



# Suggestion 42

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# Submission for the Proposed Redistribution of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions in Victoria 2023-24

Dear The Redistribution Committee of Victoria,

First, I thank you for the opportunity to submit these suggestions.

Below are suggestions for the electoral boundaries of the entirety of the State of Victoria. As Victoria has undergone many redistributions in recent years, there are no large discrepancies between the number of electors across divisions. As such, whilst a division needs to be abolished, which I have proposed to be the Division of Casey, on the whole only relatively minor changes are necessary across the state.

In creating the boundaries, I have considered the current boundaries of the electoral divisions, only altering them where necessary to meet the mathematical requirements as well as in places where minor changes can reduce the division of communities. In suggesting these boundaries, I have taken into consideration the boundaries local government areas as well as major roads and railway lines, rivers, and other bodies of water.

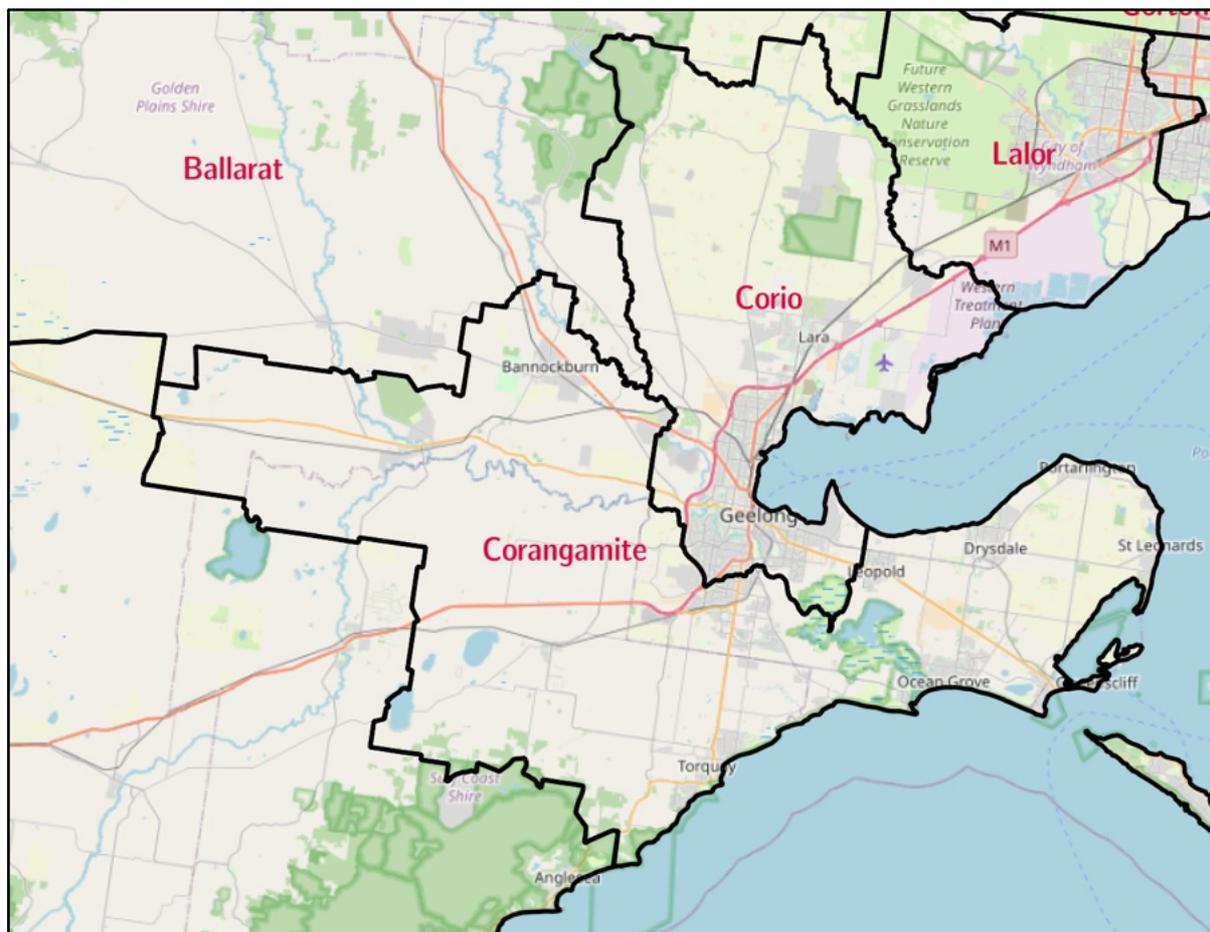
I hope this is of some use to the committee and I look forward to reading the suggestions of others.

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# Geelong

Note: the maps and enrolment statistics for unchanged divisions may differ slightly from existing figures due to the use of SA1 figures to construct these.

Both of the Divisions which encompass Greater Geelong are currently within quota. As such no change is proposed for either the Division of Corio or the Division of Corangamite



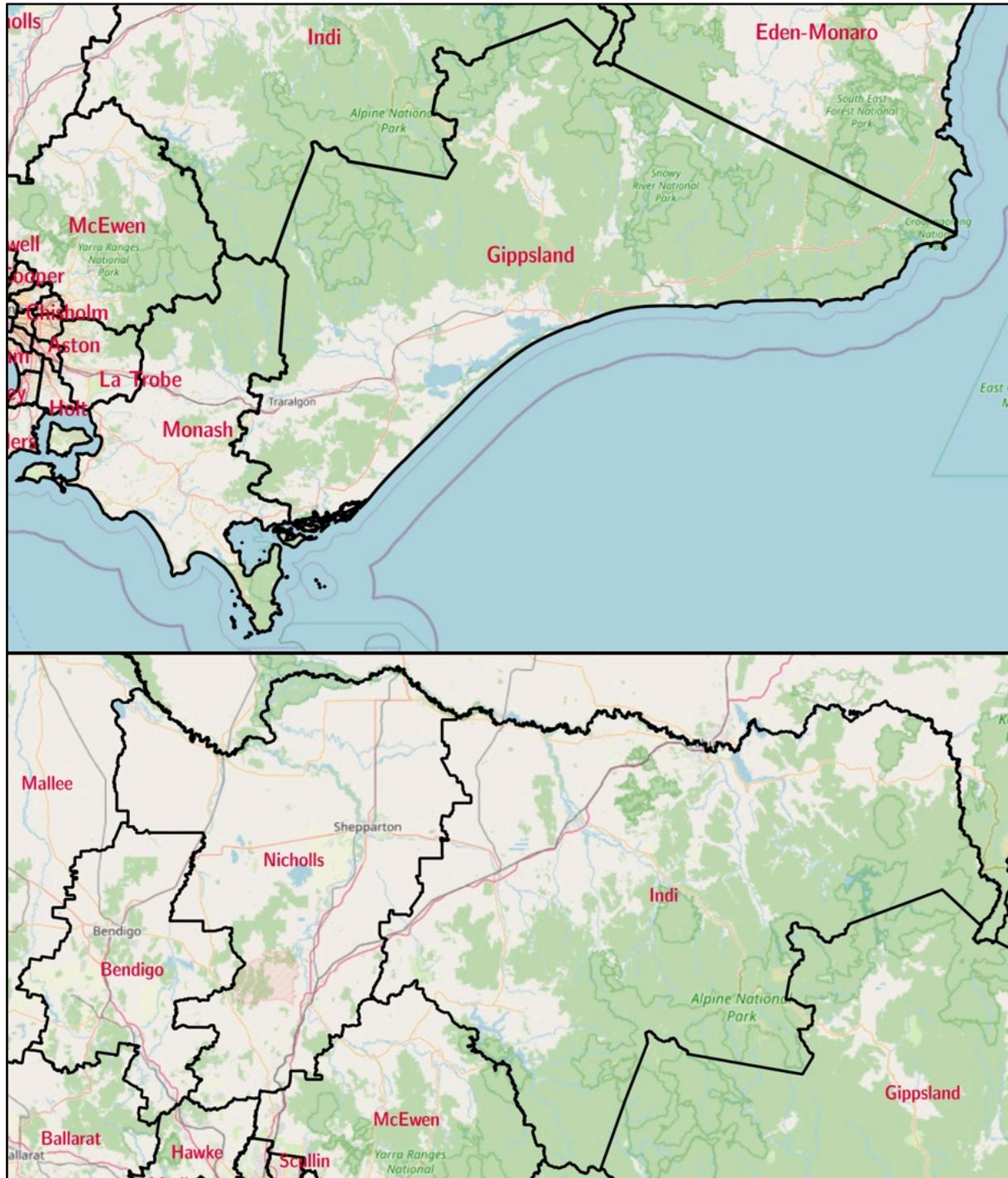
**Corio - Current Electors: 115405, Projected Electors: 124626**

