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Barwon Heads Association

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Redistribution Corangamite – Proposed Name

The Barwon Heads Association Inc.(BHA) represents over 180 residents and ratepayers of Barwon Heads which is within the electorate of Corangamite.

The BHA supports the draft redistribution boundaries.

The old Corangamite was always a very diverse seat covering communities with very different aspirations across a very wide geographical area. It seems reasonable to argue that a federal seat is best represented as a homogenous whole where communities are linked by common interests. This is much more the case with the suggested redistribution of the boundaries of Corangamite into a new seat. This is especially true for the Bellarine, which is now not split between two federal seats.

BHA acknowledges the contribution and lasting legacy to the teaching of swimming made by May Cox and understands that the current name of the electorate may no longer be appropriate. However, it is our opinion that the proposed new name of the Corangamite electorate is not appropriate and another preferably geographic name should be chosen. The AEC, however, prefers the names of people above geographical features. We wonder if an aboriginal name might suit, provided the local clans can agree? Perhaps there is an aboriginal coastal spirit name.

Yours Sincerely

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