



Objection 360

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Australian Electoral Commission
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Submission regarding Proposed New Federal Seat of Cox

As residents and small business owners in Birregurra we support the AEC's redistribution of our former electorate of Corangamite. We do not consider that the changes to the electoral boundaries will have any impact whatsoever on our economic, social or regional interests. Though we reside within the boundaries of the Colac Otway Shire, we also share a strong community of interest with the Geelong and Surf Coast region and welcome our inclusion within the new seat of Cox.

Our concern relates to any possibility that as a result of other submissions the AEC may reconsider its decision to separate parts of the Colac Otway Shire into two separate electorates. We consider these new boundaries clearly satisfy the criteria for redistribution and should remain as proposed.

As part of a proposal being canvassed by the Colac Otway Shire, they are asking you to consider redistributing parts of Bannockburn and Golden Plains from Cox to Wannon, and Newcomb-Moolap to Corio, thereby creating the opportunity for the remaining part of the Shire to be moved into Cox.

We do not agree with this proposal. It moves regions that have much stronger economic, social and regional interests with Geelong, not to mention geographic proximity (such as Bannockburn) into Wannon which makes little sense.

We would urge the Committee to confirm their original recommendation.

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