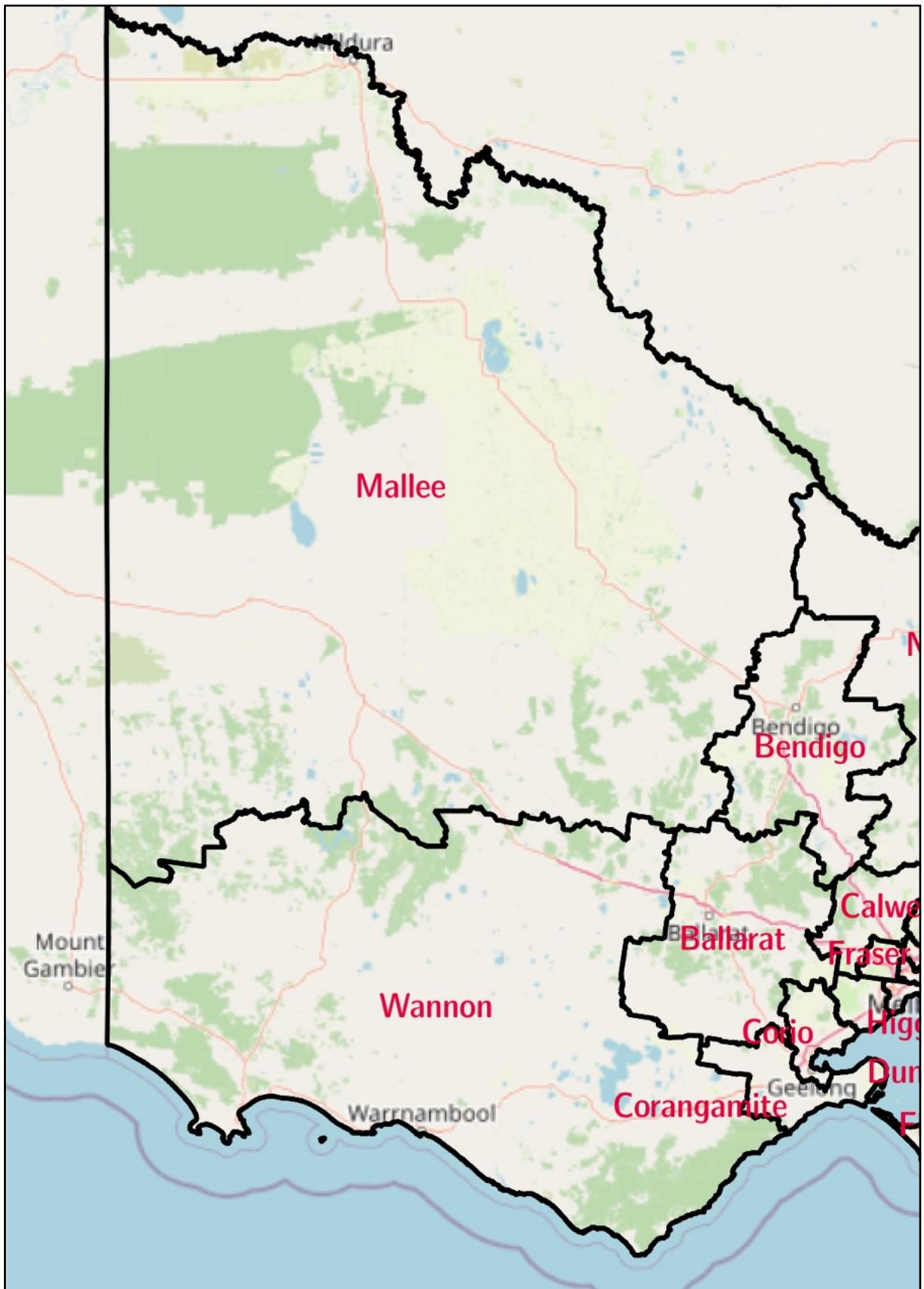
**Corangamite - Current Electors: 115111, Projected Electors: 126239**

No Change

# Regional Victoria

Most of the divisions in Regional Victoria are within quota with the exception of only the Divisions of Ballarat and Bendigo. Hence, minor change is proposed in this area primarily to facilitate more coherent boundaries elsewhere, with three Divisions proposed to be left unchanged.





Mildura

Mallee

Bendigo

Ballarat

Wannon

Corangamite

Mount Gambier

Warrnambool

Colo

Geelong

Calwa

Fraser

High

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**Gippsland - Current Electors: 116578, Projected Electors: 126683**

**Mallee - Current Electors: 121504, Projected Electors: 131275**

**Wannon - Current Electors: 116571, Projected Electors: 125697**

No Change

**Monash - Current Electors: 116255, Projected Electors: 126914**

Whilst Monash is within quota, due to numerical requirements elsewhere it is proposed to transfer Lang Lang from La Trobe into Monash. Whilst in the shire of Cardinia, Lang Lang is rural in nature and has good road connections to both South and West Gippsland in the form of Westernport Road and the Bass Highway. Hence it is a good fit in the regional Division of Monash.

**Indi - Current Electors: 115672, Projected Electors: 124811**

Whilst the Division of Indi is within quota, in order to facilitate large changes necessary to the neighbouring Division of McEwen minor but significant changes are proposed to the Division of Indi. The Shire of Murrundindi is proposed to be transferred to the Division of McEwen, whilst Yarrawonga and surrounds are proposed to be transferred from the Division of Nicholls.

**Nicholls - Current Electors: 120156, Projected Electors: 130301**

Whilst the Division of Nicholls is within quota, losing Yarrawonga to the Division of Indi puts it under quota and as such it needs to expand. It is proposed that Kilmore, Lancefield, and Romsey are transferred from the Division of McEwen resulting in Kilmore being united with neighbouring Broadford in the one division.

