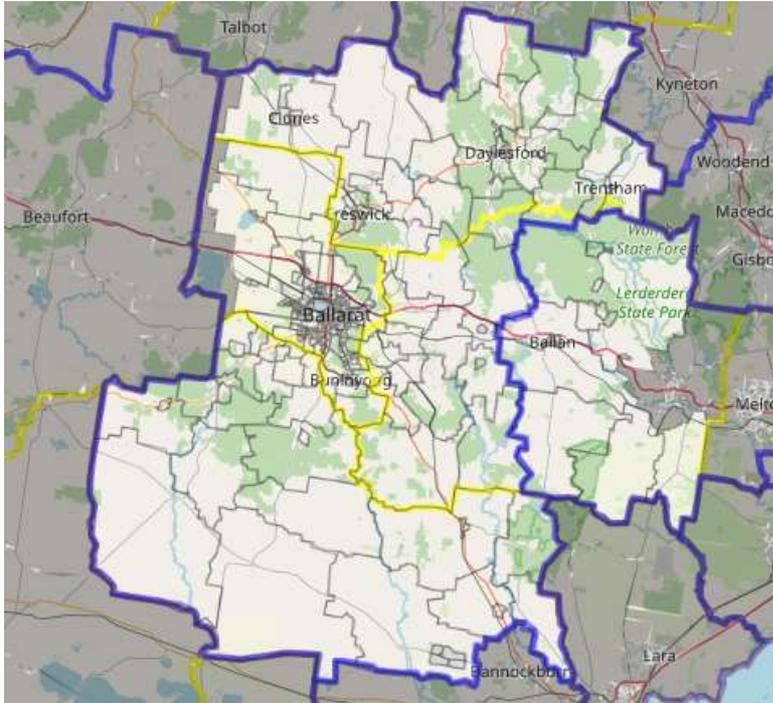
Corangamite



Corio

Ballarat

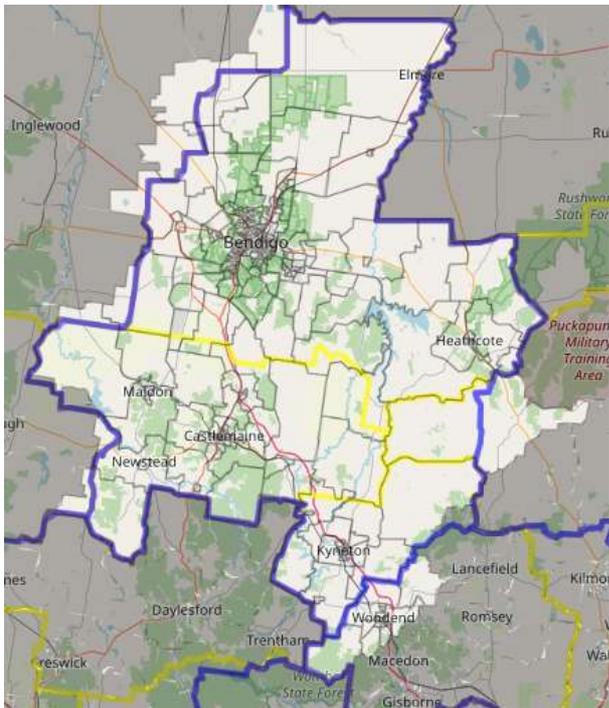
- Gains Bacchus Marsh Surrounds SA2 from Hawke. Ballan fits better with Ballarat than a Melbourne district.



Ballarat

Bendigo

- Gains Woodend SA2 from McEwen. Woodend and Kyneton should be in the same seat.



Bendigo

Monash

- Gains Koo Wee Rup SA2 from La Trobe except for 4 SA1's: 09, 13, 08 & 25



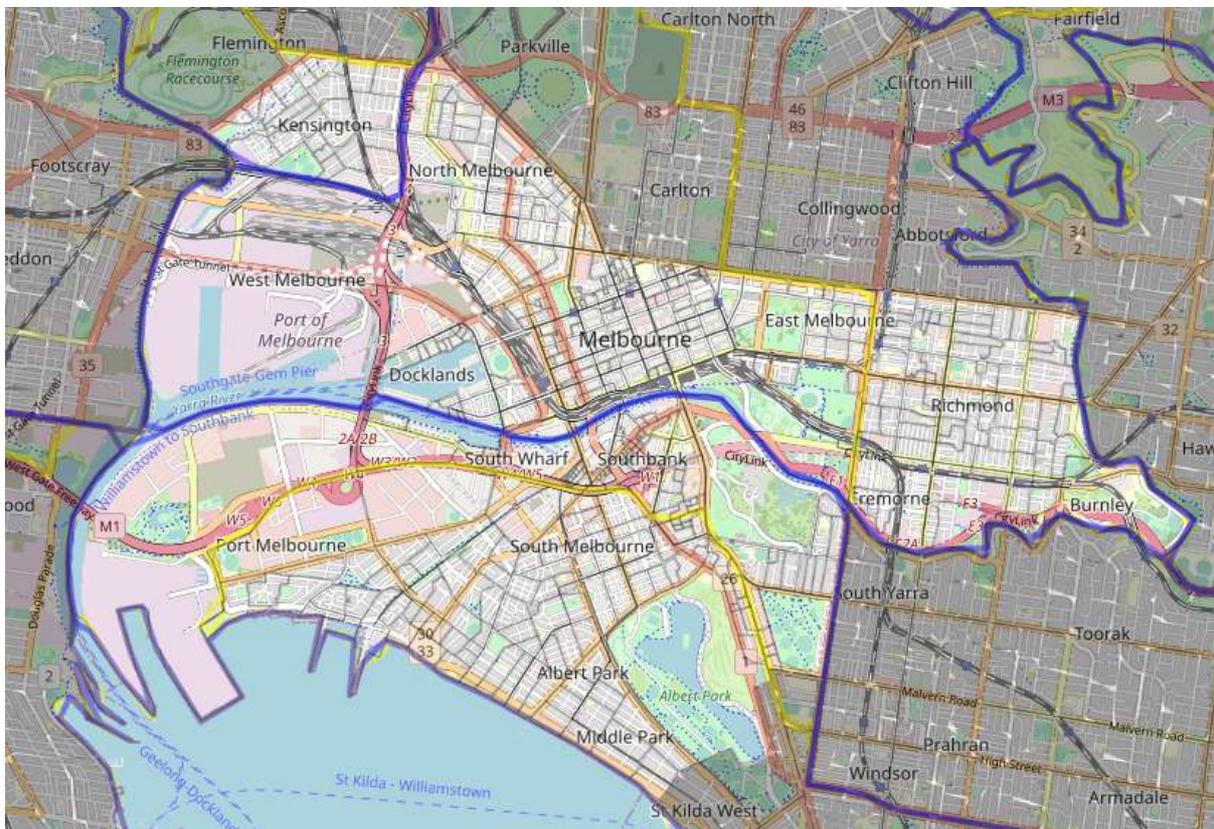
Monash

North and West of Yarra: Melbourne

As mentioned above, there are 20.52 quotas for seats north and west of the Yarra. With the above changes from Macnamara and North Warrandyte, north and west of the Yarra have 20.95 quotas for 21 seats.

Melbourne

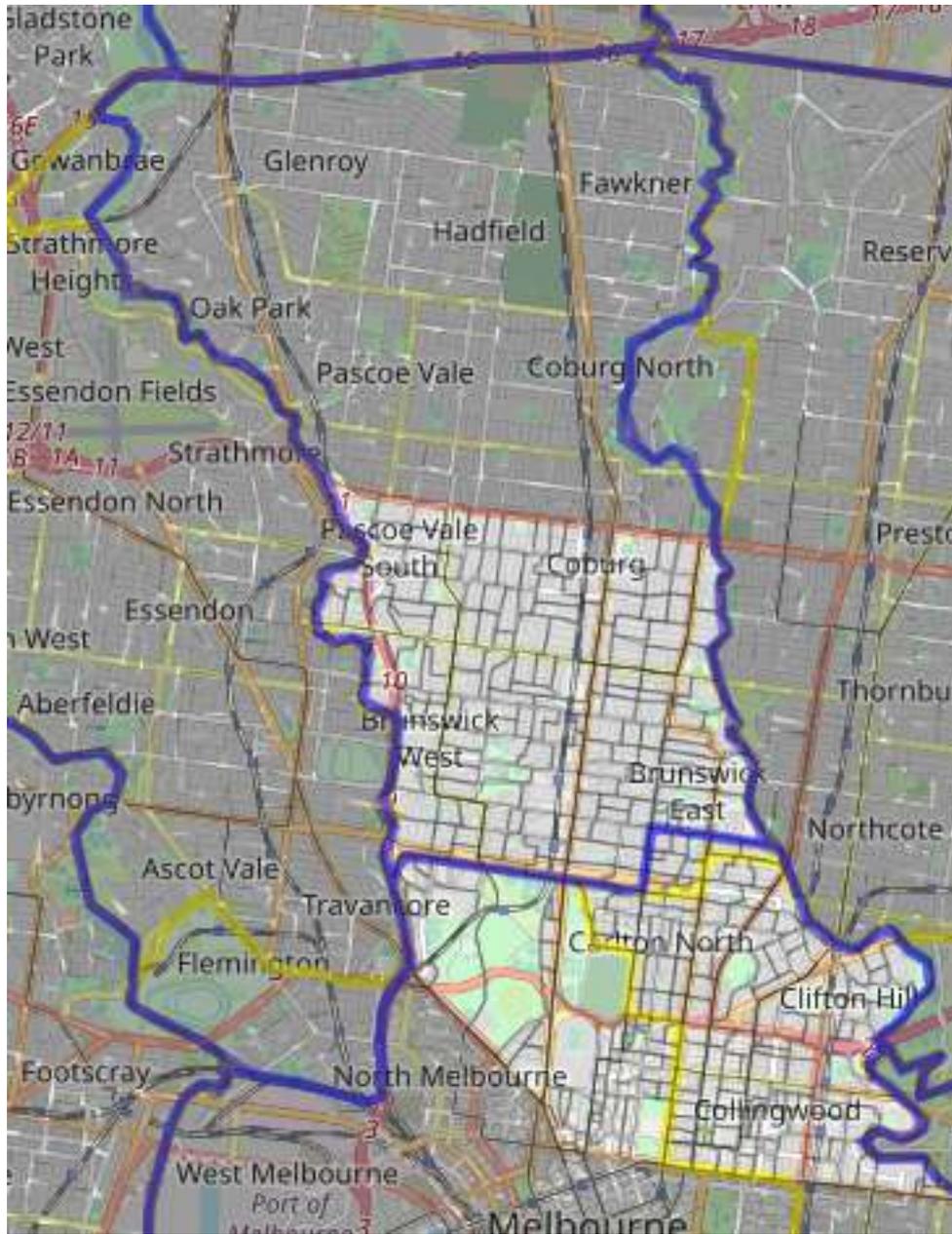
- Gains the SA2's of Macnamara up to and including Albert Park (except for a small section of Albert Park south of Albert Reserve and a small bit of South Yarra south of Commercial Rd).
- Gains Kensington from Maribrynong as it is part of Melbourne City Council and shouldn't be in a seat that extends all the way out to Tullamarine.
- Loses all of the suburbs north of Victoria St, except North Melbourne, to Wills.
- Melbourne becomes focused on the more affluent parts of the CBD



