



Objection 334

Trinity College Colac

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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached a letter lodging objections to the proposed changes to the boundaries and name change of the existing federal electorate of Corangamite.

With regards,

Tim O'Farrell

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Principal

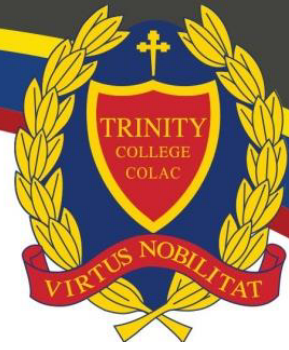


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4th May 2018

Redistribution Secretariat for Victoria,
Australian Electoral Commission
Via email
FedRedistribution-VIC@aec.gov.au

Dear Sir/Madam

This correspondence is by way of raising objections to the proposed boundary changes and proposed name change to the Federal electorate of Corangamite (Victoria).

I will address each of these objections as individual concerns.

The first objection relates to the proposed boundary changes to the electorate. The vast majority of the student population of Trinity College and by extension their families reside in the Colac Otway Shire which is contained within the existing electorate of Corangamite. Currently those who live and work in the Shire, including those in Colac, have many connections to other areas in the electorate in the agricultural, health and education sectors. Many of our government services are provided from the Geelong region and to move the electoral boundary may disrupt the connection to such services. In reality we often look to our partners to the east in seeking services rather than to the west. Splitting the local shire and spreading it over two federal electorates may lead to less cohesion between levels of government and has potential to have a negative impact on those who live in the local shire. I understand that the Colac Otway Shire has proposed an alternate set of boundaries to the electorate and urge the AEC to seriously consider this alternative prior to making a final decision.

The second objection relates to the proposed name change to the electorate. I understand that the electorate of Corangamite is both an original federation division and derived from an aboriginal name. In referring to the AEC guidelines for naming federal electoral divisions it is quite clear that 'every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation divisions'

(<https://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/guidelines.htm>) and that 'Aboriginal names should be used where appropriate and as far as possible existing Aboriginal divisional names should be retained.'

(<https://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/guidelines.htm>). While I appreciate that another of the criteria shares that 'In the main, divisions should be named after deceased Australians who have rendered outstanding service to their country' (<https://www.aec.gov.au/Electorates/Redistributions/guidelines.htm>), this criteria also shares that 'When new divisions are created the names of former Prime Ministers should be considered.' From my research I appreciate that May Cox has rendered significant service to Australia and I do not wish to minimise her contribution. I would request however, that on this occasion, the AEC reconsider the proposed name change to this original federation division. It is my opinion that the name Corangamite should not be lost from the Australian electoral system and we should continue to honour the aboriginal name of this electorate.

I trust that these objections will be considered prior to a final decision is made regarding the proposed changes.

Yours sincerely

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Tim O'Farrell
Principal