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The communities of Warrandyte North and Eltham were ripped out of Jag Jaga and absorbed into Menzies for 2018 election. This should be “undone” so that Eltham can rejoin the rest of Nillumbik shire

This has created a situation similar to Michigan in USA which consists of two largely independent regions connected only by a single bridge. The terms of reference for Australian federal electorates requires good transport links across the electorate area, which the joining of Eltham to Menzies via a single bridge clearly does not.

This division of council areas should also be avoided.

Although the communities of Warrandyte North and South are quite homogeneous, Eltham and Templestowe/Doncaster/Box Hill are not, being different council areas and having a different ethos in the sense of peri-urban tree-change vs. high density and/or aspiration. One is the “Green Wedge Shire” the other has no expressed vision but looks to high-rise concrete and bricks. Menzies has a high degree of multi-culturalism (notably Chinese), which Nillumbik does not.

I suggest Jaga Jaga should again include the communities of Eltham, Research, Viewbank, Lower Plenty and Ivanhoe which share a passion for the environment and bushy landscapes. Forcing all electorates to adopt a similar profile by mixing different groups destroys any sense of creating community and promotes electoral instability. The kinds of infrastructure investment required in say Box Hill is worlds away from Wattle Glen.