Melbourne

Wills

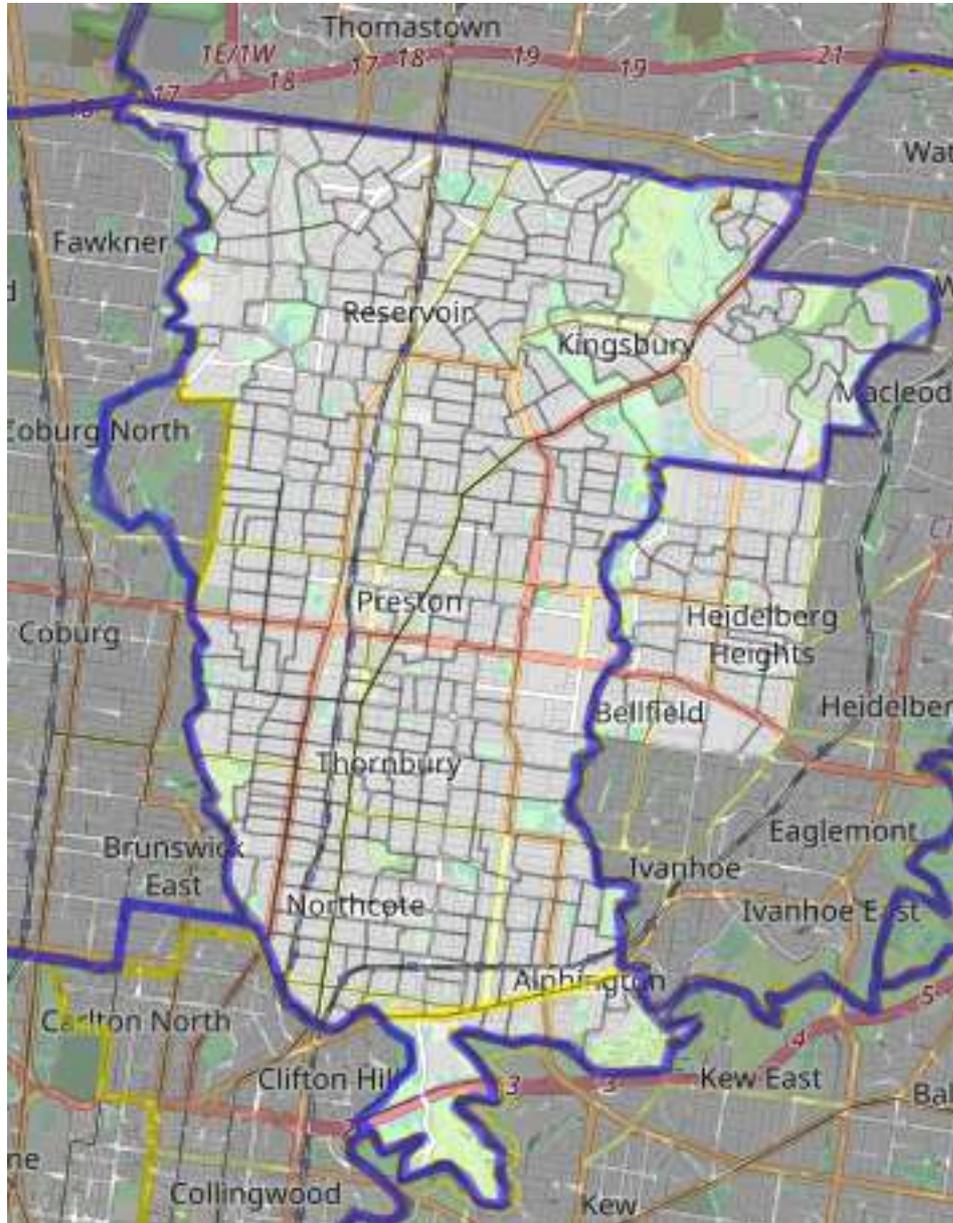
- Gains everything from Melbourne north of Victoria St except North Melbourne
- Loses everything north of Bell St to Calwell
- Wills becomes focussed on the inner north.
- Wills is no longer an inner city/outer suburb hybrid seat and becomes strictly an inner-city seat.



Wills

Cooper

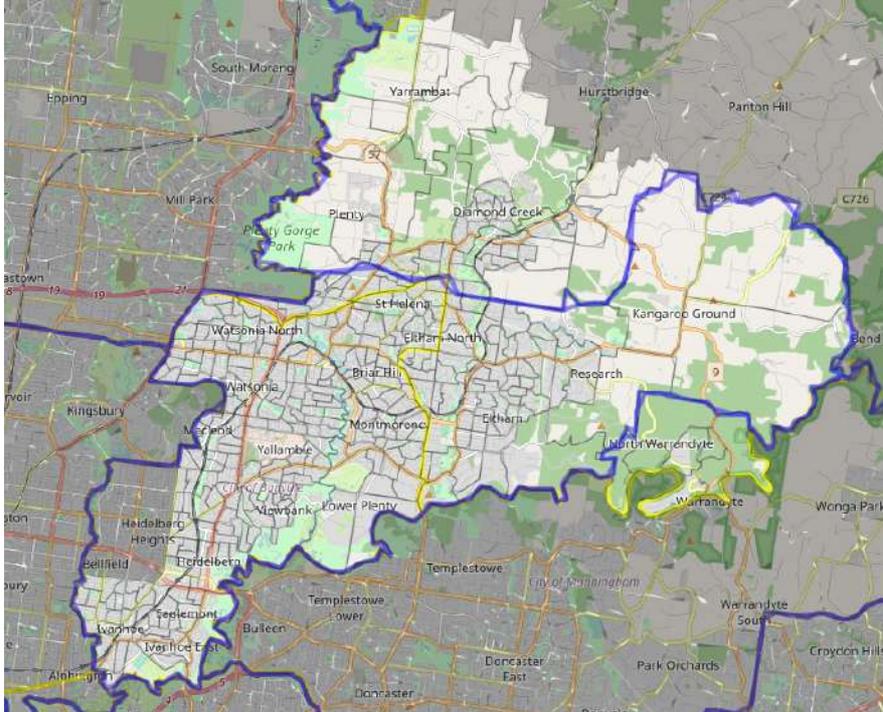
- Loses Coburg to Calwell
- Gains the SA2 Heidelberg West from Jagajaga.
- Heidelberg West and surrounds have a similar social class to parts of Cooper and don't fit in well with the rest of Jagajaga which is quite affluent



Cooper

Jagajaga

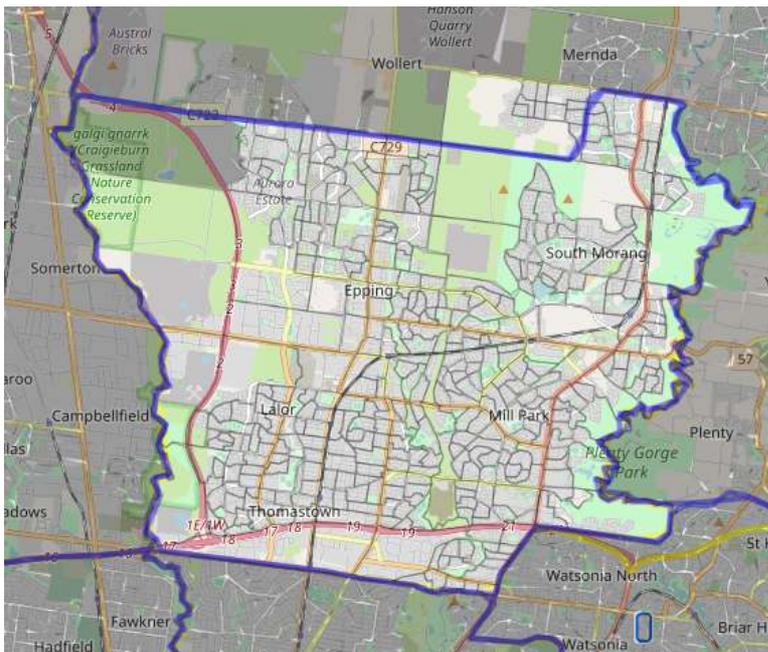
- Loses Heidelberg West SA2 to Cooper
- Gains the SA2's of Diamond Creek and Plenty from McEwen
- Gains North Warrandyte from Menzies



