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Proposed re drawing of boundaries of the McNamara.

The proposal for the redrawing of the boundaries of McNamara and Higgins, I can understand why the Greens would been keen on this idea.

The pitch to Public housing community leaders is that it would encapsulate all of inner metro south bringing one of the largest if not the largest number of public housing tenants together in one electret.

One has to look back a couple of federal elections to see the greens coming within of 500 votes of winning Melbourne Ports/ McNamara and Danby who was a much disliked and irrelevant Politian.

Then Danby was given his marching orders and Josh burns a Daniel Andrews Staffer was parachuted into the electret, a young very personable not bad looking, moderate Jew married to a woman and parents of a bouncing baby.

In the following election Josh Burns won, however the conservative vote was also up as the conservatives ran someone who had more than a pulse a young blood Jewish girl and the greens well a far cry from their previous near victory.

I understand why the greens wish to cut the Jewish vote in half though I have just read terrific analysis of the Jewry in the seat in this document, which essential points out that the Jewish, so called community, is not a monolithic group In fact having spent many months in Israel also in my youth worked hundreds of Saturdays in a huge cross section of temples you could find a more engaged and diverse views in any othe r electorate. Oh and also do not confuse Israel with the Jewish diaspora they are two very different things.

The vote in public housing are mostly rushed on labour voters and groups like Russian and Vietnamese Australians are predominantly conservative as they claim they do not support the distribution of wealth and yes we all see the irony.

I also think the conservative vote will be on the rise in such a new electorate allot of it coming from Public Housing Tenants who are fed up of their estates being a dumping ground for every criminal, Drug attic and seriously mentally ill person. There is a number of public housing advocates already talking seriously talking with Members of the Victorian Liberal party about moving safe injecting rooms out of reside ntial areas and school zones into industrial arears in turn for their support at the ballot box they would pick up a tone of votes if they made it an iron glad promise into the next state election. I and my fellow public housing advocates are left asking what the Greens have ever done for us.

What we do know is that the Labour Party Federal and State are just as anti -Public Housing as the conservative's one only has to see the ultra-conservative attitude toward public housing from the gratin institute, real ly perverted



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incorrect historical and social arguments about public housing and welfare housing two very different things which they conflate.

So from a personal point a view I have spoken to Josh Burns offices, the Greens and tried to speak to Georgie Crosiers office only to be spoken down to by one of her new staffers who was a horrible snob and spouted off about all the great things Thatcher did for public housing tenants in Britain I was living in England at the time and she destroyed public housing and lead people in to bankruptcy and homelessness.

I tried to make contact with other Liberal spokes people Federal or State with no luck.

The current state government in Victoria is anti-public housing and is all about shutting organisations like PTTM down and persecuting tenants who speak up. They certainly do not have the guts to stand up to Daniel Andrews even if they gave a dame which they don't.

In the end I say why not the labour party has been far too comfortable in this seat for far too long though I would say to all be careful what you wish for as you could find that you may be handing a new opportunity to the conservatives.

I indorse the proposal of the redrawing of the boundaries of McNamara.

I will however apologise for my decision to the AEC who are under staffed and underfunded never a good thing for a strong democracy.

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