



# Objection 129

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Hi,

Please find attached my submission.

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## Redistribution and boundary changes for Corangamite and the formation of the new seat of Cox.

As a former Mayor and Councillor of Colac Otway Shire for 14 years, I would like to make the following submission.

In an ideal world it would be good to retain our current boundaries. I understand though that populations change and in order to maintain the same number in each electorate, boundaries will have to change from time to time. Therefore I support the proposal as put to us from the AEC.

I note that the Colac Otway Shire support changing the boundary to the north. This would have the effect of pushing Bannockburn, Inverleigh, Lethbridge and other communities into Wannon. For a community so close to Geelong this would seem contrary to the community interest. These communities are much closer to Geelong than Colac, so it is logical for them to be included in the new seat of Cox. For example, the fast growing centre of Bannockburn is only 24km from Geelong whereas Colac is 80 km from Geelong, so it makes no sense to change the the boundary in this direction. These communities have little in common with the seat of Wannon, whereas Colac has a clear history and practice of connection with Wannon.

It is true that a lot of Colac Otway Shires attachment is with G21 from a local government perspective. It is also fair to say that we are not exactly strangers to working collaboratively with the Great South Coast group of councils. Colac Otway Sire is a member of the Corangamite Regional Library Corporation, a body positioned across the Shires of the Great South Coast to deliver Library services. Campaigns like funding for highways, joint advocacy for more train services and better management of the Great Ocean Road, an iconic natural feature across our shire and that of the Great South Coast are examples of further collaboration. These partnerships/relationships are not affected by the positioning of electoral boundaries, but rather, are driven by common interests shared by these communities.

Splitting the Shire potentially gives us representation from both sides of politics. From our community's interest this is a very desirable outcome as it could be possible to always be dealing with a member of the government. Now I know this is irrelevant to the AEC as an apolitical organisation, but this is just an example of how the boundary change could work in our interest, no matter which party is in government. It certainly wouldn't be the end of the world!

Arguments about being a federation seat are irrelevant, as sentiment and history do not form part of the criteria. This is a non political process driven by the numbers. Many people have been driven to fear as a result of the politicising of this issue in our community.

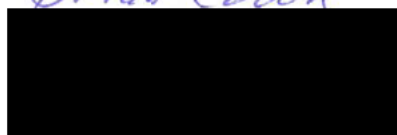
As for the name change I contend that while teenagers may get a giggle out of this, the opposition expressed by some adults, is very disrespectful of May Cox and her family. This honour is perfectly logical due to the length of coastline the new seat will cover and May Cox's dedication to teaching swimming and life saving skills.

I support the boundary changes and name of Cox as proposed.

Yours Sincerely,



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