Jagajaga

Scullin

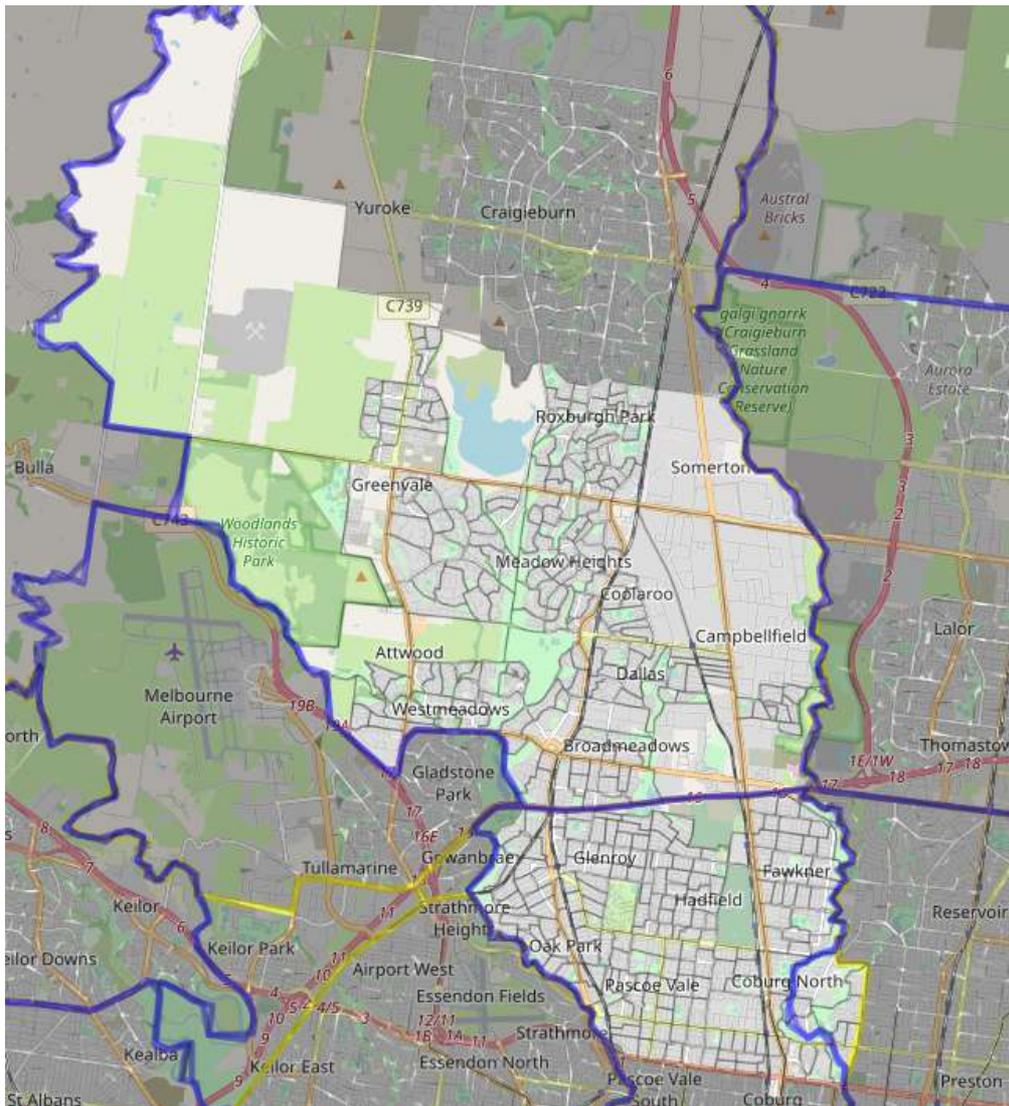
- Gains the rest of Mernda South from McEwen, uniting the whole suburb into Scullin



Scullin

Calwell

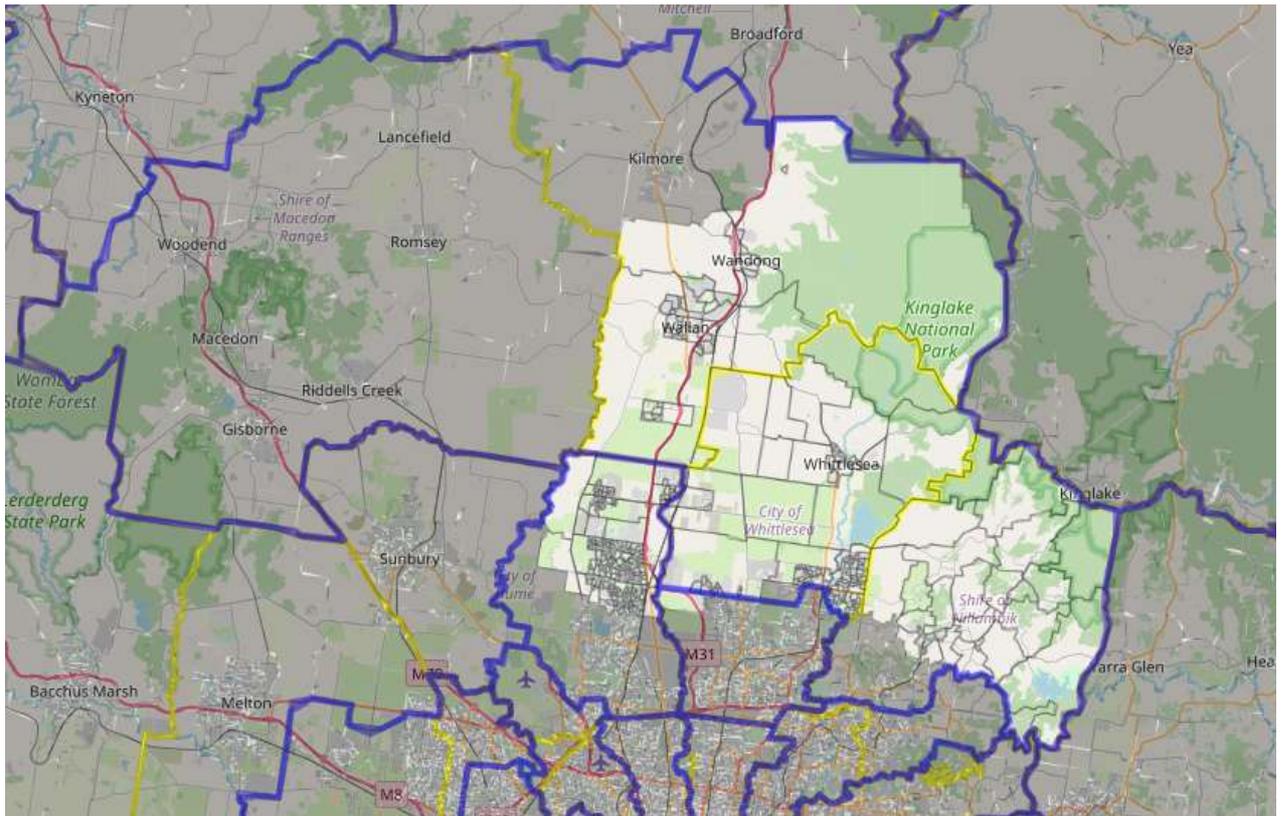
- Gains everything in Wills north of Bell St
- Gains the small amount of Coburg in Cooper
- Loses all of Craigieburn to McEwen
- As the Craigieburn South SA2 does not have a clear boundary between it and Roxburgh Park North, I suggest Calwell lose every bit of Roxburgh Park North that is north of James Mirams Drive and a small bit of Greenvale – Bulla that is north of Greenvale Reservoir
- Fawkner, Coburg North, Hadfield and Glenroy have similar class background to parts of Calwell and helps to unite most of north Melbourne's Islamic community in one seat. Most of these areas are also in the state seat of Broadmeadows



Calwell

McEwen

- Gains all of Craigieburn + a small bit of Roxburgh Park North from Calwell.
- Loses Diamond Creek and Plenty to Jagajaga
- Loses Mernda South to Scullin
- Loses Kilmore to Nicholls
- Loses Woodend to Bendigo
- Loses the remainder of Macedon Ranges to Hawke
- McEwen has always been a mess of a seat, covering parts of Nillumbik Shire all the way to Macedon Ranges. With the changes above it works well to make the seat based on the north-eastern rural and growth suburbs



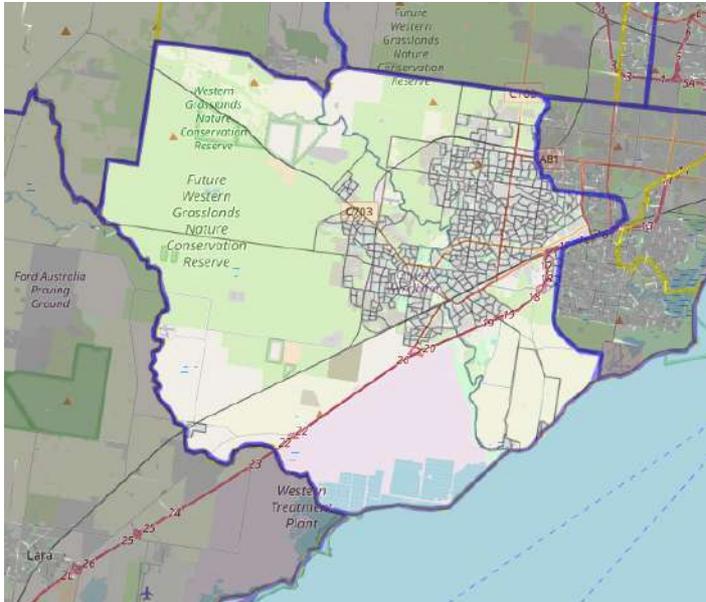
McEwen



Border between McEwen and Calwell

Lalor

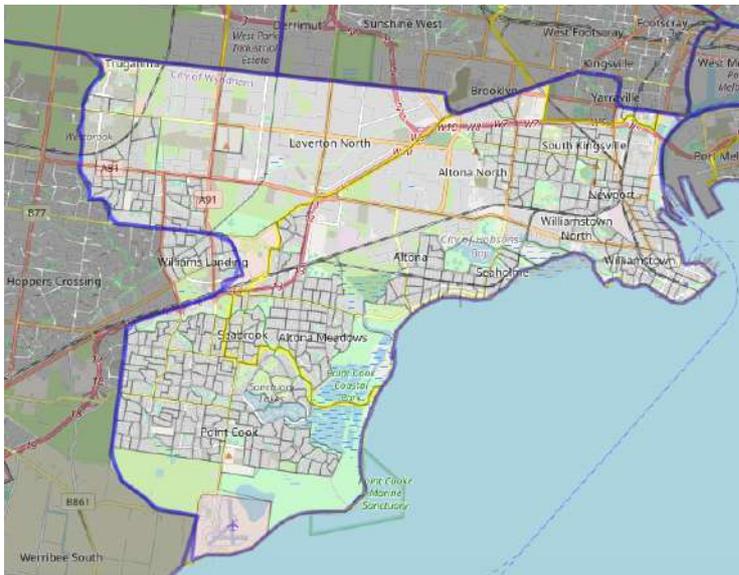
- Loses the suburb of Williams Landing to Gellibrand
- The suburb was very recently in the seat of Gellibrand and it allows Lalor to be quite low on projected voters which is good as it is a fast-growing seat



