



Comment on suggestion 23

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Submission to the AEC

Victorian Federal Redistribution.

To the redistribution committee for Victoria,

Re: Keep Colac Otway in Corangamite.

I write to you to express my concerns that you would even consider moving Colac out of Corangamite. I strongly believe that Colac should stay in the Corangamite electorate and not be moved into Wannon or any other electorate.

Not only is Colac one of federations original towns in the Corangamite electorate it also has great ties with this region that has taken many years and countless money to establish. Colac needs to stay in the Corangamite electorate for many reasons. Firstly Colac Otway Shire has all of its working partnerships with Geelong and sees itself as part of the Geelong region and is poised for growth based on these partnerships such as G21. Colac Otways future is bright only because of these relationships. Secondly as it is a marginal seat we need it to remain this way to grow and as we are close enough to Melbourne we need federal funding to help build our region and also with tourism from the cities and overseas we need funding to upgrade our roads etc to cater for the increased traffic. I'm sure Labour only want Colac Otway out of Corangamite so they can try to gis rid of some Liberal votes just to win the seat instead of offering us more with good policies. I trust the you on the committee are smart enough to see right through that ploy.

As Colac Otway's facilities are still not up to scratch to self cater for talented youth we rely on our relationships with Geelong and being part of the Corangamite electorate to nurture these talents. If we went to Wannon we would lose these relationships and funding for such things.

Morale in the Colac Otway has taken a hit over the past few years especially with the milk crisis and mother nature's droughts and floods. A move into Wannon would be detrimental to all of us and would be huge backward step that may just finish some people off. That is how passionate we all are to stay in our home of Corangamite. We have worked hard as a region to keep going through tough times and now our future looks bright and this is only because we, in Corangamite, are now a marginal seat. Please keep us here and tell the other parties to work harder in the want to win power here. There are so many reasons to for Colac Otway to stay in Corangamite and not one to leave.

Thank you.

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