



Suggestion 20

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This document outlines some suggestions for the 2023-2024 redistribution of Victoria federal seats. These ideas come from the writer of this document, Cheston Mak (M), a citizen of the Division of Melbourne.

Electoral names

There has been a number of name mismatches in the existing electoral boundaries that do not match the areas they cover.

- Corangamite – The division no longer covers Lake Corangamite nor the Corangamite LGA. It is noted that in the past two redistributions, the division has been proposed to be renamed to other names (Cox and Tucker) with the proposed names causing potential issues. Hopefully, this third time, the division could be renamed finally.
- Maribyrnong – This division no longer covers the suburb of Maribyrnong nor the Maribyrnong LGA. It is also not a 1901 name and therefore should be renamed (it could even be abolished – see below).
- Monash – It is noted this division was only named recently prior to the 2019 federal election. However, it could be confusing as it does not cover or near the Monash LGA in Eastern Melbourne.
- Kooyong – The division does not cover the suburb of Kooyong, which is just across the electoral boundary at Citylink/Monash Freeway. It is noted that this is an original 1901 name, and the mismatch is not too severe.

Electoral Boundaries

Given that Mallee is very much above the quota (by about 3%), parts of the division should be given to Bendigo and Ballarat which are also similarly below the quota (also 3% or more, but in the negatives).

Maribyrnong could be abolished (for reasons above) and be split off into adjacent electorates such as Hawke, Willis and Calwell which are all below the quota. Alternatively, Wills can be abolished and split as well, with Maribyrnong taking in some of Wills and renamed to Wills (effectively moving Wills to the west).

McEwen could also be abolished and split since its geographic coverage is too wide, stretching from Mount Macedon to Whittlesea, which is quite impractical for an MP. Areas could be given to Hawke, Scullin or Bendigo which are very under quota. However, since McEwen is named after a former prime minister (and so are a few of its adjacent divisions), it could be given to one of the mismatched divisions that were outlined above (such as Corangamite – a semi-country seat just like the seat of McEwen).

As much as how nicely Aston and the Knox LGA boundaries match, it is very much below the quota, and should be expanded to cover other areas.