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Reasons not to change the electoral boundaries

I have lived in Fleming for over 15 years and love the 'inner city' feel of the area. This is a very different feel to Maribyrnong which, to me, is an example of suburbia.

The needs and requirements of inner city areas and the philosophy's of the inhabitants are very different to those living in the suburbs. In particular there are large areas of public housing in Flemington which there are not in the same degree in the suburbs.

To sum up:

- Flemington is very different demographically to Maribyrnong.
- Flemington has different infrastructure needs to Maribyrnong - including greater demonstrated need for cycling infrastructure, open space, language and youth services.
- Flemington housing density is more than twice that of most of Moonee Valley/Maribyrnong and this requires a different approach to services and infrastructure.
- Flemington has historic, geographic and demographic connections to Kensington. The Flem/Ken connection has been ignored at local and state boundary changes.
- Flemington residents are more likely to be properly represented in an electorate that includes its community of interest.

Please take the wishes of the inhabitants into consideration before making inappropriate decisions.

Regards,

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