Lalor

Gellibrand

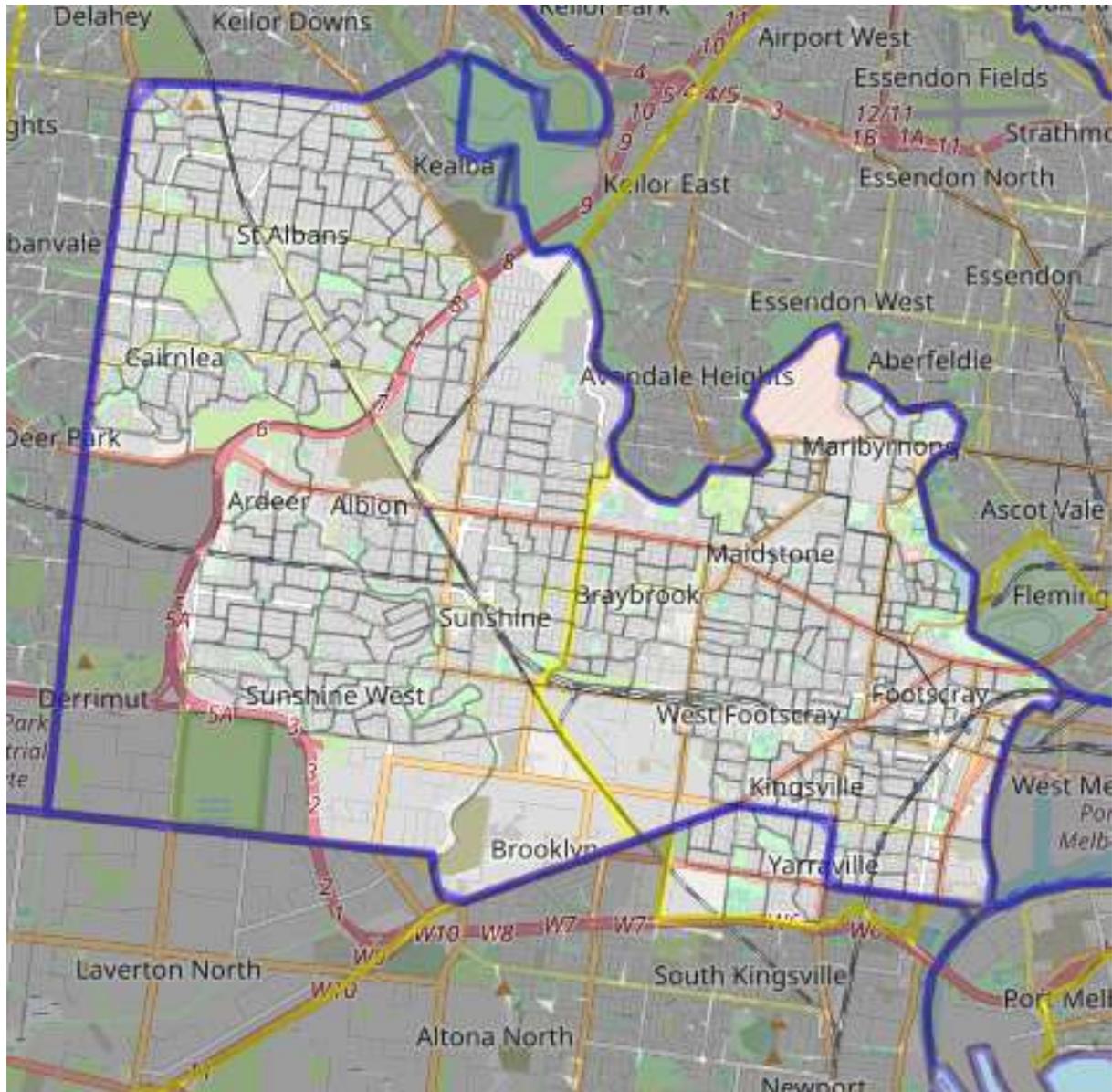
- Gains Williams Landing from Gellibrand
- Loses all of the Yarraville SA2 except for the 2 SA1's that are east of Williamstown Rd.



Gellibrand

Fraser

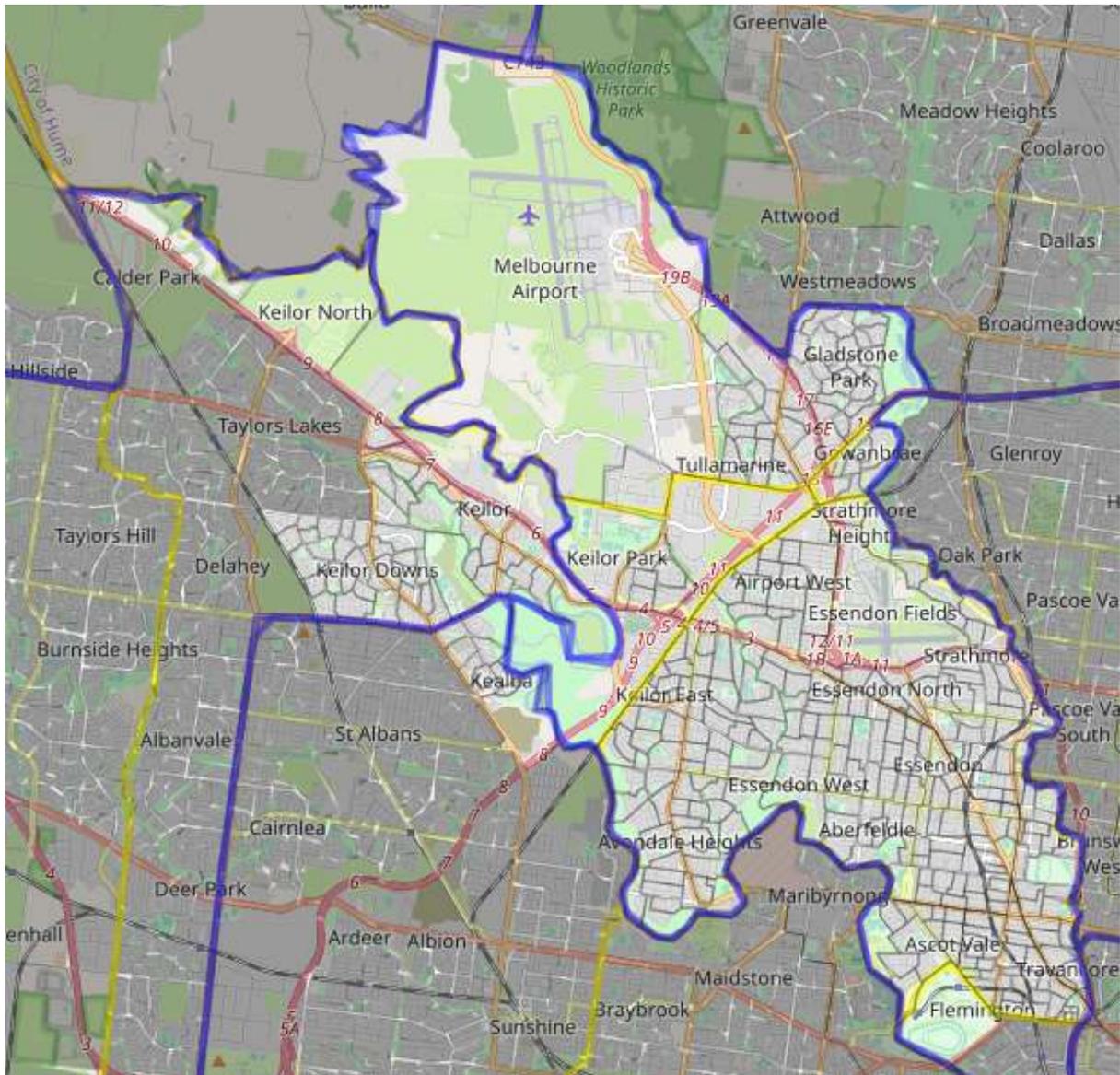
- Gains most of Yarrville SA2 from Gellibrand
- Loses its share of Derrimut and Deer Park SA2 to Gorton
- Loses Keilor Downs SA2 to Maribyrnong



Fraser

Maribrynong

- Loses Kensington to Melbourne
- Gains Keilor Downs SA2 from Fraser
- Gains Keilor and Keilor Downs SA2 from Gorton and the parts of Taylors Lake east of Sunshine Ave and Grogans Rd.
- All of the suburbs of Keilor are now united in Maribrynong



Maribrynong

Gorton

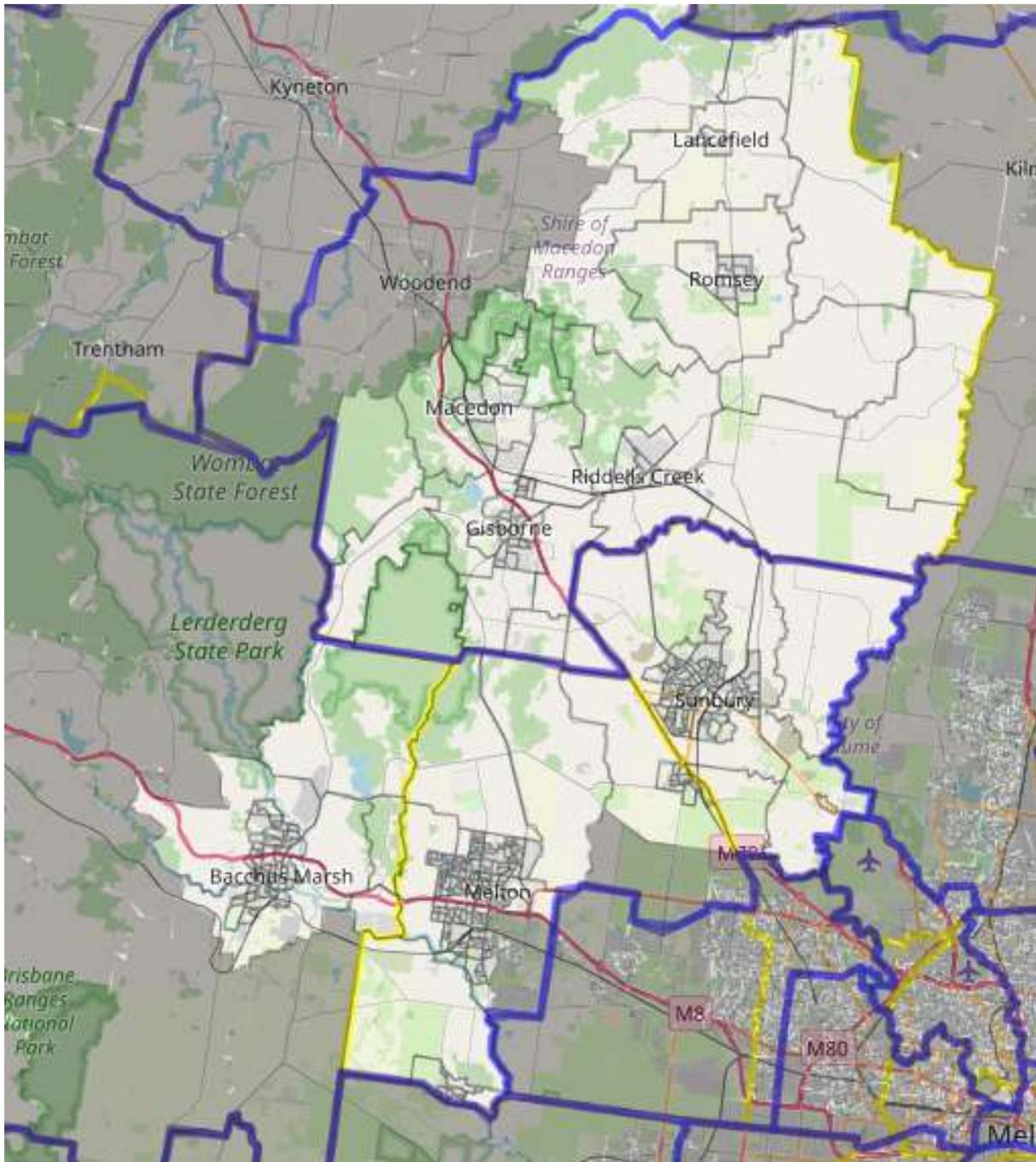
- Loses Keilor, Keilor Downs and parts of Taylors Lake to Maribrynmong
- Gains Cobblebank, Fraser Rise and Hillside SA2 from Gorton
- Gains Deer Park and Derrimut SA2 from Fraser



