



# Comment on suggestion 35

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in support of the Victorian Greens submission to the redistribution review. In particular, I support their proposed changes to the boundaries of Kooyong, Higgins, Hotham, and Melbourne Ports. This has been my home area all my adult, voting life. I've read through some of the suggestions on the AEC website at <http://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2017/vic/suggestions.htm> and would appreciate you considering my thoughts.

For the last 12 or so years, [REDACTED], in the heart of Murrumbeena. I think that Murrumbeena should stop being split between Higgins and Hotham. Instead, it should be unified in Higgins, because there's a strong sense of community between Carnegie and Murrumbeena. In terms of atmosphere, community character, and socio-economics, I cannot see why Murrumbeena is divided down the middle between these two seats. There are also similarities between parts of Malvern, Malvern East, Carnegie, and Murrumbeena. For example, the proportion of people living in in apartments vs houses, the number of people studying at Monash University Caulfield Campus, and the rich multicultural mix.

I'd like to see these areas combined into Higgins. This would involve shifting Caulfield East from Melbourne Ports to Higgins, but as Melbourne is over quota, Docklands can be shifted into Melbourne Ports to make up for Caulfield East being shifted into Higgins. Kooyong is under quota, and it should move south to include more of the City of Boroondara, which is already largely within Kooyong. It is better to keep local government areas within the one federal seat if possible, or not to split them between too many federal seats.

Cheers,  
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