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Dear Commissioner

Objection – Victorian federal redistribution

We are providing our opposition to a number of submissions made in regard to the proposed federal boundary alignments as they affect Golden Plains Shire.

Having reviewed the submissions to the proposed electoral boundaries, Golden Plains Shire Council would reiterate its strong preference for the existing boundaries to remain, with the Shire shared between Ballarat and Cox (Corangamite). However if that is not achievable, it is paramount that at the very least, the eastern area of the Shire continues to be part of the electorate that it is fundamentally and intrinsically linked to; the region in and around Greater Geelong, a community only minutes away.

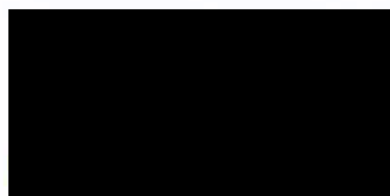
Golden Plains Shire is completely opposed to the statements in the submission from Colac Otways Shire (#329) and the submission of the National Party (#369) which, without any regard to our community, and especially those within our highest growth areas (Bannockburn, Teesdale and Inverleigh), suggests that we be realigned to Wannon, to the benefit of Colac, nearly 45 min away, be brought back into Cox (Corangamite).

It is very interesting and encouraging to see that the views of these two organisations is clearly not a unanimous position, as 40% of the submissions support the proposed boundary realignments.

Golden Plains Shire Council is very disappointed that we have to defend our position, and more so, the fact that another Council is even suggesting that our community be disadvantaged for their benefit.

Golden Plains Shire Council appreciates that boundary realignments are necessary, and these sorts of scenarios are likely to become more regular in years to come due to growth in Metropolitan Melbourne, its suburbs, regional cities, and Periurban areas like our own. However, every effort must be made to ensure that communities of interest are protected and communities are provided ready and easy access to engage with their Federal members.

In closing, we again would reinforce our strong objection to the whole of our Shire being transferred into Wannon.



Eric Braslis
Chief Executive Officer