



# Objection 190

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To the Australian Electoral Commission

## Re: Opposition to Proposed boundaries of Gellibrand and Lalor

This submission is sent in respect to the proposed boundary for the seats of Lalor and Gellibrand, in particular the division of the suburbs of Williams Landing, and Point Cook, into two federal seats.

From the report, Proposed redistribution of Victoria into electoral divisions APRIL 2018, 27 of the 37 existing electoral divisions do not satisfy the numerical requirements of the Electoral Act and therefore must change. To rectify this, and create a new electoral division, the AEC's Redistribution Committee has proposed adjusting ALL existing electoral division boundaries.

This section later states that in a number of cases localities or local government areas are united within one, or are shared between fewer, electoral divisions. Also, where possible, the opportunity has been taken to provide more clearly defined electoral boundaries, which in some cases involved no or minimal elector movements. However the proposed boundary for Lalor and Gellibrand, sees a movement that will split the suburbs of Point Cook and Williams Landing into two separate federal electorates.

Point Cook and Williams Landing represent an incredible community, growing at an amazing rate. Yet both suburbs still lacks services. All levels of government have been aware of issues faced by Point Cook, Williams Landing, and the wider Wyndham community for many years, Local Employment Opportunities, Police Presence, Secondary Schools, Primary Schools, Recreational Facilities, and Transport Infrastructure are all lagging. Not to mention that issues with telecommunications that as of today remain unresolved.

Although the neighbouring city of Hobsons Bay is a mature community, it shares some of these issues as well. As a developed city, and despite its proximity though, it has a culture and need set that differs from Point Cook or Williams Landing.

The population forecast for the the City of Wyndham shows extensive growth for the region, with an almost doubling of peoples from 2016 to 2036. The need for a strategic planning is paramount.

### Forecast population and dwellings

City of Wyndham	Forecast year				
	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036
Population	228,088	282,428	335,067	385,270	434,742
Dwellings	76,160	95,708	114,855	133,906	152,986

Williams Landing - Laverton North					
	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036
Population	7,300	11,262	12,103	12,318	11,873
Dwellings	2,397	3,628	3,909	4,069	4,069

Point Cook					
	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036
Population	52,666	64,906	70,764	72,911	72,925
Dwellings	17,117	21,321	23,608	24,955	25,690

Conversely, the City of Hobsons Bay shows minor growth in comparison.

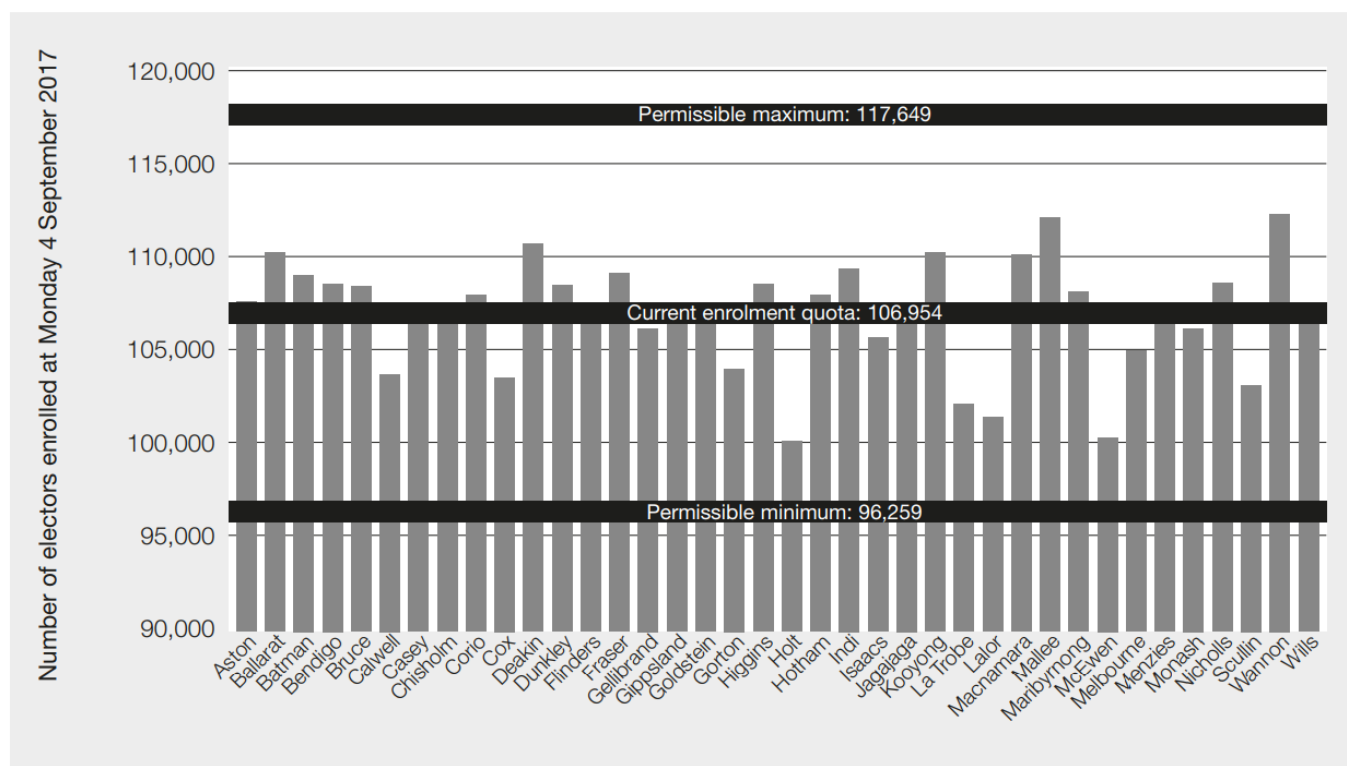
### Forecast population, households and dwellings

