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BRUCE/ISAACS BOUNDARY

- The Hotham/Isaacs boundary presents issues. Eastlink provides a more distinct boundary between Bruce and Hotham than Jacksons Road.
- Dandenong is a significant activity center in the southeast, serving as the local government seat for the City of Greater Dandenong and maintaining its own state electorate since 1904. Splitting Dandenong between multiple federal electorates has always been problematic, but the proposed redistribution exacerbates the issue.
- South Dandenong's inclusion in Isaacs was previously problematic, though it was at least a discrete neighbourhood south of central Dandenong. The proposed inclusion of Dandenong West, a neighbourhood closely tied to the Dandenong Activity Centre, into Isaacs is illogical. Isaacs's core community of interest is as an outer bayside electorate.
- This submission proposes placing all residential areas of Dandenong within Bruce to avoid further fragmentation. Ideally, an electorate grouping Dandenong with all suburbs of the City of Greater Dandenong would be best, but the next best solution is to connect Dandenong with Casey suburbs like Dandenong South and Hallam, where migrants often move from Dandenong as their initial settlement to reside in Casey.

BRUCE/LA TROBE BOUNDARY

- Shifting the Bruce and La Trobe boundary to Cardinia Creek weakens the community of interest within the electorate.
- The previous boundary between Bruce and La Trobe worked well in maintaining community cohesion, as residents in the eastern parts of Berwick are too distant from Dandenong for Bruce to be pertinent.
- Specifically, the area east of Lyall and Clyde Roads in Berwick shares more commonalities with Beaconsfield. Moreover, the semi-rural region between Harkaway and Guy's Hill aligns more naturally with the community of interest in La Trobe than with the outer metropolitan focus of Bruce.