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Comment on Re- Distribution of Higgins

In the proposed redistribution of Victoria into electoral divisions the Commission has argued that the number of Electorates need to be reduced from 39 to 38. Based on projected populations the electorate of Higgins had marginally weaker numbers, thus the recommendation to divide the electorate.

I have two concerns:

1. Population projections are notoriously inaccurate and perhaps shouldn't be the only determinate of changing an electorate.
2. Higgins is situated in the 'inner city – south east zone' which has traditionally housed a population of Civil, Commercial and Professional leaders of our community. If Higgins is to be broken up it should be joining similar electorates like Kooyong, Macnamara, Goldstein (perhaps Melbourne). I don't see the electoral 'fit' with Chisholm and Hotham unless it is for some political rationale, which I am sure is not the case as the Commission is independent.

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