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HOTHAM

- The electorate of Hotham has now become even more problematic in terms of community of interest. It goes across 5 LGAs.
- In particular, Malvern East and Noble Park would be some of the most dissimilar suburbs in Melbourne in terms of cultural diversity and disadvantage. There is also little commonality in terms of their access to services or community infrastructure - a resident of East Malvern would generally access facilities and services in the inner eastern suburbs whereas Noble Park access facilities and services in the south-east.
- That is why including all of Malvern East in the electorate of Kooyong makes more sense. This small revision would mean that Hotham would include one less LGA.
- The loss of population if that change were made could be rectified by incorporating further parts of Noble Park North and Noble Park in Hotham.
- In particular, the part of Noble Park between Heatherton Rd, Eastlink and the Dandenong Railway line should be returned to Hotham from Issacs. Residents north of the railway line orient to Noble Park North/ Hotham, not the bay. This would also help cement the identity of Issacs as an outer bayside electorate.