Gorton

Hawke

- Gains all of Macedon Ranges (except Woodend) from McEwen
- Loses Ballan to Ballarat
- Loses Cobblebank, Fraser Rise and Hillside SA2 to Gorton
- Allows Hawke to be focused on the north-western outskirts of Melbourne and McEwen the north-eastern, instead of having one seat try and do both.



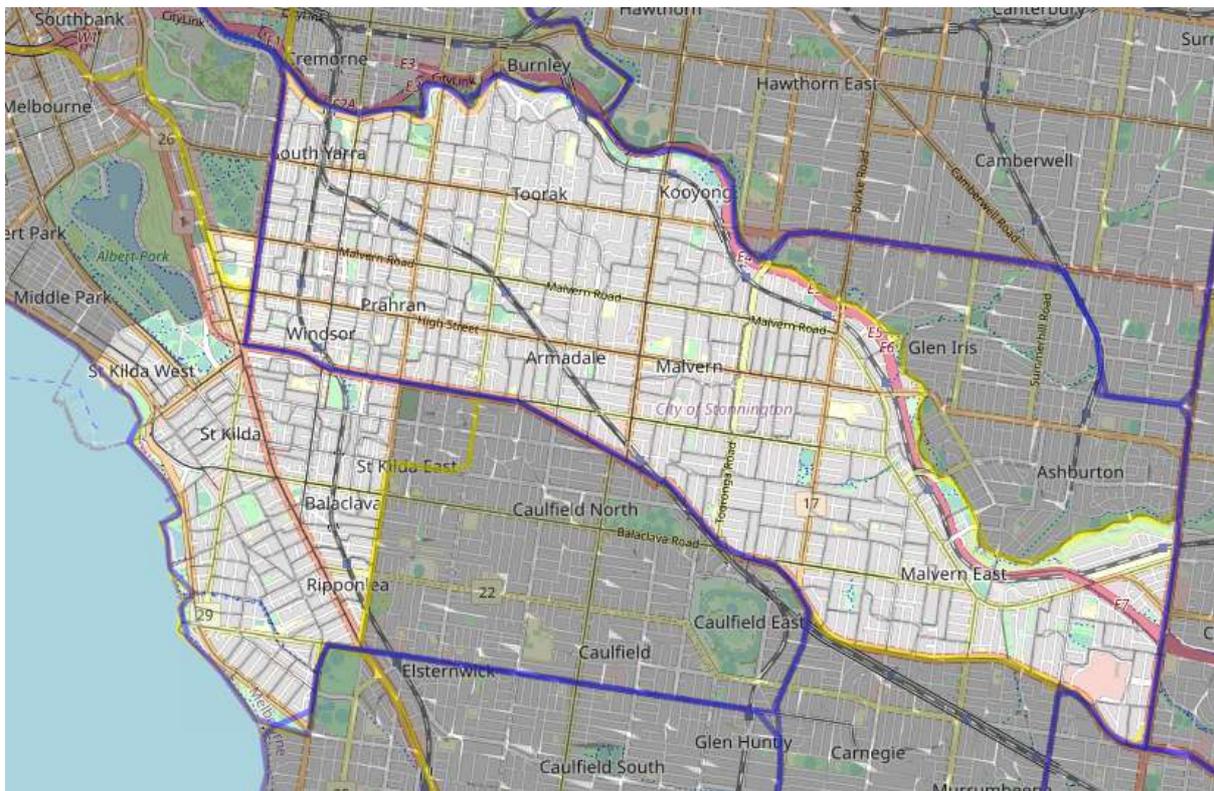
Hawke

East and South of Yarra: Melbourne

As mentioned above, there are 17.48 quotas for seats east and south of the Yarra. With the above changes from Macnamara and North Warrandyte, east of the Yarra has 17.05 quotas for 18 seats. Macnamara will be abolished but the name will be given to the seat of Higgins.

Macnamara (Formerly Higgins)

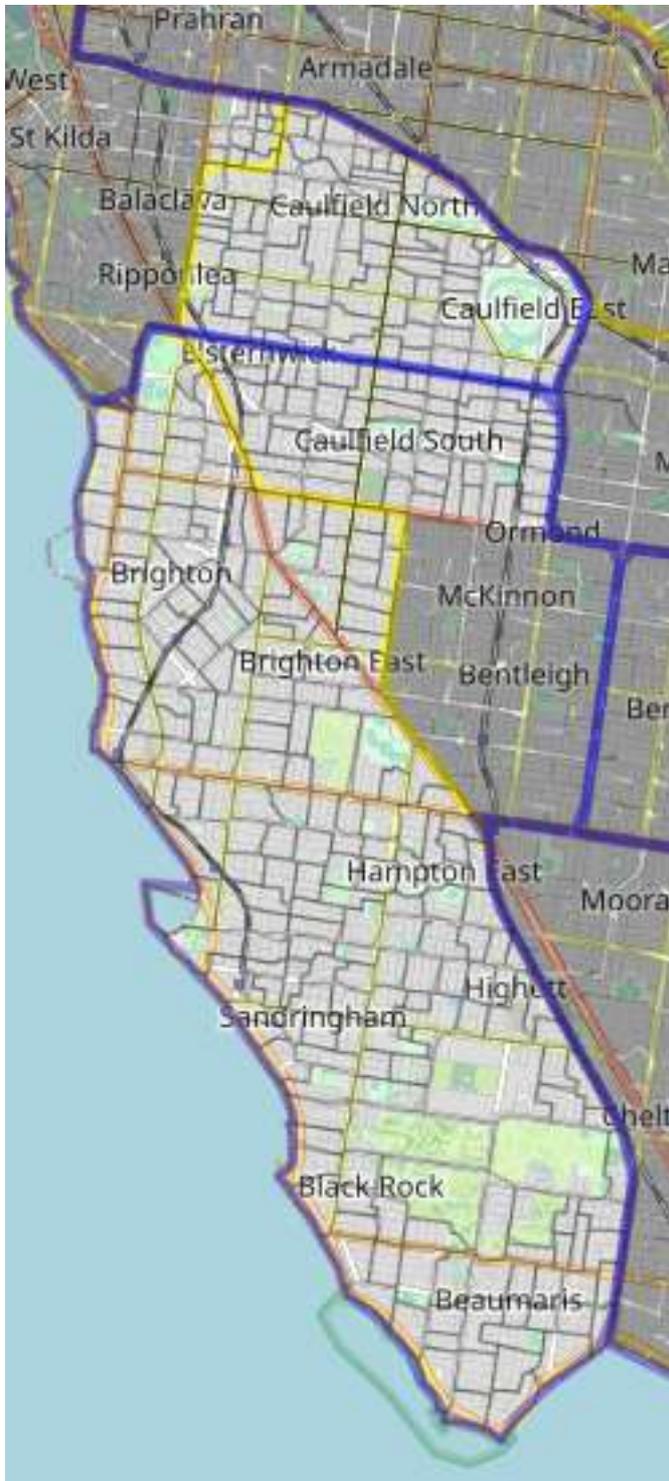
- Gains all of St Kilda (west of Hotham St), Elwood and a small bit of South Yarra and Albert Park from the abolished seat of Macnamara
- Loses its share of Boroondara council to Kooyong
- Loses its share of Glen Eira council to Hotham
- Becomes based around Port Phillip and Stonnington council



Macnamara (formerly Higgins)