**Bendigo - Current Electors: 119641, Projected Electors: 129474**

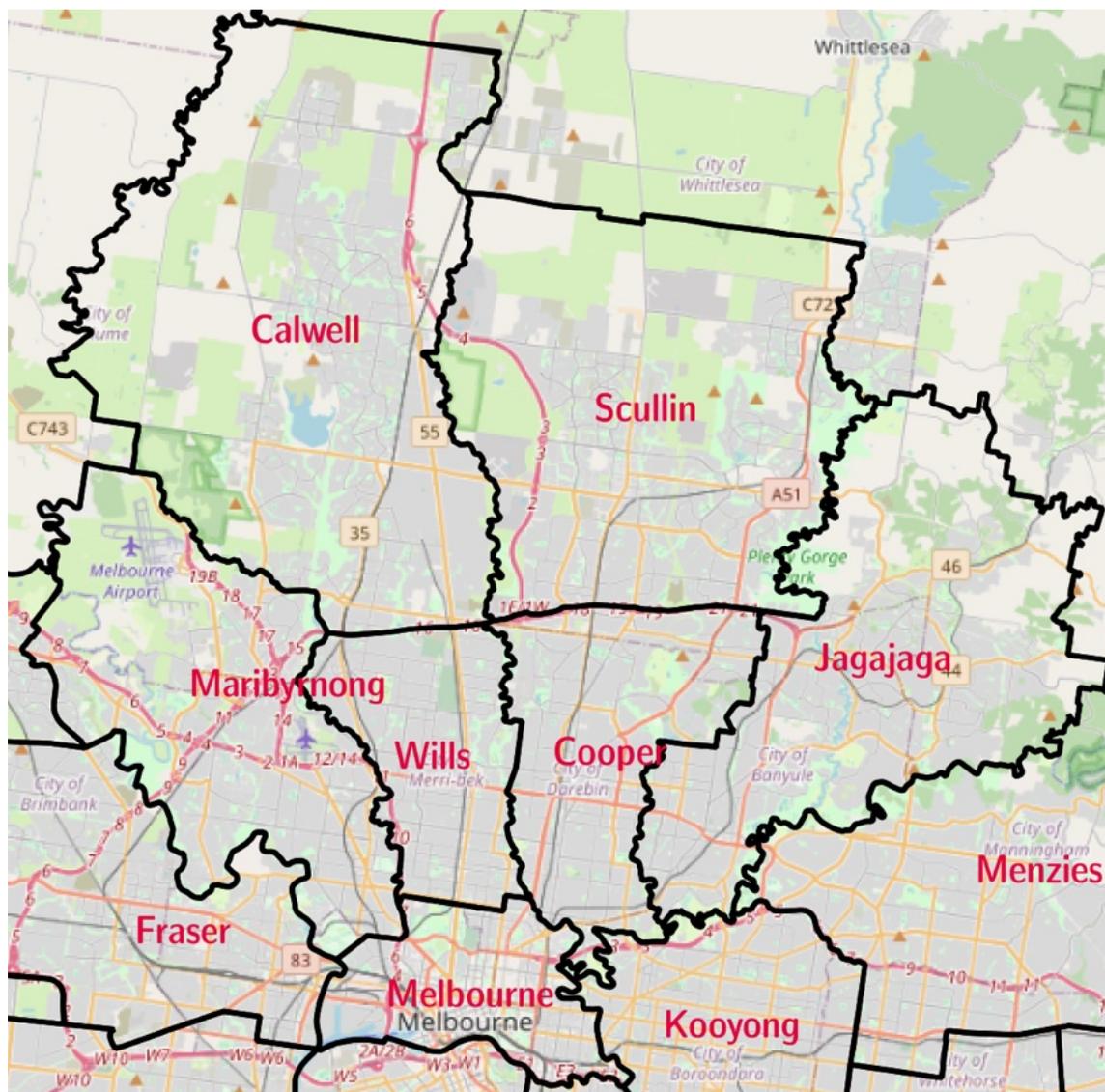
The Division of Bendigo is under quota and thus needs to gain territory. As such, it is proposed that Woodend return to the Division of Bendigo, where it was prior to the previous redistribution.

**Ballarat - Current Electors: 117190, Projected Electors: 126536**

The Division of Ballarat is under quota and thus needs to gain territory. As such, it is proposed that Ballan and surrounds return to the Division of Ballarat, where they were located prior to the previous redistribution.

## Northern Melbourne

The divisions in northern Melbourne are largely under quota and thus need to expand to return to the desired number of electors. In addition to this in places community ties can be improved with minor changes to the boundaries. Hence, minor changes are proposed in this region.



**Melbourne - Current Electors: 118794, Projected Electors: 130178**

The Division of Melbourne is within quota, however, to improve the preservation local communities of interest within one division it is proposed to undergo minor change. It is proposed that Kensington return to the Division from Maribyrnong a move that had significant community opposition at the last redistribution. It is also proposed that the remainder of Brunswick be transferred to the Division of Wills, reverting the boundary between Melbourne and Wills to the local government boundary.

**Maribyrnong - Current Electors: 113838, Projected Electors: 124027**

The Division of Maribyrnong is under quota, which is only worsened further by the loss of Kensington to the Division of Melbourne. As such it needs to expand significantly. It is proposed to gain the portion of Westmeadows south of Moonee Ponds Creek from Calwell creating a strong natural boundary in this part. It is also proposed to gain Keilor, Keilor Lodge and parts of Taylors Lakes and Keilor Downs east of Sunshine Avenue from the Division of Gorton. These areas have strong connection with other parts of the division through the major transportation link of the Calder Freeway. It should be noted that such a configuration also appears on a state level with the Electoral District of Niddrie.

**Calwell - Current Electors: 113294, Projected Electors: 123194**

The Division of Calwell is within quota, however, to assist neighbouring Maribyrnong in meeting its numerical requirements, it is proposed that the portion Westmeadows south of Moonee Ponds Creek be transferred.

**Wills - Current Electors: 117341, Projected Electors: 128509**

The Division of Wills is under quota and thus needs to gain electors. It is proposed to gain the remainder of Brunswick from Melbourne and Coburg North from Cooper. This aligns its boundary with the boundary of the local government area in both of these places.

**Cooper - Current Electors: 118781, Projected Electors: 130073**

The Division of Cooper is under quota and thus needs to expand, which is only worsened by the loss of the remainder of Coburg North to Wills. As such it is proposed to gain Bundoora from the Divisions of Scullin and Jagajaga. Bundoora has strong links with the rest of the division through the 86 tram and is also now united within the one division following this change.

