



# Suggestion 37

Maroondah City Council

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Re Federal Redistribution Victoria

Please find attached the submission of Maroondah City Council pertaining to suggestions for the redistribution of Victorian Federal electoral divisions.

I have been requested by Maroondah's Chief Executive Officer to ensure that the submission is lodged prior to the closing time of 6pm on 17 November 2017. Please note that the map of current electoral divisions as they apply to Maroondah is incorporated within the submission. If that is not clear I have also attached an original copy of the map.

If you have any enquiries on this matter or require any other material please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully

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## SUBMISSION

### VICTORIAN FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION 2017/18

16 November 2017

#### Overview

Public notice was given by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) that Victoria is undergoing a redistribution of House of Representative divisions (seats) due to the number of divisions increasing from 37 to 38 following a determination of the Electoral Commissioner in August 2017.

Additionally, when a division is added it is also a requirement to review and assess all current divisions against the prescribed statutory voter ranges, that are: -

- Plus and minus 10% of the current enrolment quota; and
- Plus and minus 3.5% of the projected enrolment quota as at 25 August 2019.

Currently 27 of the 37 divisions do not meet either one or both requirements and therefore changes will be required for boundaries.

The initial stage of the redistribution process is focused on ideas, notions and principles re boundaries in addition to the names for the new division – *usually after Prime Ministers, Governor-Generals, Governors, prominent pioneers, and/or social workers.*

#### Consultation Period and Future Timings

Processes for consultation and timings are as follows:

- The initial consultation period is 4 weeks with suggestions closing on 17 November 2017.
- Suggestions will then be made available on the AEC website for public comments up to 1 December 2017.
- Maps indicating proposed changes will be available for public comment in April 2017; and
- Final boundaries of divisions announced in June/July 2018.

## **Preliminary Analysis**

Recognising that there are no maps yet available of possible boundary changes - available April next year – a preliminary analysis of voter numbers in divisions tends to indicate that the most likely outcome will be an additional division created in the western suburbs or the western surrounds of Melbourne.

These divisions exceed the statutory parameter with excess voter numbers. In the east of Melbourne – including Maroondah – voter numbers within electorate divisions fall below the parameters and numbers could be drawn from outer lying divisions with high voter numbers such as Flinders and La Trobe to rectify this.

Maroondah City Council currently is covered by parts of three divisions – Menzies in the north of the municipality; a sliver of Casey to the east of the municipality and Deakin representing the majority of the municipality. Currently only Casey is within the ambit of the two prescribed voter parameters.

## **Fragmentation of Representation**

Council is of the view that as a principle the fragmentation of Federal representation across Victorian Councils should be lessened whenever possible.

Council is particularly keen to ensure that communities of interest are not split or portions of the community disadvantaged through dislocation from natural/behavioural centres of attraction.

Currently it could be argued that the portion of Maroondah that is in the Menzies division comprising primarily Croydon Hills and Warranwood is dislocated from its natural major activity centres of Ringwood and Croydon. Single representation of these communities of interest would lead to a more balanced representation of these constituents within the Maroondah community. Without the benefit of precise voter populations and projections within the respective areas, it appears that the addition of most or all of the section of Menzies to Deakin could see Deakin meet the required voter population thresholds.

Secondly, should there be a need to otherwise modify the Deakin electorate to accommodate other adjacent divisions by reducing voter population currently in Deakin, then the addition of both portions of Menzies and Casey within the Maroondah municipal boundaries could be considered to be added to Deakin.

The areas of Croydon and Kilsyth South are also within Maroondah City municipal boundaries and these communities of interest again suggest inclusion in a single division would improve collective representation.

The City of Maroondah is home to the Ringwood Metropolitan Activity Centre that is squarely in the centre of Deakin electorate and so an electorate division covering the entirety of the centre and its communities of interest would be desirable. The Croydon Major Activity Centre is also within the Deakin electorate and should Croydon Hills, Warranwood and the eastern parts of Croydon also be in a single division such as Deakin then a consolidation of community of interests would result.

Council accordingly would be pleased to see the outcome of a redistribution with the aim of only 1 (one) division covering Maroondah. It would appear to be manageable to achieve this aim by i) relocating the northern Menzies boundary from Maroondah into Manningham; and if necessary ii) relocating the Casey eastern boundary from Maroondah into Yarra Ranges.

A map of the current division boundaries across Maroondah is attached after the conclusion to this submission.

