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In Victoria, divisions will reduce from 39 to 38 due to ongoing reducing population in the last few years compared to other states.

A projected enrolment for April 2028 is estimated to be at 127,238 up from the August 2023 enrolment of 116,894.

Electorates need to be within the projected quota of 3.5%. I have used the projected enrolment on the basis for my solutions.

The best solution is to abolish the northern central suburban seat of Wills (-5.1% under the projected enrolment). Suggestion 20 agrees with this. Also Suggestion 38 says Wills is the best seat to abolish. Mr Grzic (S38) added that you can't have Wills without his fellow (explorer) Burke.

Wills also is not named after a former Prime Minister and does not have a lot of historical significance in the northern suburbs of Melbourne.

This would mean Maribyrnong -5.3% and Hawke -6.2% would move East bringing them up to the quota. (11.5)

McEwen -4.0 and Calwell -1.5 would move South. (5.5)

Macnamara -2.0, Melbourne -0.8 along with Goldstein -4.6%, Higgins -6.0, Kooyong -2.2, Gellibrand -2.5 and Fraser -2.7 would all move North making up their deficiencies of about 20.8%.

Scullin -4.9, Cooper -4.6% and Jaga Jaga -2.5% could move West taking a chunk of the old Wills. (12)

Aston -5.2, Chisholm -4.6% and Deakin -2.6% would move West towards the centre point of Wills. (12.4)

Bringing these electorates up to zero quota swallows about 62.2% from the old Wills.

Also adding an extra 2 percent roughly to each of the above mentioned divisions, allowing 3.5% is the maximum would be around 34%. This would result in Wills being distributed to the surrounding divisions outlined.

Corio close to the maximum at -3.3% would see Little River added from Lalor and garnish some area from Corangamite. The western boundary of Corio could continue further south along the Surf Coast Council line down to Princes Hwy then follow the M1 and M1 Ring road to include Ceres and back up to the Barwon River.

Regionally, Ballarat under 4.2%, needs to gain Bannockburn from Corangamite 0.4%. People from Maude and other places in the Golden Plains Council area (Ballarat) were voting at their closest booths, the two Bannockburn polling places at the recent referendum which resulted in a high number of declaration votes because Bannockburn was in Corangamite. Suggestion 55 agrees with this proposal. Suggestion 52 also agrees and states that if this change occurred; all of the Golden Plains Shire would be in one division; Ballarat.

There would need to be minor adjustments to Dunkley -3.6%, Holt -3.5% and La Trobe -3.4% to bring them clearly under the projected quota

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