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I strongly object to the proposed electoral boundary change that would result in the suburb of Flemington being moved from the seat of Melbourne to become part of the seat of Maribyrnong.

Flemington has a strong and long-standing association with the neighbouring suburb of Kensington. The two suburbs not only share a postcode but have strong historic, geographic and demographic connections.

Demographically, Flemington is very different from Maribyrnong. It has different infrastructure needs to Maribyrnong, including greater demonstrated need for cycling infrastructure, open space, language and youth services. The housing density of Flemington is more than twice that of most of the federal seat of Maribyrnong and the local government area of Moonee Valley. This requires a different approach to services and infrastructure, and I do not feel that Flemington will be adequately represented in such a broadly incompatible seat. Flemington residents are more likely to be properly represented in the electorate of Melbourne.

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