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Central Goldfields Shire Council

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Submission to the proposed federal redistribution of electoral boundaries in Victoria.

Submission provided by Central Goldfields Shire Council:

This submission is provided in response to the proposed federal redistribution of electoral boundaries in Victoria.

Central Goldfields Shire Council, at its Ordinary Council Meeting 24 April 2018, resolved unanimously to provide a submission to the Australian Electoral Commission on the proposed redistribution of electoral boundaries in Victoria.

The proposed redistribution of Central Goldfields Shire from the seat of Wannon to the seat of Mallee is likely to be detrimental to the community of Central Goldfields due to the geographical barriers that this redistribution will place of the municipality and the placement of Central Goldfields Shire in an electorate where there is limited community of interest.

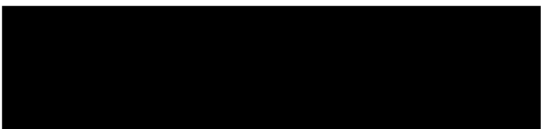
The means of communication and travel within the proposed electoral division is not practical, and at times not possible, for many of our community members and a huge impost not only on Council, but also community groups and organisations. Travel time by car to Mildura where the electoral office of Mallee is located is approximately 4.5 hours and covers a distance of just under 400kms. This makes it not only impractical for community members to access their federal politicians but will also place a burden on resources from Council organisations who require access to their federal politicians.

Central Goldfields Shire will be placed in an electorate where there is limited "community of interest" within the proposed electoral division. Council believes that it is more closely aligned to the areas of Bendigo or Ballarat in term of business and industry, economics, social issues, land use and connectivity.

Council has had significant approach by community members and organisations who are very concerned with the effect that the redistribution of electoral boundaries will have on Central Goldfields Shire.

Council strongly believes that Central Goldfields Shire will be adversely effected in the redistribution of electoral boundaries by being moved from the electorate of Wannon to the Electorate of Mallee and request this proposal to be reconsidered.

Yours sincerely



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