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To: The Chairman, Redistribution Committee of Victoria

RE: Proposed redistribution of Victorian electoral Divisions

Objection: Renaming of Corangamite Division and Boundary changes.

Dear Mr Rogers.

First of all, thank you for the opportunity to be able to comment on the proposed changes, and for the work you have done, which I recognise as an important part of our democratic process.

My comments are brief and confined to proposed changes to the seat of Corangamite, where my wife and I have resided for over 20 years.

My first concern is the decision to rename the seat to the anglicised name "Tucker". I appreciate and applaud the gesture to recognise an Indigenous woman in the renaming of a Federal electorate.

In this case however I think the decision is inappropriate, first because Mrs Tucker was not an indigenous person from this area, and secondly because the name "Corangamite" is derived from local indigenous culture of this area.

I am also concerned that small coastal villages such as Anglesea, Aireys Inlet, Fairhaven and Lorne are also redistributed to a hinterland which is primarily agricultural and distinctly different in terms of culture, industries, economy, and needs. As I understand it is one of the Commission's main criteria in redistribution to consider Community needs -in that regard I do not believe that recommendation 424 to transfer Anglesea to Lorne residents to Wannon reflects that value in any way. For this reason, I ask that residents in our area are not relocated to the new seat of Wannon.

Numbers of people involved in such a decision are small and given the land locked nature of these small coastal villages will not significantly effect future required redistributions.

Yours Sincerely

Laurence Mason