**Jagajaga - Current Electors: 120746, Projected Electors: 130344**

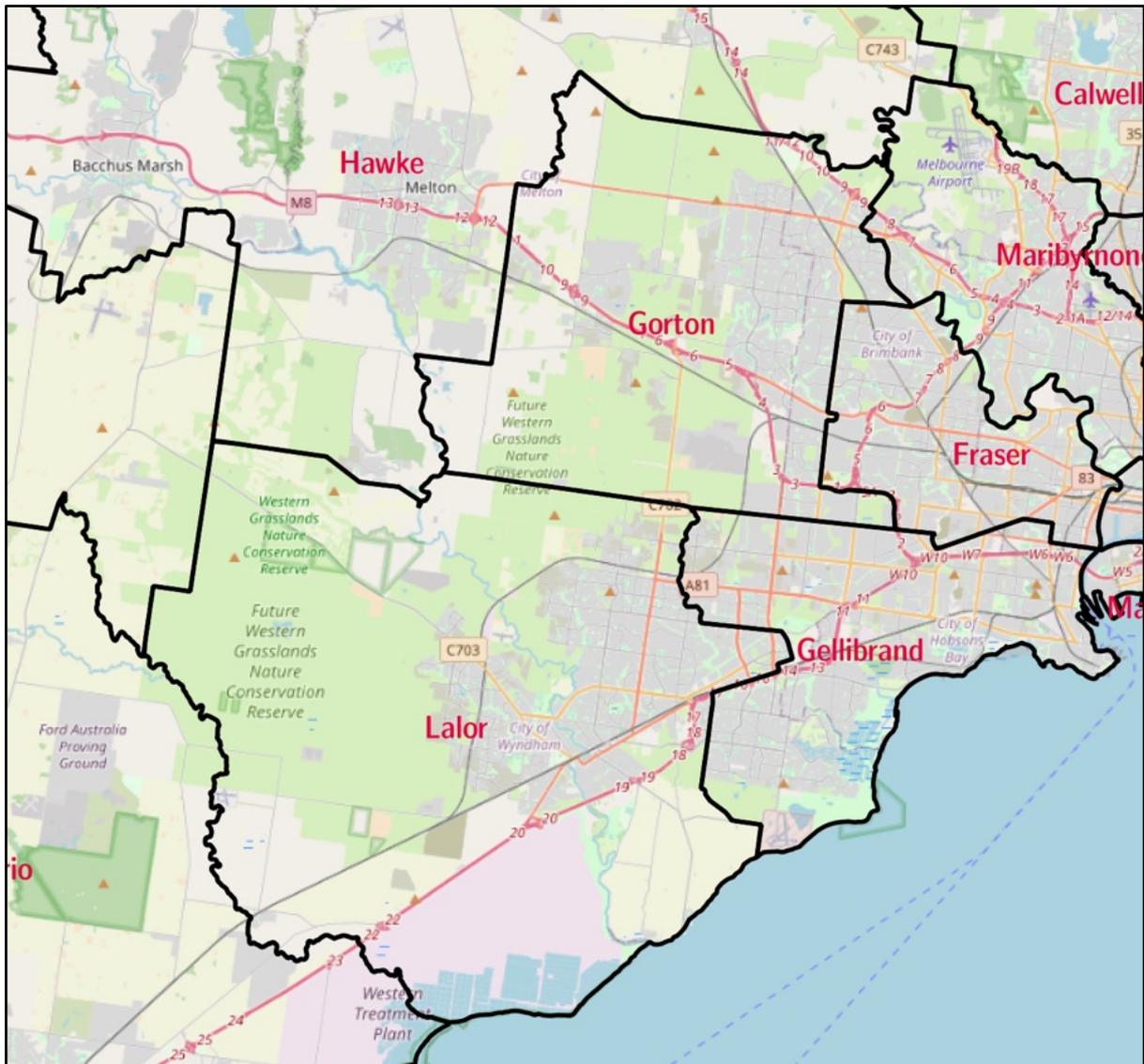
The Division of Jagajaga is within quota, however, to facilitate change elsewhere it is proposed to gain Plenty and Diamond Valley from the Division of McEwen and lose the remainder of Bundoora to the Division of Cooper. These areas are linked well to the rest of the Division through major transportation links such as the Hurstbridge railway line.

**Scullin - Current Electors: 120529, Projected Electors: 130884**

The Division of Scullin is under quota and thus needs to expand, which is only worsened by the loss of the remainder of Bundoora to Cooper. As such it is proposed to gain the rest of Mernda and Wollert from McEwen, uniting them within the one division. These areas are more outer suburban in nature and thus fit well with the rest of the suburban Division of Scullin.

# Western Melbourne

All of the divisions in Western Melbourne are within quota, and thus no change is required. However, due to numerical requirements elsewhere, minor changes to Gorton are proposed, whilst Fraser, Gellibrand and Lalor are all left unchanged.



**Fraser - Current Electors: 113033, Projected Electors: 123797**

**Gellibrand - Current Electors: 112851, Projected Electors: 123999**

**Lalor - Current Electors: 116506, Projected Electors: 127852**

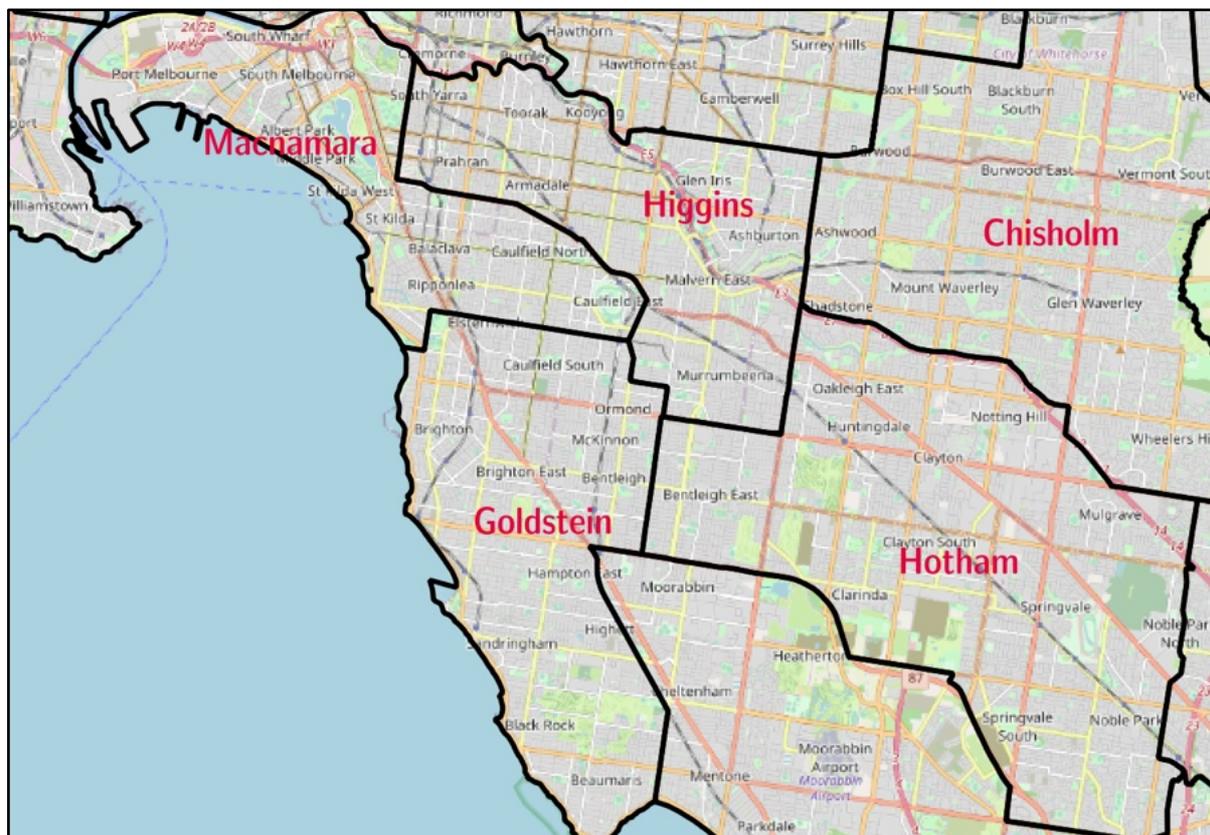
No Change

**Gorton - Current Electors: 116835, Projected Electors: 127098**

Whilst Gorton is within quota, neighbouring Maribyrnong is well under quota as such it is proposed for the suburbs of Keilor and Keilor Lodge as well as the parts of Keilor Downs and Taylor Lakes east of Sunshine Avenue to be transferred out of Gorton and into the Division of Maribyrnong.

