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RE: New Federal Electorate Boundaries

Dear AEC,

Previously I have written responding to your call for submissions regarding changes between the Mallee and Wannon electoral boundaries. According to a recent article in The Hamilton Spectator by Ash Bolt, it seems that the proposed electoral boundary changes will go ahead.

I wish to state once again, that until about 15 years ago the Dergholm area was in the Wannon electorate. My family and I, along with most other people we know in the Dergholm area, primarily gravitate towards Casterton and Hamilton for business, work, educational and everyday living requirements. When the electoral boundaries were changed all those years ago, we were extremely disappointed. In the Dergholm area, our local news primarily comes from Casterton and Hamilton. We do not feel informed about what is going on in Edenhope, or Horsham, or the many regions further north.

Basically, we just don't feel a connection with the Mallee region. We have a different climate, different rural needs, and as just mentioned, we do not feel informed about what is going on to our north. I sincerely hope you will consider what I have been trying to propose.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards, Murray Davis