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Aireys Inlet VIC 3231

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing with regard to objections made in relation to proposed boundary changes to the Corangamite and Wannon electoral boundaries.

Although some objectors have supported the movement of Wannon boundary eastward, others have rightly pointed to the social and economic impacts of eliminating certain communities from the new Tucker Division.

As a long-term resident of Aireys Inlet in the Surf Coast Shire, I am deeply concerned that the communities of Lorne, Aireys Inlet and Anglesea are to be annexed from the hub of the Surf Coast Shire. The economic drivers, and social/environmental aspirations of these communities are significantly more aligned to the centres of Torquay and Geelong, than they are to the regional centres stretching west to the South Australian border.

I have been deeply involved in our community for many years, have a strong understanding of local government, and appreciate the importance of having political representation from people who know and understand our communities.

If we were to sit on the western edge of the Wannon Division as proposed, there would be a significant risk that local residents of Aireys Inlet, Anglesea and Lorne could lose connection to important health, education and other social services currently provided to them via Torquay and Geelong.

I urge you to reconsider the removal of Surf Coast townships currently in Corangamite, and support us to be included in the new Tucker electorate so we can remain aligned with the economic, social and environment values currently provided through our connections to Torquay and Geelong.

Regards,

Libby Stapleton