## Southern Melbourne

The Divisions in Southern Melbourne are largely slightly under quota and thus need to undergo minor change.



**Macnamara - Current Electors: 112881, Projected Electors: 124756**

No Change

**Goldstein - Current Electors: 113049, Projected Electors: 123521**

The Division of Goldstein is under quota and thus needs to expand. As such it is proposed that the remainder of the suburb of Ormond and a portion of Carnegie, south of Oakleigh Rd and west of Koornang Rd, be transferred from Higgins.

**Higgins - Current Electors: 115328, Projected Electors: 126214**

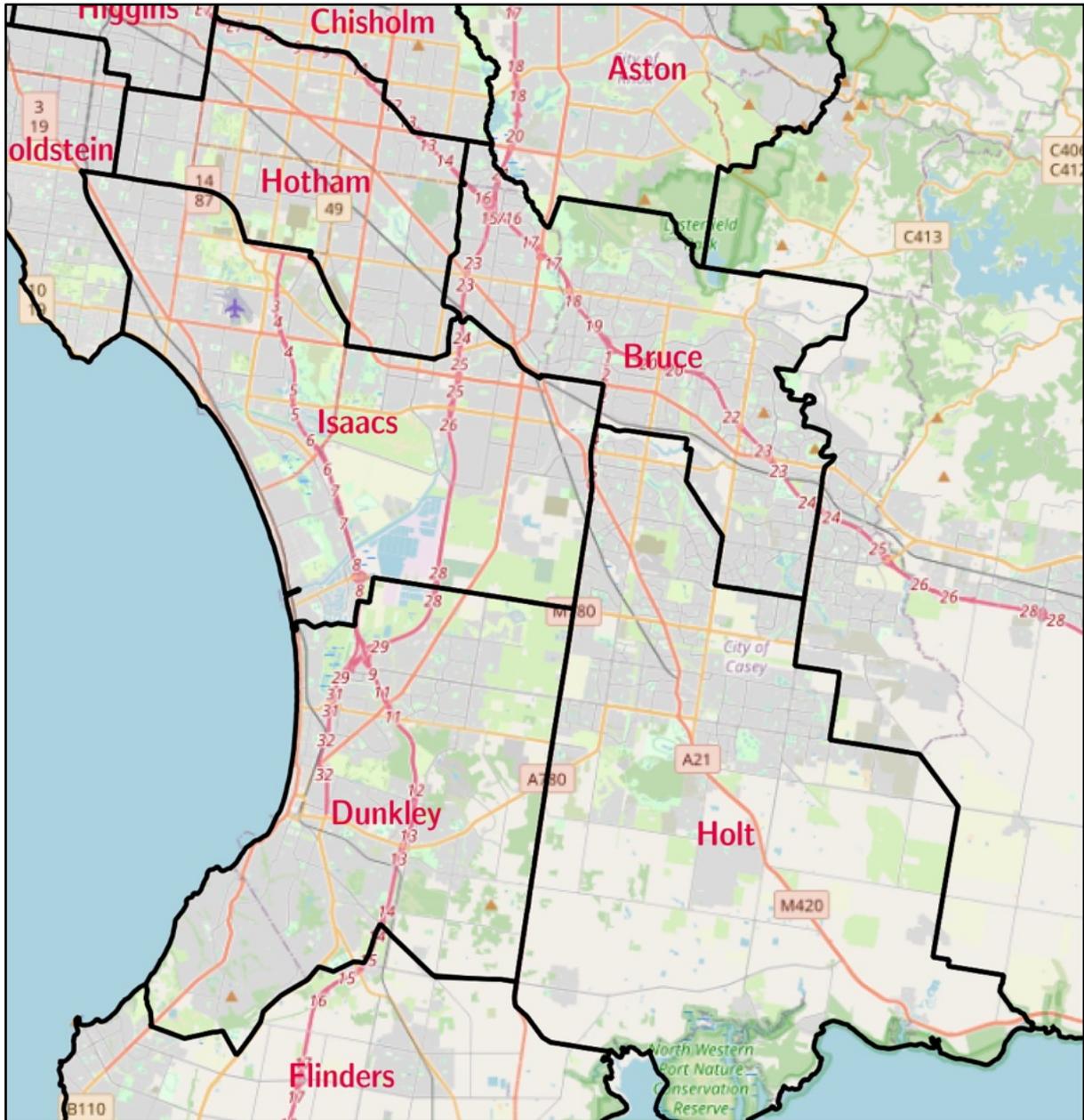
The Division of Higgins is under quota, which is only worsened by the loss of parts of Ormond and Carnegie to Goldstein, as such it needs to expand. Thus, it is proposed that the remainder of Glen Iris be transferred from the Division of Kooyong as well as Hughesdale from Hotham, which has strong ties with the suburb of Murrumbeena.

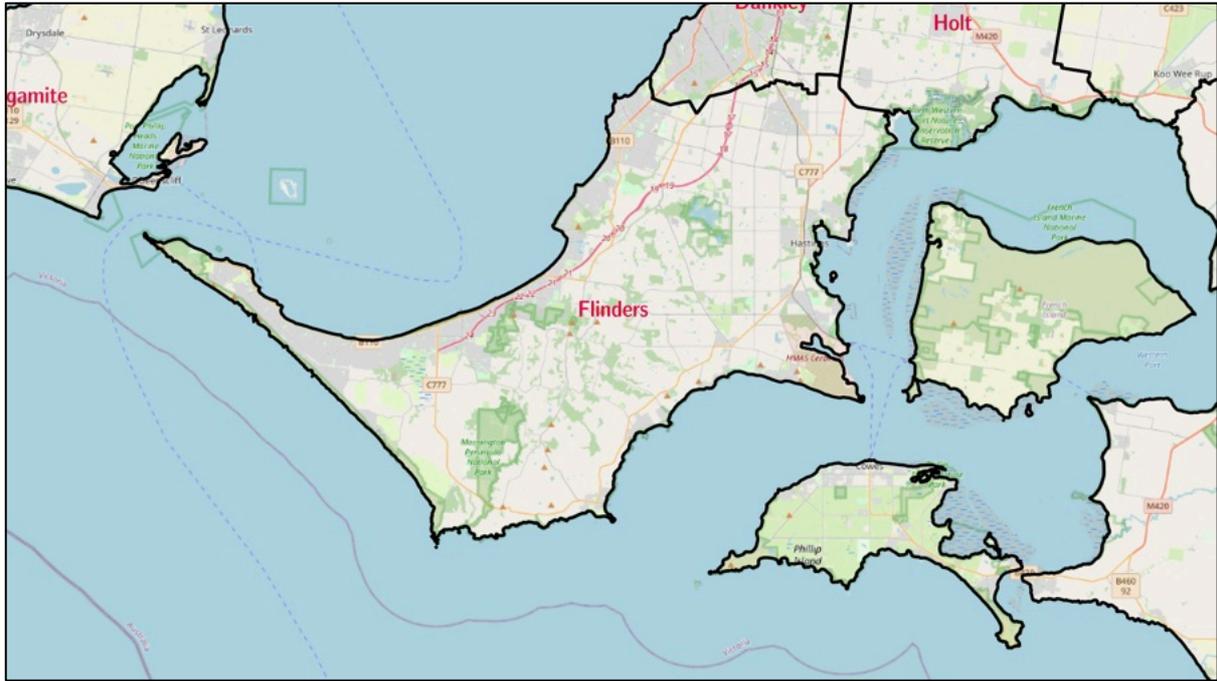
**Hotham - Current Electors: 119260, Projected Electors: 130662**