### **Conclusion**

Maroondah City Council most strongly advocates for the above comments to be considered and adopted by the Redistribution Secretariat to ease the current fragmentation of Federal representation across its municipality. Council suggests that the electorate division review should aim to defragment as much as possible/practical communities of interest. Further, that communities of interest within an individual municipal district should be in one division wherever practical.

In the case of Maroondah, the Council suggests the inclusion of most or all the Menzies division currently in Maroondah to be included in Deakin. Secondly, should there be an opportunity to do so, the most or all of Casey division currently in Maroondah be included in Deakin.

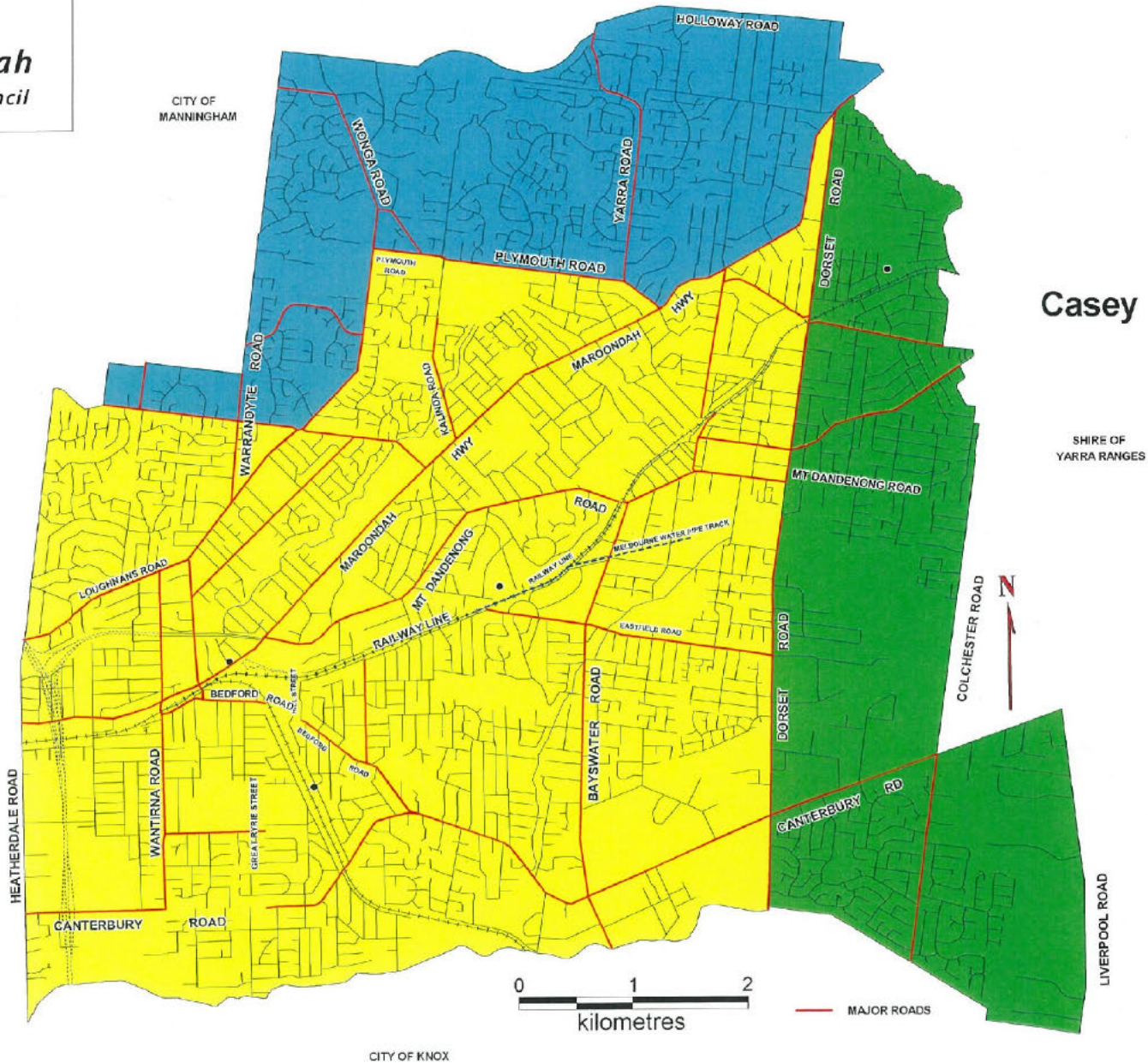
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November 2017



