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Comments on objections

I offer the following comments on the following objections.

Retaining Flemington within Melbourne

I note the strong support for retaining Flemington within Melbourne, with 39 objections to this effect.¹ These objections include the strong views of the Flemington Association and many long-time residents. This appears to be the strongest community reaction to any of the AEC's proposed changes. There is not only a strong desire to remain within Melbourne, but also a strong objection to being located within Maribyrnong. I submit that great weight should be given to these objections.

With respect to objection 358, which proposes to remove both Flemington and Kensington from Melbourne, I strongly oppose this proposal. The AEC rightly refused a version of this submission proposed by Labor in its initial round. It is notable that no-one else supports this radical proposal and even Labor no longer presses it. Removing Kensington and Flemington from Melbourne would result in significant disruption to these areas and would elicit a very strong community backlash. If the Commission is minded to agree with the removal of both Kensington and Flemington, I submit that at a minimum further consultation would be vital.

The northern boundary of Melbourne

I disagree with submission 381. At no stage have any constituents expressed concern to me about this matter and I note that the objection does not appear to be representative of any broader community sentiment. The current boundary is clear and well understood.

Labor's objections regarding Maribyrnong

In my objection (310), I proposed a way of retaining Flemington within Melbourne. It involved a consequential change to the boundaries of the proposed Maribyrnong (taking in part of Fraser) to ensure Maribyrnong remained within the relevant limits.

¹ Objections 32, 72, 76, 95, 130, 143, 148, 149, 150, 176, 192, 196, 209, 221, 224, 234, 235, 237, 241, 243, 249, 257, 260, 271, 279, 293, 302, 304, 305, 309, 325, 328, 395, 397, 400, 401, 403, 410 and 413.

I note that Labor's objection (412 at page 20, paras 8-10) seeks that Braybrook remain within Maribyrnong on community of interest grounds, instead of putting it in the proposed Fraser. Labor's objection regarding the seat of Maribyrnong and my, the Greens' and the community's objections regarding the seat of Melbourne could be accommodated by retaining Flemington in Melbourne and retaining Braybrook in Maribyrnong.

	2017 enrolment	2017 quota and permissible range	2019 enrolment	2019 quota and permissible range
Melbourne	104,982 + 6,138 + 40 – 2198 - 1192 = 106,980	106,954 (Between 96,259 and 117,649)	111134 + 6,293 + 41 - 3027 - 1211 = 113,230	110,372 (Between 106,509 and 114,235)
Maribyrnong	108,119 - 6,138 - 40 = 101,941 (But after gaining 5,255 from Fraser = 107,196)	106,954 (Between 96,259 and 117,649)	111,765 - 6,293 - 41 = 105,431 (But after gaining 5,473 from Fraser = 110,904)	110,372 (Between 106,509 and 114,235)

A slight change to the boundary of Fraser may be necessary to account for the 2019 projected enrolment, as there may be a shortfall of 500 voters:

Fraser	109,137 (But after losing 5,255 to Maribyrnong = 103,882)	106,954 (Between 96,259 and 117,649)	111,482 (But after losing 5,473 to Maribyrnong = 106,009)	110,372 (Between 106,509 and 114,235)
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This could be dealt with by adopting one of Labor's suggestions (a transfer of 745/751 voters in Sydenham from Gorton to Fraser) or a different approach. This proposal would also have the added benefit of requiring no further changes to the proposed western boundary of Wills.

In conclusion, not only is there a very strong groundswell of objection to the radical and entirely unnecessary removal of Flemington from Melbourne, but retaining Flemington within Melbourne instead of transferring it to Maribyrnong would also help address Labor's concerns regarding the proposed boundaries of Maribyrnong. (This would seem to still allow Labor's other objections regarding other seats in the west (McEwen/Calwell/Gorton/Fraser/Scullin/Gellibrand) to be accommodated should the AEC consider that appropriate, a matter about which I offer no comment.) Given that no other serious objections have been raised to the boundaries of the seats of Maribyrnong and Melbourne, I respectfully submit that this would appear to be a sensible course of action for the AEC.

Yours faithfully

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