The Division of Hotham is within quota however changes elsewhere necessitate that it undergoes boundary changes. It is proposed that Hughesdale be transferred to Higgins and part of Noble Park to Bruce. As a result, the Division of Hotham gains the portion of the City of Monash south of the Monash freeway. This creates a strong northern boundary between it and the Division of Chisholm.

# South-Eastern Melbourne

The Divisions within South-Eastern Melbourne are largely within quota with the exception of the Division of Dunkley which is marginally below quota. As such only minor change is proposed in this area primarily to facilitate changes in other areas as well as improve community ties within divisions.





**Isaacs - Current Electors: 113084, Projected Electors: 123385**  
No Change

**Dunkley - Current Electors: 112715, Projected Electors: 122613**

The Division of Dunkley is under quota and thus needs to expand. As such it is proposed that the Division of Dunkley gains Baxter from the Division of Flinders. Baxter is well connected to the Division of Dunkley by both the Mornington Peninsula Freeway and the Stony Point Railway Line and thus is a good fit with the rest of Dunkley.

**Flinders - Current Electors: 112813, Projected Electors: 122895**

Whilst the Division of Flinders is within quota as mentioned above it is proposed that Baxter be transferred to the Division of Dunkley.

**Holt - Current Electors: 119082, Projected Electors: 129264**

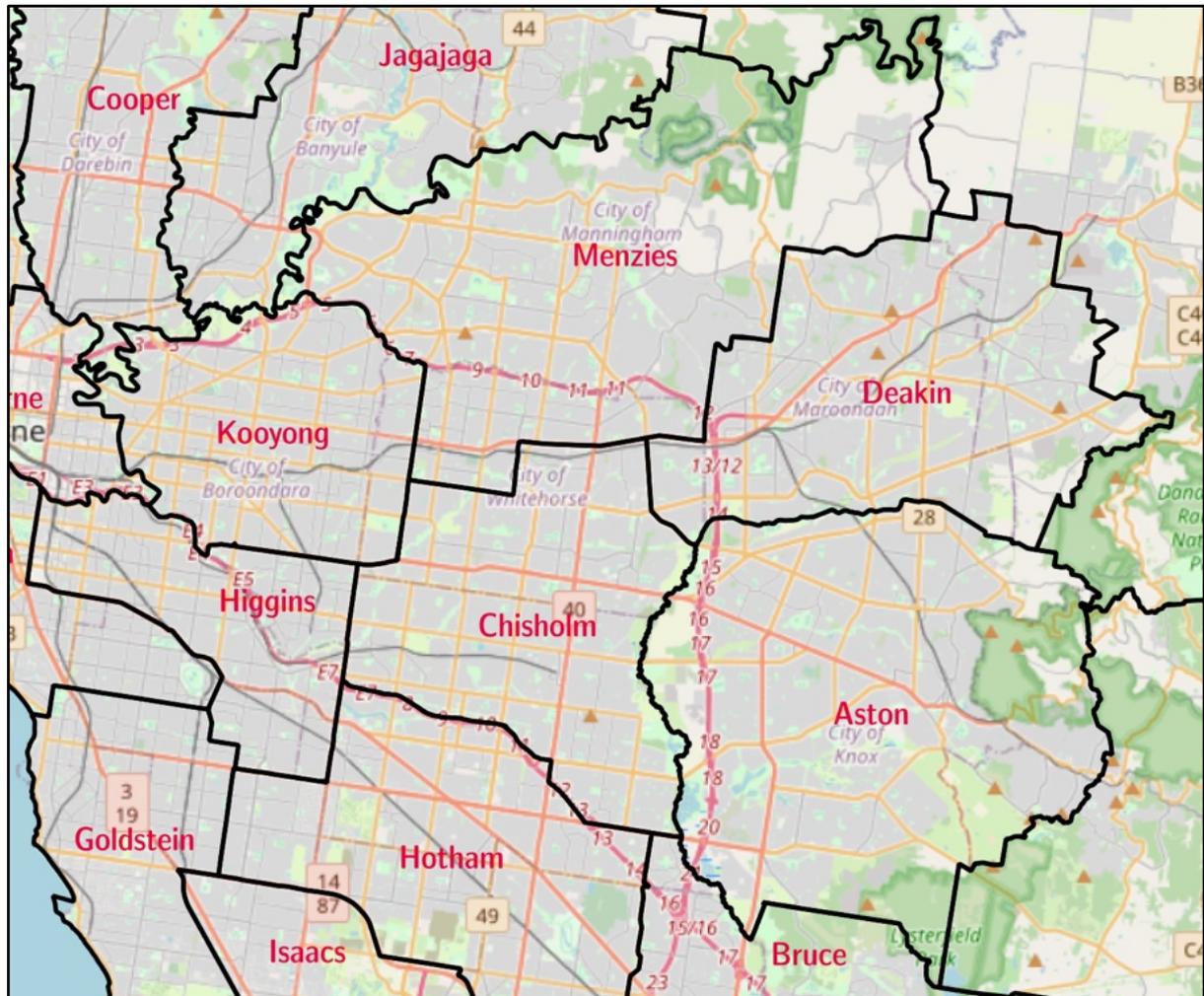
Whilst the Division of Holt is within quota, it is proposed to gain the part of Clyde North in the Division of La Trobe bounded by Tuckers and Thompsons Road. This not only allows the Division of La Trobe to meet its numerical requirements but also unites the more developed areas of Clyde North within the one division.

**Bruce - Current Electors: 115312, Projected Electors: 125885**

Whilst the Division of Bruce is within quota, in order to fulfil numerical requirements of the Division of Hotham it is proposed that the part of Noble Park East of Chandler Road and North of Mile Creek be transferred to the Division of Bruce.

# Eastern Melbourne

The Divisions in Eastern Melbourne are largely under quota or towards the lower end of the permitted range. This coupled with divisions to the south expanding northwards necessitate that divisions in this part of Melbourne also expand outwards. As such changes are proposed in this area.



**Kooyong - Current Electors: 112894, Projected Electors: 123718**

Whilst the Division of Kooyong is within quota the loss of the remaining part of Glen Iris to Higgins results in it being under quota. As such it is proposed that the part of Burwood north of the Burwood Highway and west of Elgar Road be transferred to Kooyong. This part of Burwood shares a similar character to other parts of Kooyong and thus is a good fit within this division.

**Menzies - Current Electors: 120020, Projected Electors: 131160**

The Division of Menzies is within quota, however, to facilitate numerical requirements elsewhere and to unite the major centre of Box Hill within the one district it is proposed that Menzies gain Box Hill and the part of Blackburn west of Main Street from the Division of Chisholm.