Hobsons Bay City	Forecast year				
	2016	2021	2026	2031	2036
Population	93,390	98,547	103,307	107,958	112,642
Dwellings	37,542	39,710	42,028	44,233	46,391

Population and household forecasts, 2016 to 2036, prepared by [.id](#) November 2017, Accessed: 1 May 2018

It appears from the graph below, in respect to the seats of Gellibrand and Lalor, the Redistribution Committee has anticipated significant growth in the seat of Lalor. The numbers reveal capacity for Lalor's growth rate (and the electors that will come with that).

Figure G: Proposed electoral divisions in Victoria – enrolment at Monday 4 September 2017, current enrolment quota and permissible range of electors



Source: Available from [www.aec.gov.au/vic-redistribution](http://www.aec.gov.au/vic-redistribution)

In this redistribution process the report said

The Redistribution Committee considers the proposed redistribution of Victoria will result in electoral divisions which:

- more equitably balance enrolment numbers across the state,
- can accommodate the differing rates of growth across Victoria,
- keep together or improve existing communities of interest, in some cases uniting local government areas and localities within one electoral division, where possible, and
- use strong and readily identifiable features, such as major roads, rivers or established administrative boundaries to define electoral division boundaries.

With these points in mind, it needs to be noted that Point Cook, and Williams Landing, are both divided into two separate electorates. And upon reflection:

- do equitably balance enrolment numbers for the short term, but with projected growth will be out of balance in the short term once again,
- in respect to Lalor, certainly does accommodate the rate of growth of Wyndham, but again for the short term,
- Although the bulk of Wyndham is retained in Lalor, the communities of Point Cook and Williams Landing are split into to very different electorates (Gellibrand predominately Metropolitan with limited growth, Lalor a mix of Rural and Metropolitan with significant growth), and
- The use of Sneydes Rd, certainly a readily identifiable feature in Point Cook, is equivalently matched by Point Cook Rd for the purpose of a boundary, however a better feature would be the suburbs boundary itself, where that would mean a clear boarder between rural and metropolitan electorates.

With the requirements to balance the 37 electorates of Victoria, and compounded by the Western Suburbs Growth rate overall, it is understandable that some compromise will need to be struck. Towards that end and in keeping with the desire to ensure suburbs in their entirety are transferred, it follows that in respect to this redistribution I ask the committee to consider the following as suggestions to take on with this objection:

- Geelong Rd as the northern boundary for Gellibrand, up to Seddon, with all of Footscray joining the federal seat of Maribyrnong (these electors will still be within the permissible maximum.
- With all of Footscray transferred out of Gellibrand, shift the boundary Gellibrand westward of the suburb of Point Cook, to include all that suburb into the federal electorate. This combined with
- Utilise Sayers Rd and Forsyth Rd as the boundary of Gellibrand around Williams Landing, to ensure all of that suburb is included in the Gellibrand electorate.
- The movement of Point Cook and Williams Landing as a whole into Gellibrand, will cause Lalor to fall below the Permissible Minimum of electors. To address this, the western boundry of Lalor should be moved further westward (possibly Little River-Ripley Rd), so that the township of Little River falls within one electorate.

These slight changes to the boundaries of Corio, Gellibrand, Maribyrnong and Lalor will ensure communities are brought together and the nature of the federal electorates is reflective of its population overall.

Thank you

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