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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concerns about the proposed boundary changes to the Corangamite Federal Electorate. Whilst I understand the rationale with which you have formulated this plan, it is not the only way to achieve the required outcome for the number of electors in the federal electorates.

I am writing to provide reasons why the whole Colac Otway Shire should remain in the Corangamite electorate. The first and foremost issue is that it is the potential of this geographical area when a focused politician can help the region achieve efficient and competitive production. The Otway region has a strong culture and will provide grounds for politicians to address the areas needs in an harmonious manner. Should the western end of the elector be split away whenever interaction with government is required, two politicians will need to be engaged to help the district be competitive.

Colac is linked eastward to Geelong in many ways. There are historical, social, and regional ties between Colac and Geelong as well as strong links in the areas of education, health services, communications, and the very important links for business to the commercial centre and port of Geelong. This applies to both primary and secondary industry. These links should make for a dynamic seat for politicians to ensure a good focus. Being predominately agricultural we require focus to be world competitive and we have the makings of the correct infrastructure. A focused politician could enable this seat to become productive, efficient and a vibrant place to live and work.

Colac is connected to Melbourne, through Geelong, by a reasonable passenger railway and in time a freight carrying railway will provide a wonderful leading edge for the district. The new dual highway further improving the connectivity Eastward towards Geelong and Melbourne.

The natural terrain from Colac to Geelong includes predominately the coastal Otway Ranges and the inland volcanic Plains, providing a similar natural backdrop for the whole area in question, therefore needing a singular approach to land and catchment management across the Corangamite Electorate.

I recognise the major issue is the equality of voting numbers in a seat. In our case the AEC has a wonderful opportunity to structure a seat in a way to help Australia increase its competitive position through a single focus across the seat where the constituents are a diverse population with a focused view on improving Australian productivity. I am sure the AEC sees similar opportunities around the Nation and should take very opportunity to develop seats of universal and unanimous focus for Australia's competitive position leading to employment and good living conditions through education and medical infrastructure. This can be achieved through geographical similarity, voter diversity and will be truly beneficial to our country.

The current boundary based in the shore of Lake Corangamite is an excellent natural feature to be the western boundary of the electorate as are the existing boundaries of the Colac Otway Shire.

If this boundary is maintained the name Corangamite is entirely suitable to continue as the name of the electorate. I say this for three reasons.

1. Lake Corangamite is a large natural feature on the Victorian Landscape.
2. Corangamite is an indigenous word describing the water quality of the said lake as "bitter / Salt" and as a word is pleasant off the tongue.
3. Corangamite is an original Federal Electorate and therefore should be retained as a link with the creation of the Commonwealth of Australia.

Please consider this submission favourably as it represents the opinions of many people in this district.

Yours Faithfully,

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