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Objections to the redistribution – changing Flemington to Maribyrnong

I strongly object to the redistribution, changing the suburb of Flemington from the Melbourne electorate to the Maribyrnong electorate.

Flemington is an inner-city area and it is appropriate for it to stay with the Melbourne electorate. Our issues are those of the inner city, such as high density, over-development, heritage protection, lack of open space, overcrowded roads, trams and trains. By moving Flemington to Maribyrnong our voice will be totally lost in an electorate that faces other and different suburban issues. This alteration will, in fact, disenfranchise Flemington.

The change to Maribyrnong will also further separate and divide us from Kensington. In so many ways, Kensington and Flemington are a single community. They have similar density and similar problems. Geographically, we are an area on our own. On the East, we are both bounded by the freeway, a creek and a railway line. On the south, there is an industrial area. On the west there is the Maribyrnong river and the Racecourse. To the north there are suburbs that do not have our inner-city density and heritage character. The two areas share many things, such as the RSL, the Rotary club, the local newspaper (the FlemKen newspaper), the local supermarket, the library, some churches, a town hall, a war memorial. Historically, the areas have worked together. Our problems are similar, as outlined above, as we are both inner-city areas. We also both have large public housing communities, including high-rise towers and both are very multicultural.