Goldstein

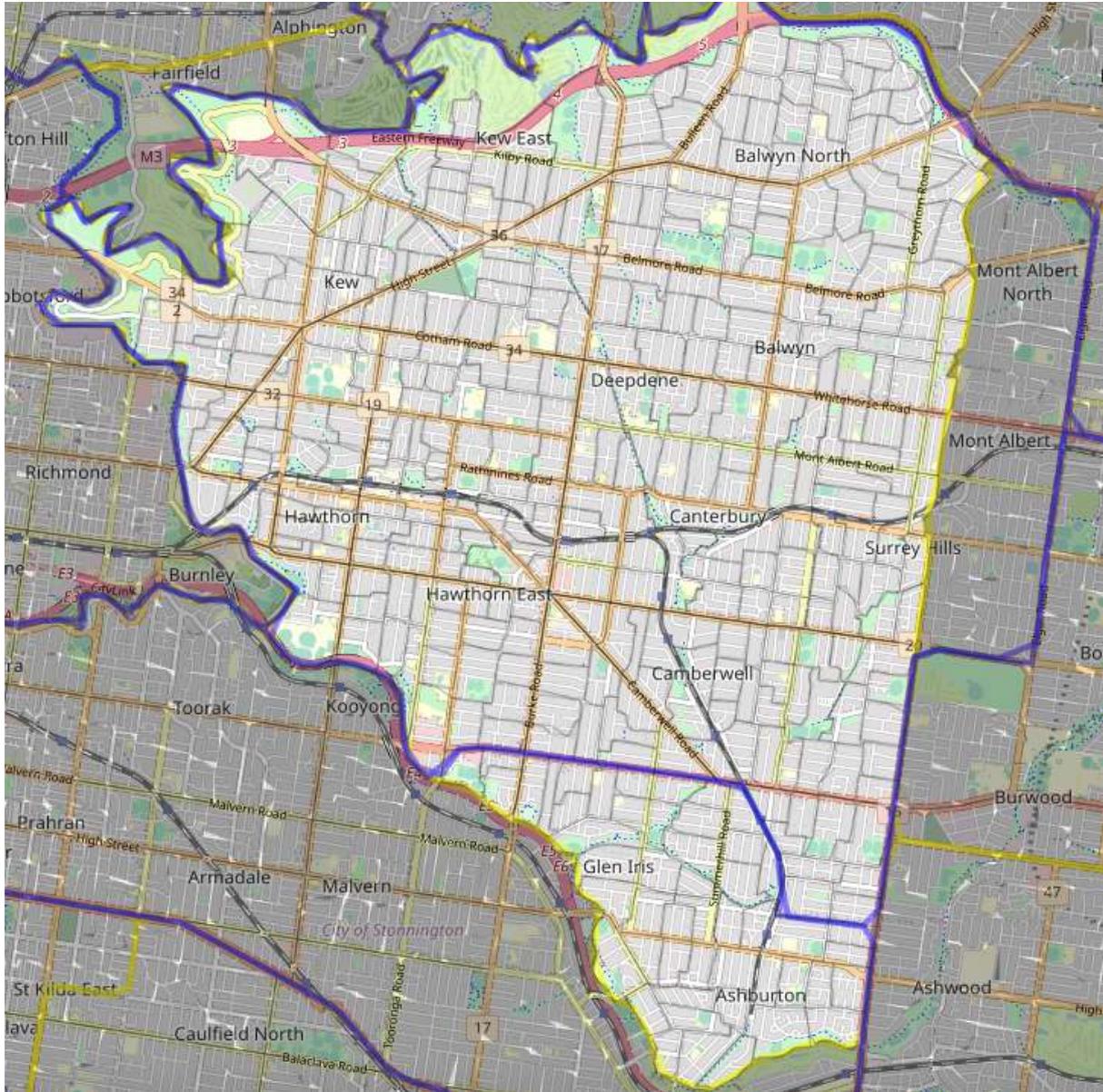
- Gains all of Caulfield, all of St Kilda that is east of Hotham St and the small bit of Ormond from the abolished Macnamara
- Loses all of Bentleigh and all of Ormond south of North Rd to Hotham
- Unites all of Caulfield, and a large chunk of Melbourne's Jewish population into one seat



Goldstein

Kooyong

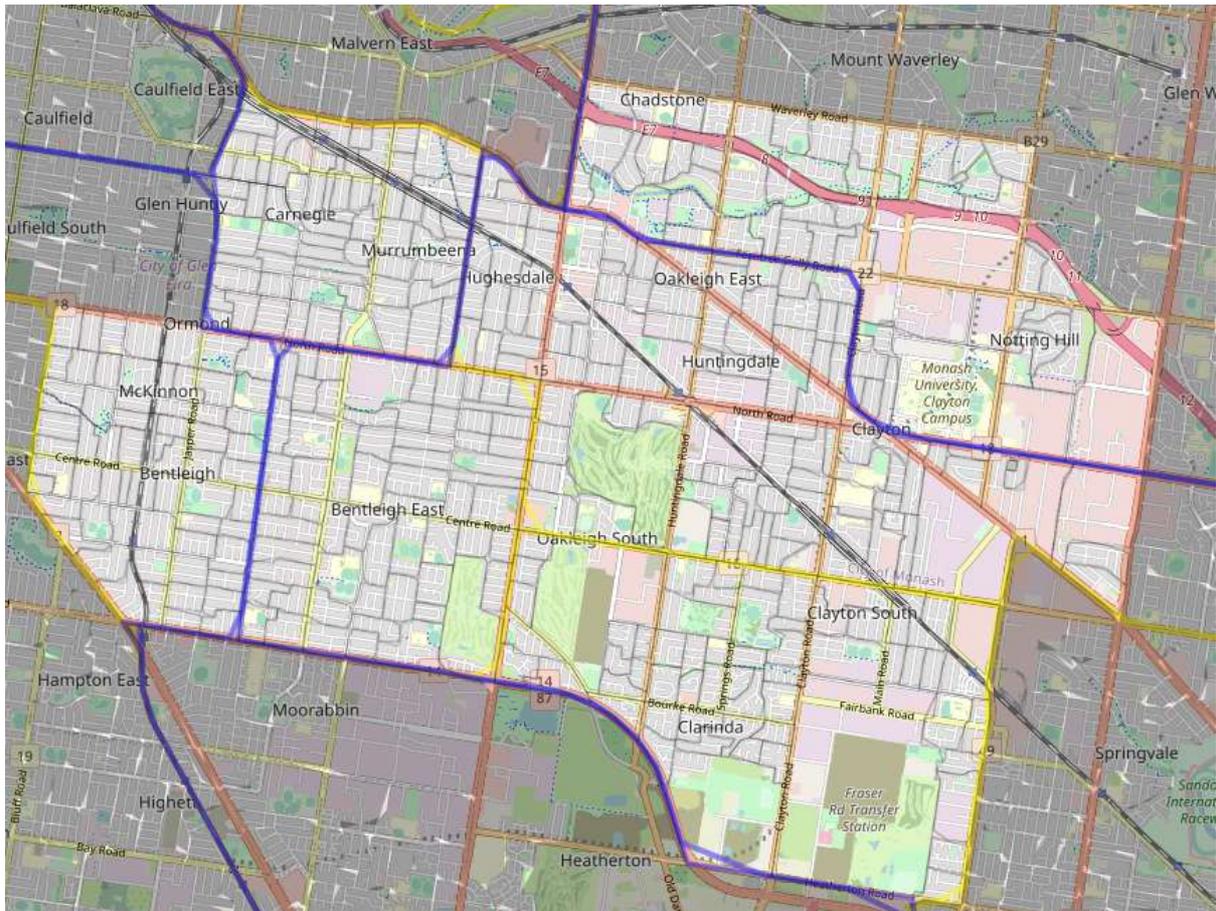
- Loses its share of Whitehorse Council to Menzies
- Gains all of Boroondara council currently in Higgins
- Becomes a seat entirely focused on Boroondara council



Kooyong

Hotham

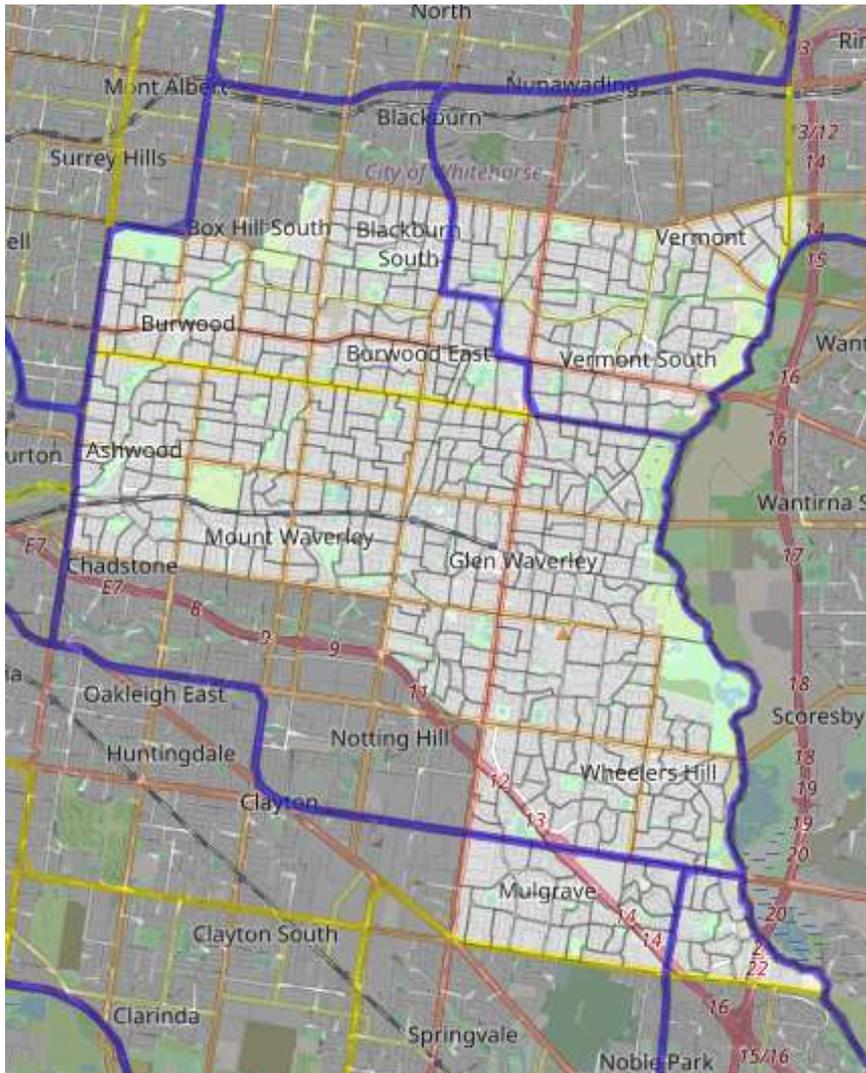
- Gains all of Higgins south of Dandenong Rd (Murrumbeena, Carnegie and a small bit of Ormond)
- Gains all of Bentleigh from Goldstein and a small part of Ormond
- Gains from Chisholm up to Waverley Rd, Notting Hill and a bit of Mulgrave (using Springvale Rd as border to the east).
- Loses all of its share of Dandenong Council to Bruce.
- Becomes a much more cohesive seat focused on parts of Glen Eira, Monash and Kingston council.