**Chisholm - Current Electors: 118340, Projected Electors: 129775**

The Division of Chisholm is significantly under quota, which is only worsened by the loss of Box Hill and parts of Blackburn to Menzies as well as the loss of the region south of the Monash Freeway to Hotham as such it needs to expand. Thus, it is proposed that the portion of the City of Whitehorse west of Mitcham/Boronia Road currently in the Division of Deakin be transferred. This area shares similar characteristics with many other parts of the Division of Chisholm making it a good fit.

**Deakin - Current Electors: 119128, Projected Electors: 129516**

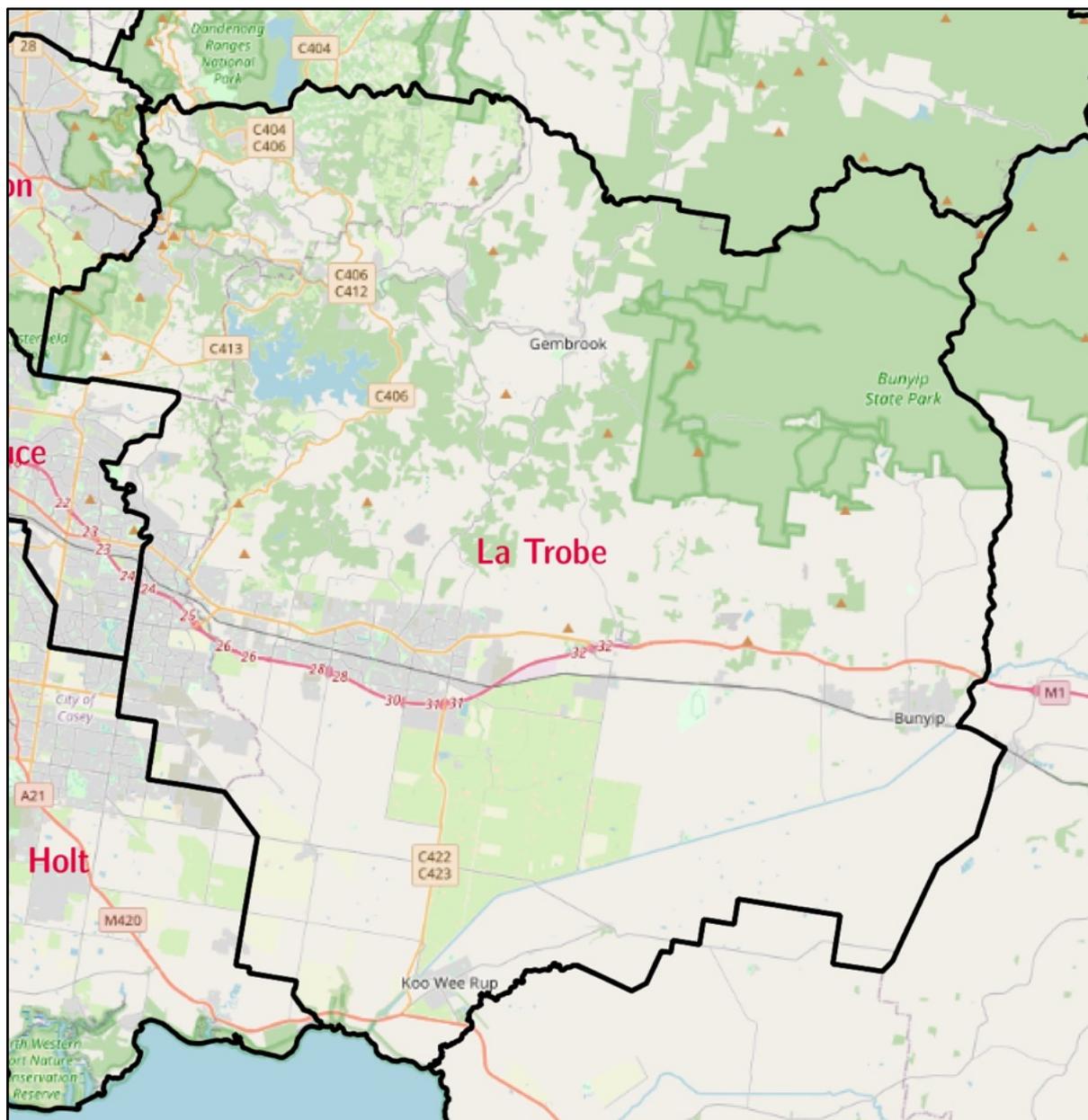
The Division of Deakin is within quota, however after losing the majority of its area in the City of Whitehorse it needs to expand significantly. Thus, it is proposed to take in much of the urbanised part of the Yarra Ranges Shire from the abolished division of Casey including Mooroolbark and Montrose. This allows the remainder of the Division of Casey to be put in a largely rural division.

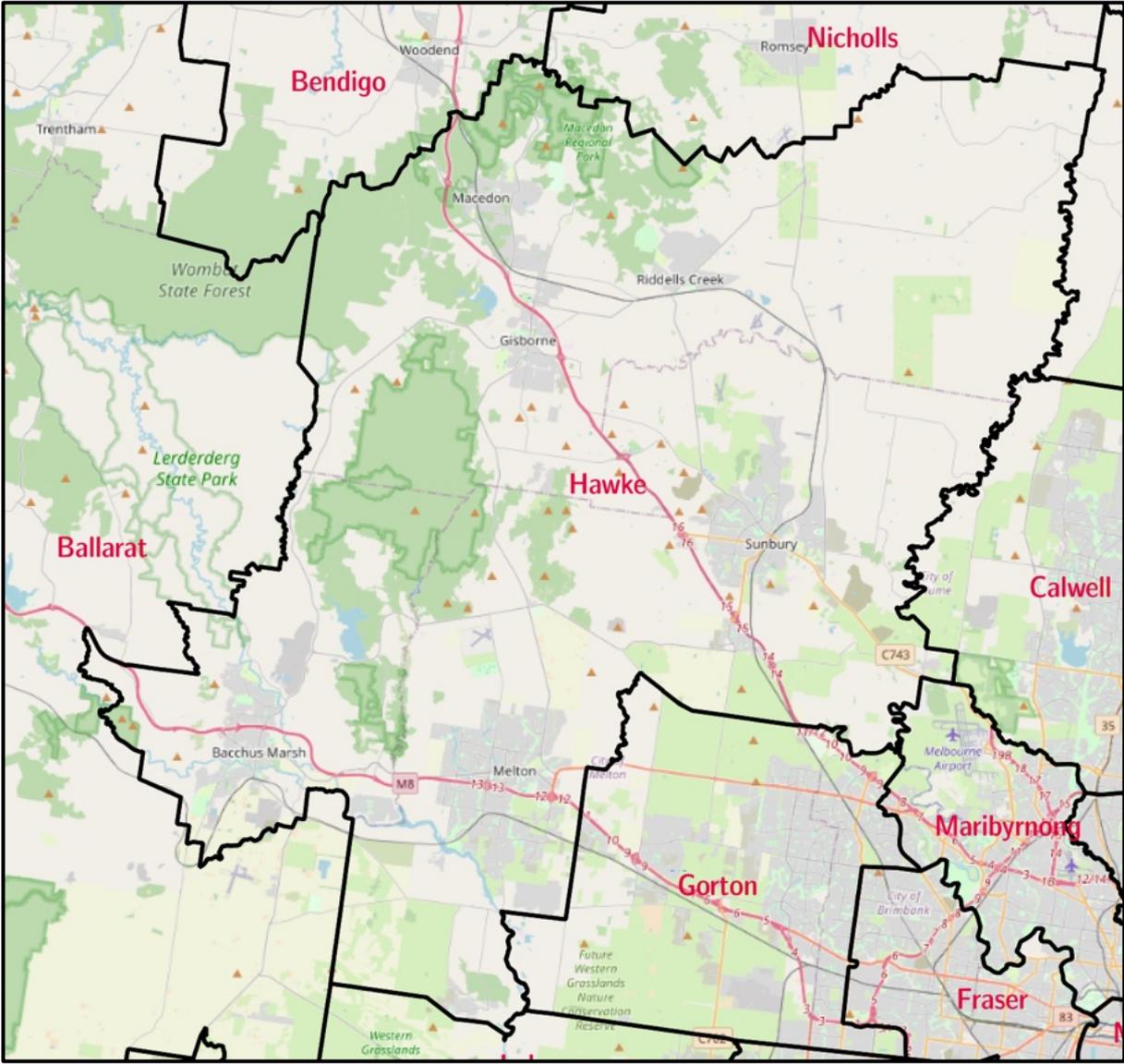
**Aston - Current Electors: 119257, Projected Electors: 129296**

