



Objection 19

Peter Collopy

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Subject: FW: No case made yet for changing the name Corangamite
Date: Friday, 2 April 2021 8:00:54 PM

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Dear AEC,

I have read this email from Lui Zacher, 20 March 2021 (below) and wish to make the following points:

1. What earthly reason do you have for changing this very good name we are proud of?
2. If you have any reasons, why do you not state what these are in public, so whatever merit they may have can be argued FOR and AGAINST?
3. Do you already know your argument has little or no merit...or is it just a whim, or is it a low-brow view such as just not liking Aboriginal names, and wish to remove our language name to something non-local and non-Aboriginal?
4. As an educated and proud local Aboriginal person, I very strongly wish the name "Corangamite" remains, and resent the attempt to wipe it off the map.
5. The name "Corangamite" is genuinely reflective of this area, our world, and us, and stands proud and strong against the overwhelming pressure from non-Aboriginal people and organisations for us to just 'go away for good'.
6. 'Why fix something that is not broken?'

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Peter Collopy

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 2 April 2021 6:20 PM
To: Lena and Peter Collopy [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: No case made yet for changing the name Corangamite

To Peter,

We all here concur, and from many of us local people's voices (both Aboriginal and non-aboriginal) this change is in a spiritual sense "Against what should, or what should never be said".

In other words, this suggestion to change is a nonsense.

Could you please send on for all of us.

Thankyou

Richard

From: [Lena and Peter Collopy](#)
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 5:09 PM

To: [Richard Collopy](#)

Subject: No case made yet for changing the name Corangamite

To be sent to ((FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au))

Dear AEC,

I have read this email and wish to make the following points.

1. What earthly reason do you have for changing this very good name we are proud of?
2. If you have any, why do you not state what these are so the merits of them can be argued for and against?
3. Do your reasons have any merit, or are they simply 'non reasons' or worse 'dubious views' such as you have had enough of this local Aboriginal name, and wish to change it from our language to something non-local and non-Aboriginal?
4. As an educated and proud local Aboriginal person, I very strongly wish the name "Corangamite" to remain, as a name reflective of this area and our existence.
5. 'Why fix what is not broken?'

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Peter Collopy

New name and boundaries for electorate of Corangamite



The Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) has flagged several changes ahead of the next federal election, with Corangamite destined for a name change.

One of the original divisions to have been contested in the first federal election, the AEC has suggested Tucker be the new name for the electorate, after Margaret Elizabeth Tucker MBE (1904 - 1996), for her significant work to create a more equal and understanding society for Aboriginal people.

Corangamite is believed to be derived from the Gulidjan word for 'bitter water'.

Corangamite was the fifth fastest growing electorate since July 2018, with nearly 9% growth. Due to the large growth, there will be substantial changes to the division to fall in line with the AEC's permissible number of electors in an electorate.

The newly named division of Tucker is set to shed over 16,000 electors when the boundaries are changed, and the redistribution will happen to the west.

One of the key changes means Colac Otway Shire Council and part of the Surf Coast Shire Council will shift into the division of Wannon, held by The Liberal Party's Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment Dan Tehan.

The other major change will see part of Golden Plains Shire Council, including Lethbridge and Meredith, will be transferred to the proposed Division of Ballarat, held by Labor's Shadow Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development Catherine King

There's been no flagged changes to the electorate of Corio.

Image: Proposed changes to the current division of Corangamite [AEC]