Hotham

Chisholm

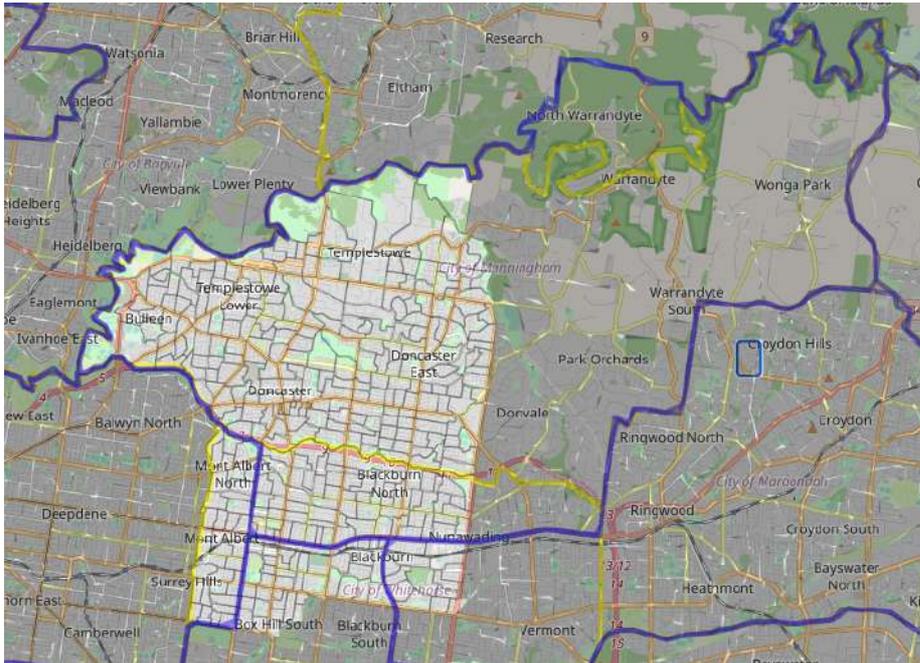
- Loses south of Waverley Rd, Notting Hill and a bit of Mulgrave to Hotham
- Loses all of Blackburn SA2 and Box Hill SA2 to Menzies except the part south of Riversdale Rd and the bit east of Gardiners Creek and south of Canterbury Rd.
- Gains the part of Deakin south of Canterbury Rd and west of East Link Rd (the exact same as the state east of Glen Waverley).
- Gains most of the Mulgrave SA2 from Hotham and Bruce
- Becomes more focused on the eastern part of Monash Council and the Southern part of Whitehorse Council



Chisholm

Menzies

- Gains all of Blackburn SA2 and nearly all of Box Hill SA2 from Chisholm (except for the bit mentioned above)
- Gains Kooyong's share of Whitehorse council
- Gains from Deakin its share of voters north of Canterbury Rd and west of Springvale Rd.
- Loses all of its voters east of Springvale Rd to Deakin
- Loses North Warrandyte to Jagajaga
- Becomes a north-south seat instead of an east-west seat, focused on the multicultural parts of Whitehorse and Manningham council



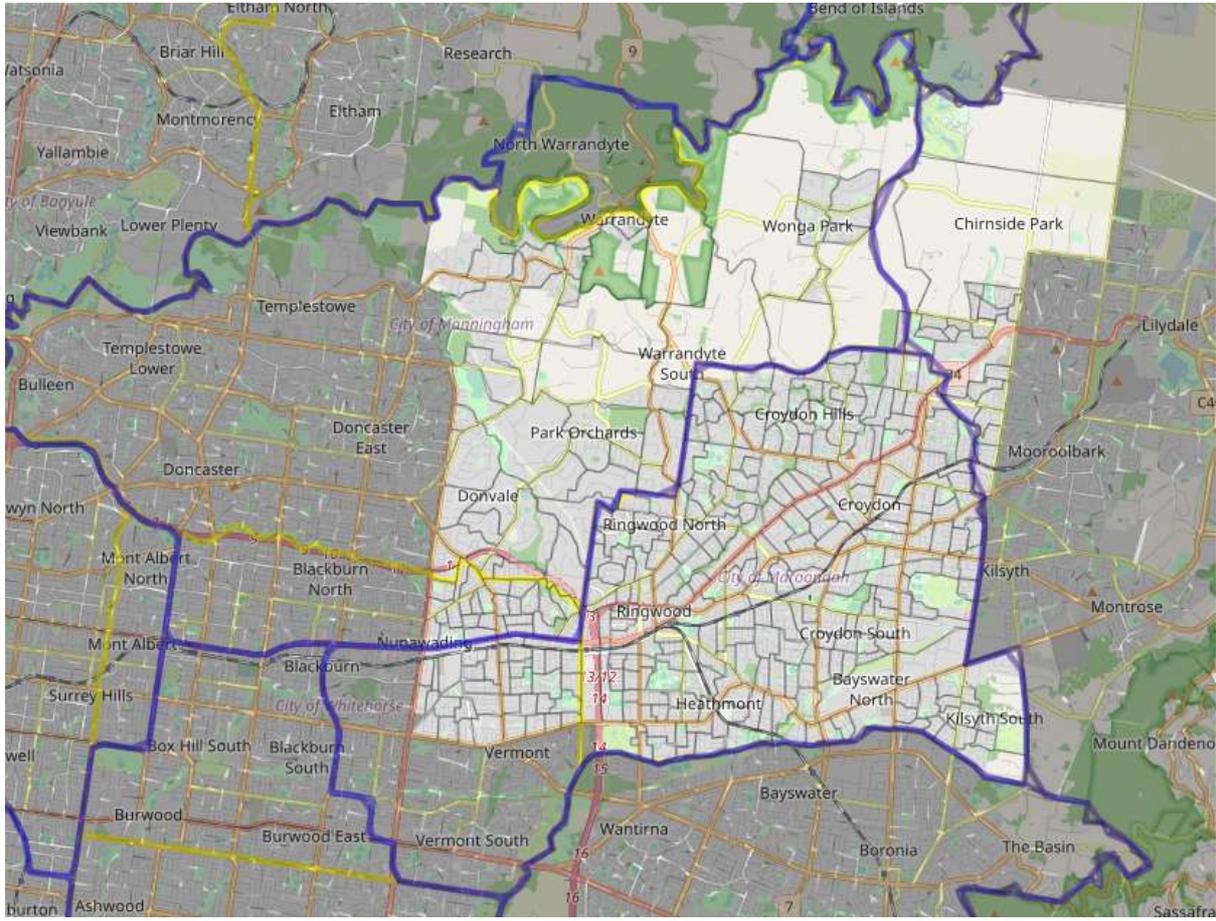
Menzies



Menzies and Chisholm Border

Deakin

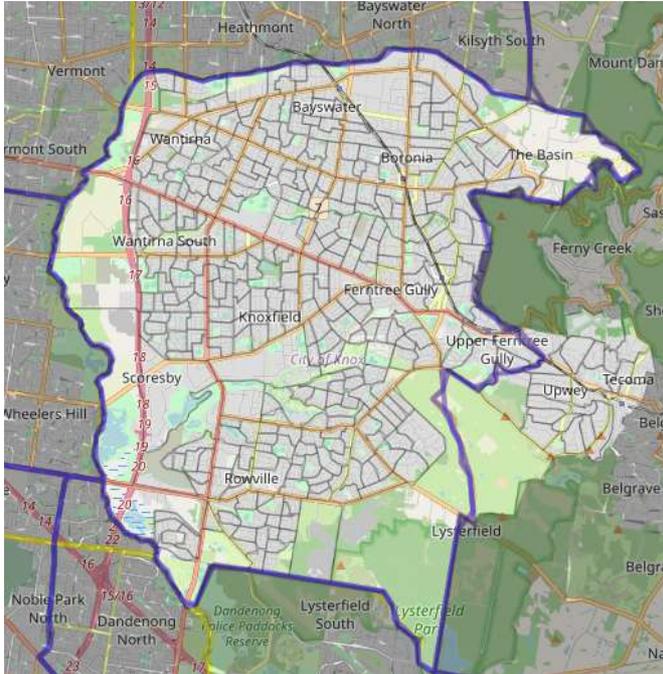
- Loses its share of voters north of Canterbury Rd and west of Springvale Rd to Menzies
- Loses southern part to Chisholm
- Gains all east of Springvale Rd part of Menzies
- Gains from Casey the area west of Edward Rd
- Becomes more of a Maroondah and rural parts of Manningham council seat



