



Objection 314

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Subject: objection to inclusion of Central Goldfields Shire in Mallee electorate
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I formally lodge this objection to the AEC recommendation to include Central Goldfields in the Mallee electorate.

My grounds are based on the community of interests criterion. Central Goldfields has been placed in Ballarat, Bendigo and, most recently, Wannon electorates.

The Shire has community of interests with both Ballarat and with Bendigo but very few with Wannon and none with Mallee, where we would just 'make up the numbers.'

Our commonality of interests with Bendigo and with Ballarat include our health systems, state administrative boundaries, commercial and manufacturing links, sporting competitions, heritage and goldfield histories, services such as police, ambulance, transport links, and education. The relocation to Mallee would place our Shire and its citizens 300km [Swan Hill] or 400km [Mildura] from the 'local' electoral office.

For these reasons a relocation to Bendigo or Ballarat would be most warranted. Remaining in Wannon or being moved to Mallee represent further severe disadvantage to the residents of Central Goldfields Shire.

Yours faithfully,

Alex Stoneman.

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