



Objection 424

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Dear AEC

I make this submission on my own account regarding the proposed new boundaries of the electorate of Hotham.

I am concerned to see that that electorate – which lies just to the south of where I live – will no longer cover an area with any semblance of a single community of interest.

Instead, it will have Noble Park at its eastern end – a suburb of considerable disadvantage oriented towards facilities to the south-east, and Malvern East at its western end – a notably prosperous suburb oriented towards facilities in the inner east.

Malvern East could be more comfortably incorporated into the electorate of Chisholm, with the population of the Division of Hotham being made up by incorporation of further parts of Noble Park.

However, the part of Noble Park between Heatherton Rd, Eastlink and the Dandenong Railway line should stay in Isaacs – thereby helping to preserve the identity of Isaacs as a bayside community.

It is particularly striking, that Hotham as currently proposed will probably break a record – by incorporating pieces of FIVE local government areas (including some of mine – Monash). This will further complicate any effort by the unfortunate future Member for Hotham to negotiate with local councils.