Deakin

Aston

- Gains Upwey-Tecoma SA2 from Casey



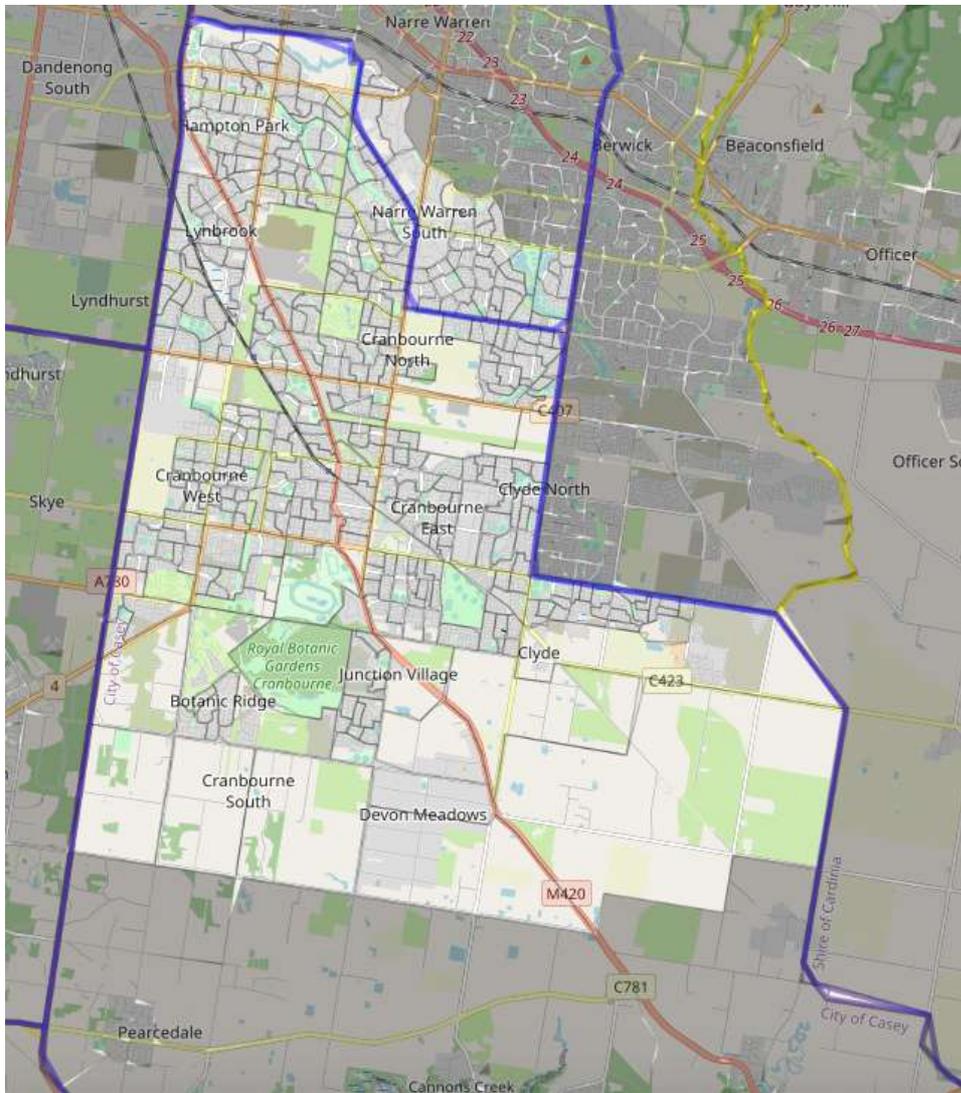
Aston

Isaacs

- No change

Holt

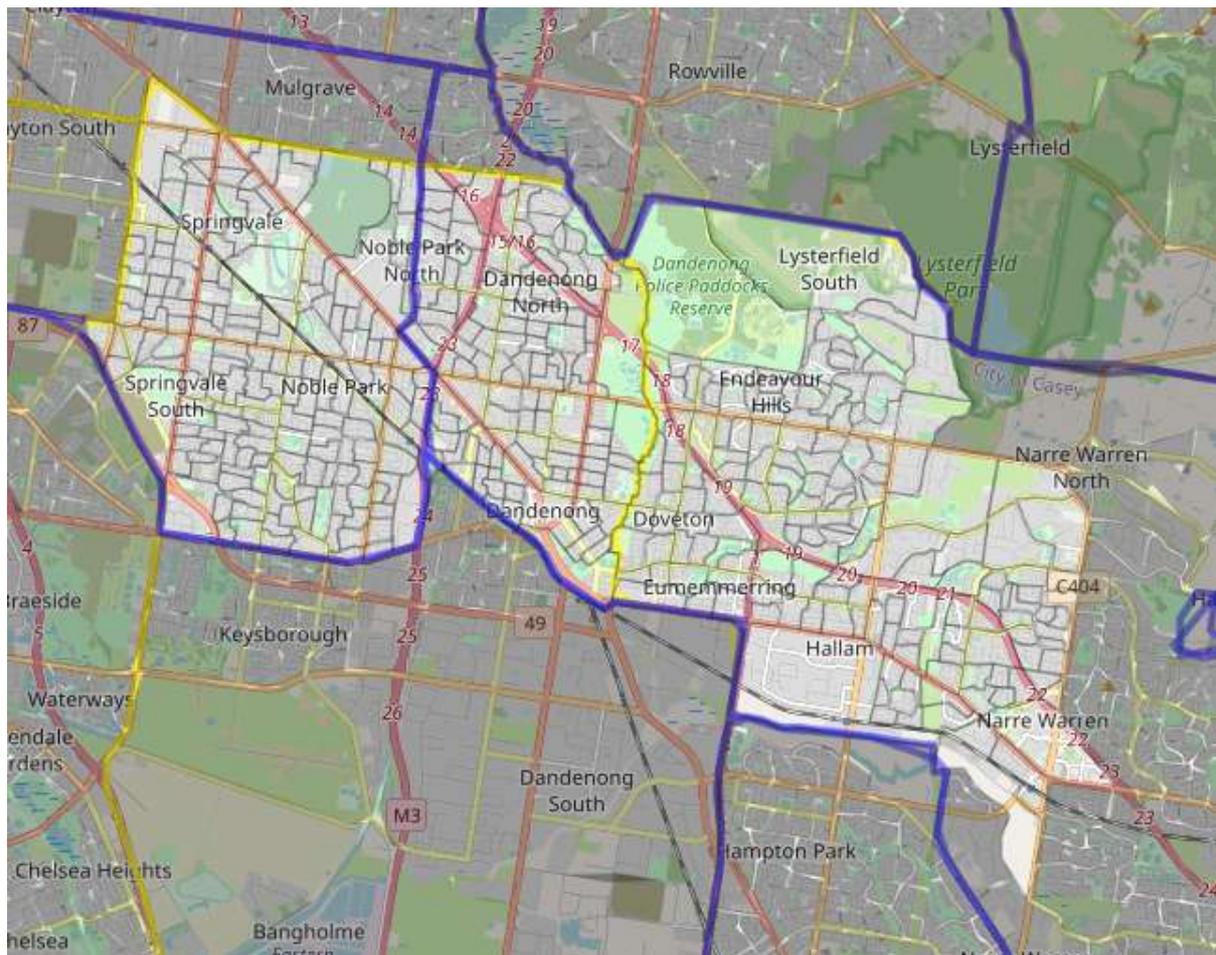
- Gains from Bruce the Narre Warren South – West SA2 and the part of Narre Warren South – East that is south of Greaves Rd.
- Loses Pearcedale SA2 to Flinders to become a purely inland seat



Holt

Bruce

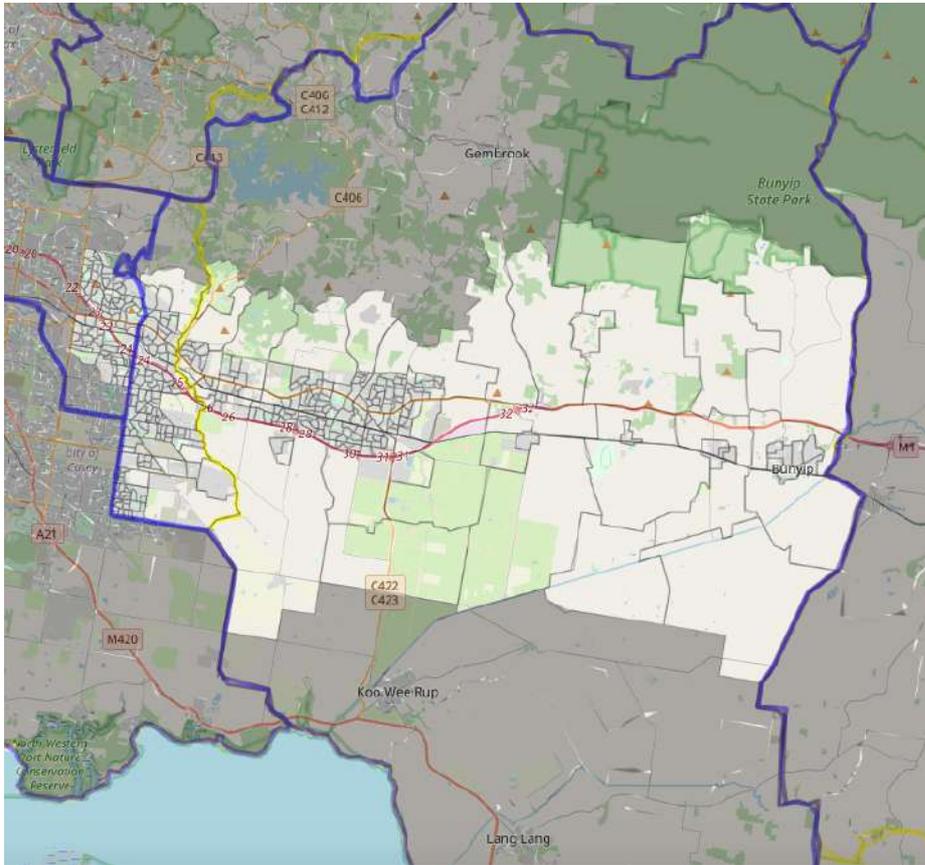
- Gains from Hotham all of its share of Dandenong council
- Loses Mulgrave SA2 to Chisholm
- Loses the Narre Warren South – West SA2 and some of Narre Warren South – East SA2 to Holt
- Loses everything east of Cranbourne Rd (except for a very small bit east of Narre Warren North Rd and between Princes Highway and Monash Freeway) to La Trobe.
- Loses the Narre Warren North SA2 to Casey (except for 10 SA1's west of Heatherton Rd
- Becomes a seat much more focused on Dandenong Council



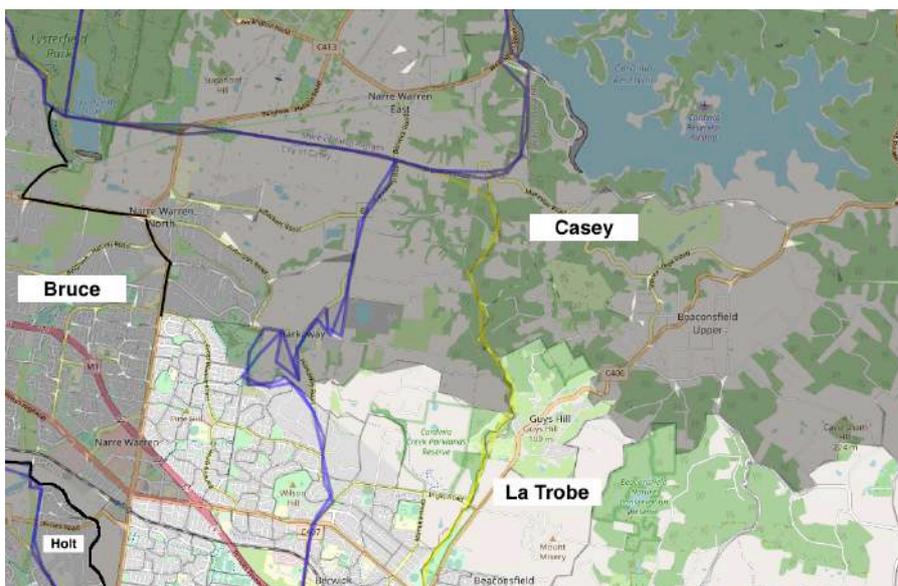
Bruce

La Trobe

- Loses the Emerald-Cockatoo and Narre Warren North SA2 to Casey
- Loses nearly all of Koo Wee Rup SA2 to Monash except for 4 SA1s: 09, 13, 08 & 25
- Gains nearly everything east of Cranbourne Rd from Bruce
- Loses its rural and coastal parts and becomes focused on Princes Highway and now includes all of Berwick



La Trobe



Border between Bruce, Holt, La Trobe and Casey

Casey

- Gains most of the Narre Warren North SA2 from Bruce
- Gains Emerald-Cockatoo SA2 and some of Narre Warren North SA2 from La Trobe
- Loses Upwey-Tecoma SA2 to Aston
- Loses the area west of Edward Rd to Deakin



Casey

Thanks

Big thanks to James from the Tallyroom for creating a redistribution toolkit that helped very much with creating my submission.