**BOUNDARIES  
FEDERAL SEATS**

**Menzies**





**BOUNDARIES  
FEDERAL SEATS  
AS AT SEPTEMBER 2013**

# Menzies

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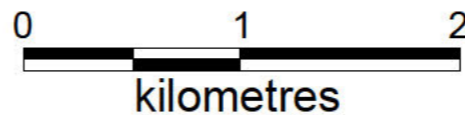
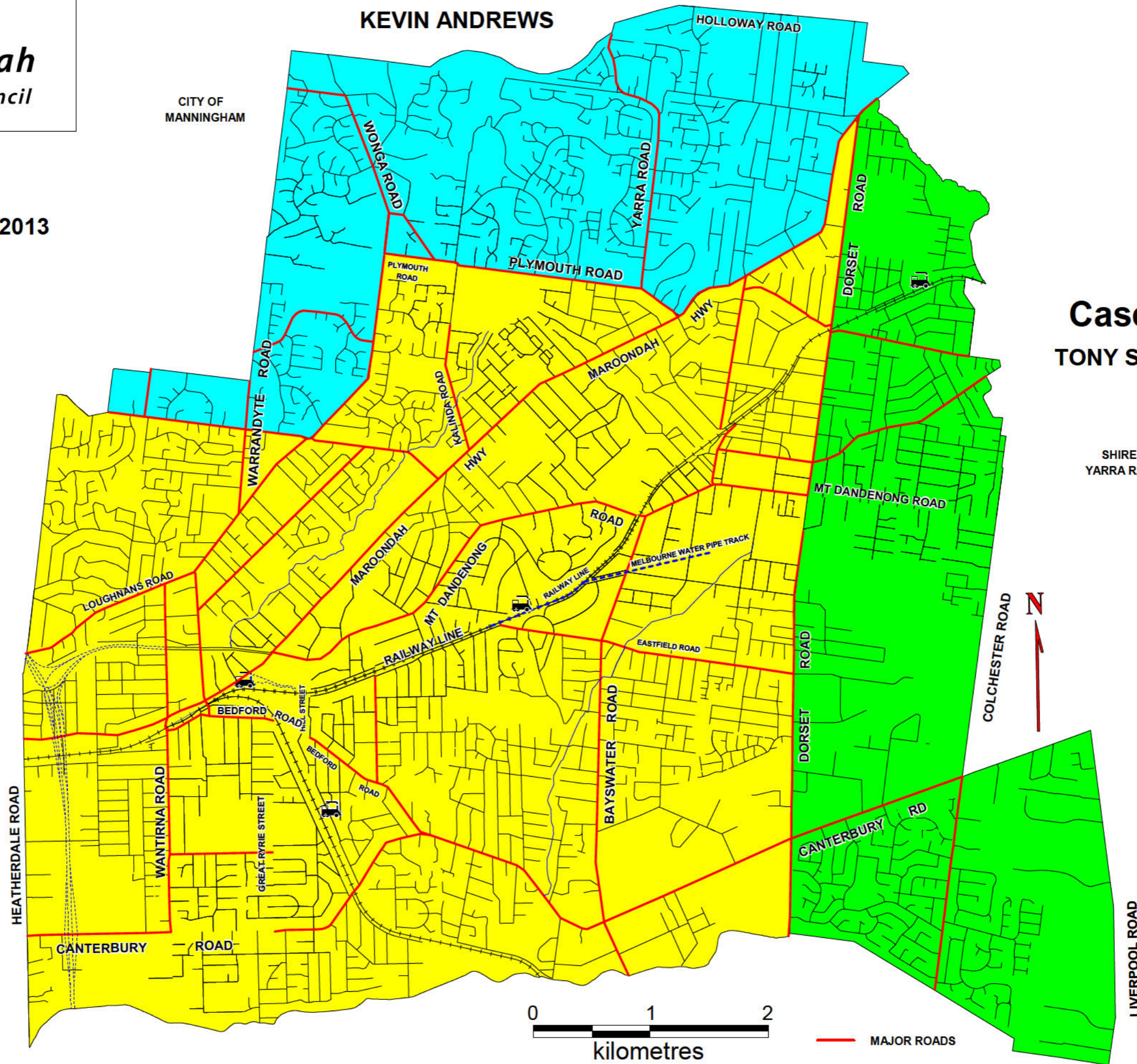
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YARRA RANGES

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