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Greater Geelong City Council

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From: GREATER GEELONG CITY COUNCIL

The following statement was passed by Greater Geelong City Council on Tuesday 26th October 2010 as its position in relation to the Augmented Electoral Commission's proposed revised boundaries for Federal electoral divisions in Victoria, namely those within the City of Greater Geelong:

COMMENTS RE THE AUGMENTED ELECTORAL COMMISSION'S PROPOSED REVISED BOUNDARIES FOR FEDERAL ELECTORAL DIVISIONS IN VICTORIA 2010

Council wishes to support the Augmented Electoral Commission's proposed boundaries for the Corangamite, Lalor and Corio electorates.

In their proposal, the Augmented Electoral Commission has laudably recognized the cohesiveness of regional communities. In doing so it has rejected any merging of parts of the City of Greater Geelong with metropolitan Melbourne as proposed by the AEC's Redistribution Committee. Council believes this is a positive outcome.

The City of Greater Geelong is a member of Regional Cities Victoria, and is included in the State Government's regional planning. The City is also a member of G21, an alliance of Councils and other organizations between the City and Borough of Queenscliffe, SurfCoast Shire, Colac-Otway Shire and Golden Plains. It is plain to see that the City of Greater Geelong is not an extension of Melbourne.

For the people of the City of Greater Geelong the proposed changes ensure, in the most part, that communities with common interest are maintained.

In particular, Lara, Anakie, Moorabool and parts of Lovely Banks have been retained in Corio, reflecting that their interests and connections are with Geelong as their local regional city. Council supports this.

Whilst the Bellarine Peninsula has been divided between Corio and Corangamite, at least Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads have been retained in the one electorate, as they are communities of interest with much in common. Council recognizes the difficulty inherent in choosing where to place boundaries and acknowledges the Commission's solution regarding where to place the boundaries on the Bellarine Peninsula as an acceptable outcome.

Council would like to thank the members of the Augmented Electoral Commission for their consideration, and the care taken to ensure cohesive communities with strong economic, transport and social links are retained.

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