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**Re: Victorian federal redistribution – Proposed change to Tucker Electoral Boundary**

Att: Redistribution Secretariat,

Golden Plains Shire Council would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide an objection to the current Victorian federal redistribution process.

As a result of the proposed changes to the Federal Electoral boundaries, the majority of Golden Plains Shire will now sit within the **Ballarat division** which has been expanded to the south-west and now includes the Golden Plains Shire townships of Inverleigh, Teesdale, Lethbridge, Maude, Meredith, Rokewood, Pitfield, Linton, Garabaldi, Napoleans and Smythesdale.

While only Bannockburn, Murgheboluc, Gheringhap and Russells Bridge will sit within the newly named **Tucker division** (previously Corangamite division).

On review of the proposed boundary changes, Golden Plains Shire Council object to the townships of Inverleigh, Teesdale and Lethbridge moving into the Ballarat Division and recommend that these three townships remain within the Tucker division alongside Bannockburn.

The primary reason for this objection relates to community of interest, these townships are all significantly more aligned to the Geelong and Southern regions community of interest, including schools, sporting club districts, medical and health facilities and other essential services amenities with the travel time to these amenities less than 30 minutes while it is over an hour to travel to Ballarat's central business district and as a result is not the logical alignment.

A map is attached below to clearly present Golden Plains Shire Council's proposal.

We do appreciate the opportunity to submit an objection to this important process and we look forward to receiving the draft report for further comment.

Please do not hesitate to contact, Director Corporate Services, Mrs Philippa O'Sullivan on [REDACTED] should you wish to discuss Golden Plains Shire Council's submission further.

Kind Regards,



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## March 2021 MAP OF PROPOSED COMMONWEALTH ELECTORAL DIVISION OF **TUCKER**

Propose to change Tucker boundary to include Lethbridge, Teesdale and Inverleigh.

