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Suggestions for Victoria Redistribution

A new seat has to be added to Victoria. Where to put it? It has to be in the west of Melbourne or the west of Victoria outside it, due to the fact that three of the four most overenrolled electorates, Gorton, Corangamite, and Ballarat, all border each other in that area. Furthermore, the three electorates west of that (Bendigo, Wannon and Mallee) are also above the quota, although two of them are permissibly so. As these six electorates contract, a new one will be squeezed in, although it will probably have to take in areas of others as well as none of the overenrollment is enough to create a new electorate, even combined.

Suggested Names

I have listed prominent Victorians, three of whom hail from Western Victoria where the seat may be located. I would stress that it is my very strong belief that the new name should come from a submission suggestion, rather than being added by the Committee to the list on its own initiative as has happened for previous electorates.

Davies - David Davies (1864-1939), one of Australia's most prominent artists in the early twentieth and late nineteenth century. From Ballarat.

Bolte - Henry Bolte (1908-1990), longest-serving Victorian premier . From Ballarat.

Harding - Eleanor Hardinge (1934-1996), leading advocate of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and women's rights. Torres Strait Islander women who spent most of her life in Melbourne.

Cohn - Ola Cohn (1892-1964), leading woman sculptor who was committed to increasing accessibility of the art form. From Bendigo.