



Objection 146

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Subject: Alernate boundary proposal for the Corangamite Electorate
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Attachments: [Maxine electoral boundary submission.pdf](#)

To the Aec redistribution committee,

Please find attached my submission and a link to the proposed alternate boundary, that was presented to a community meeting, in Colac on the 19th of April, that meets the required population requirements, and was felt by the vast majority of those present to be a better fit for our region.

Thank you
Maxine Armistead.

Motion passed at Community Meeting convened by Colac Otway Shire Council on 19 April 2018

1. We the members present at this public meeting strongly oppose the proposed electoral boundary changes as put forward by the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) on the following grounds:
 - The proposed changes do not meet the AEC's own criteria with regard to the 'community interest' in that we have little or no affinity with the communities to our west as we currently do to our east, in particular Geelong.
 - All our government services, including important areas such as health and education, are linked to Geelong with which we will soon have a completed duplicated highway from Colac which will enable a vastly improved commuting between the two towns.
 - We are currently well served by our hard-working Member of Parliament who has recently opened a second electoral office in Colac. We will not have ready access to our Federal Member if we are isolated in the far south-east corner of the approximately 36,000 square kilometre electorate of Wannon.
 - The proposal will split the Colac Otway Shire in to two different electorates creating the need to negotiate such things as funding for the Shire's needs with two different Federal Members of Parliament. This situation will create a 'them and us' situation which is not at all desirable.

I therefore request the Colac Otway Shire Councillors to convey these concerns and our total objection to these unacceptable boundary changes to the Australian Electoral Commission.

2. We further request that the Colac Otway Shire Council seeks the retention of the name **Corangamite** for the Division as a Federation Seat which reflects a greater affinity to the nature of the Electoral Division than the name of **Cox**.

3. That this meeting determines its strong endorsement of the Alternative Proposal for Electoral Boundaries for Corangamite presented to the meeting by Colac Otway Shire Council.

Moved by Phil Edge

Seconded by Keith Armistead

Carried by vote at the Community Meeting – Thursday 19 April, 2018

Members of the public wishing to comment on the AEC report proposal for the seat of Corangamite, including the name change to Cox, are urged to make a submission to the AEC at <https://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/2017/vic/index.htm>

Should any further information be sought on the AEC proposal or the alternative proposal to be considered by Colac Otway Shire Council at a Special Meeting on Wednesday 2 May 2018 please contact Council on 5232 9400.


Electoral boundary change submission.

I fully support the alternate boundary proposal as outlined to the community meeting, in the COPAC Civic Hall Colac on the 19th of April 2018, by the Colac Otway Shire acting CEO Mr R. Dobrzynski.

For the following reasons:-

1. Ease of access to the current Federal Members Waurin Ponds office, or to the part time office being established in Colac, or to wherever an alternative office is if there is a change of member, public transport within this boundary is far more likely to be readily available to most residents ratepayers and those in government agencies, including Shire officers, Than may well be the case if we are annexed into Wannon electorate as the current members office is in Hamilton, a considerable distance away, and having no public transport, even if the office were in Warrnambool, it is still not as conveniently accessed by train, or by road, as Geelong.
2. The Shire already has close ties with the Geelong region e.g. the G20 committee.
3. The community has much closer ties to the Geelong region: -
 - (a) Through many students travelling to Geelong both to Secondary and Tertiary institutions
 - (b) Business's, Community groups, & Sporting organisations are more likely to have connections in the Geelong region.
 - (c) Most of the produce from the area is moves either to Geelong or Melbourne.
 - (d) The Colac area Health network is closely allied with the Barwon Health network in Geelong.
 - (e) Already a number of people travel daily either from Colac to Geelong or Geelong to Colac, to work, with this number only likely to increase.
With construction of the dual highway set to be completed soon, and upgraded rail services being on the agenda, the Shire of Colac & the community ties are only likely to increase
 - (f) The new proposal avoids splitting both Colac Otway shire, and golden plains shires in half allowing them to negotiate with 1 member of parliament instead of 2 on issues of concern.
4. The new proposal would also allow for the retention of the original Federation seat name of Corangamite, with its connection to the indigenous & original electoral heritage.
5. We also strongly support the motion carried by those present on the night of the 19th April.

Signed



Date. 27.04.2018.

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