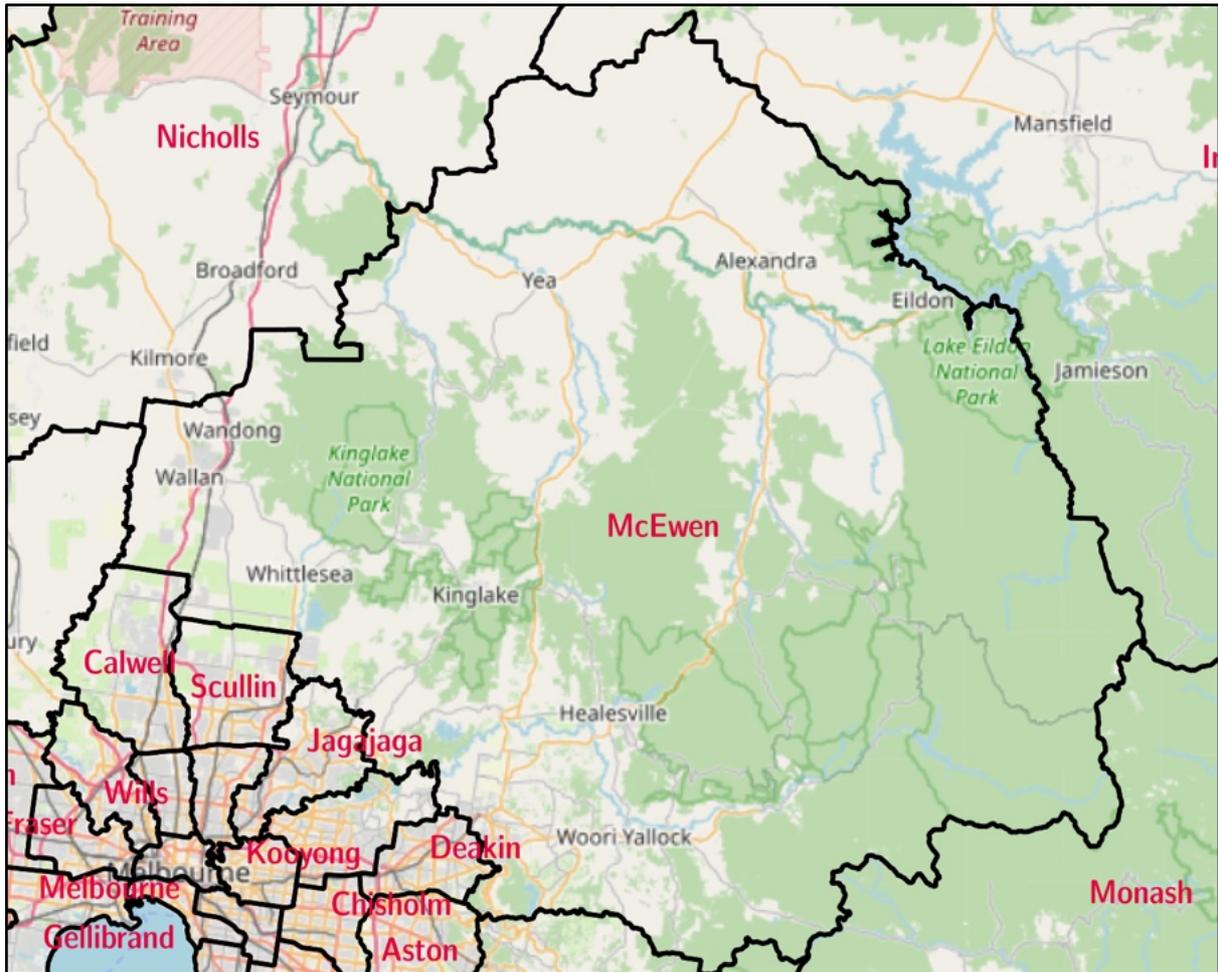
The Division of Aston is under quota and thus needs to expand. It is proposed that Aston takes in the suburbs of Upwey and Tecoma from the abolished Division of Casey. These suburbs have strong links with the Division of Aston through the major transport links of the Burwood Highway and the Belgrave Railway Line and thus fit well with the rest of the division.

# Melbourne Surrounds

Of the four divisions which currently surround Melbourne (La Trobe, Casey, McEwen, and Hawke) two are under quota. This coupled with under quota metropolitan divisions expanding outwards, means that in this region it is most sensible for a division to be abolished. As such it is proposed that the Division of Casey be abolished, resulting in significant changes to surrounding divisions.







**La Trobe - Current Electors: 120899, Projected Electors: 130582**

The Division of La Trobe is within the quota; however, it is proposed to undergo change to help neighbouring divisions meet their mathematical requirements. Lang Lang is proposed to be transferred to Monash, with much of the Dandenongs including Belgrave and Monbulk being transferred from the Division of Casey. These areas have strong connections with Gembrook, which is already in La Trobe.

**Hawke - Current Electors: 116575, Projected Electors: 124965**

The Division of Hawke is under quota, which is only worsened by the loss of Ballan to the Division of Ballarat. As such it is proposed that Gisborne, Macedon and Riddells Creek be transferred from the Division of McEwen. These areas have good connections to Sunbury and thus fit well in the division.

**McEwen - Current Electors: 122020, Projected Electors: 131510**

The Division of McEwen is under quota and due to changes in neighbouring electorates it is proposed to undergo significant change. It is proposed that the Macedon Ranges be transferred to Hawke, Bendigo, and Nicholls, Kilmore to Nicholls, Mernda to Scullin and Plenty and Diamond Creek to Jagajaga. It is also proposed to gain Lilydale, Mount Evelyn, the Yarra Valley from Casey as well as Murrundindi Shire from Indi. This makes the division a coherent one, encompassing communities on Melbourne's urban fringe to the East and North East.