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Subject: Corangamite renamed as proposed Cox Redistribution by Redistribution Committee published and exhibited maps showing proposed boundaries and names and reasons for proposal.

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To the Electoral Commissioner,

I am a resident of Corangamite and I am fully in favour of the proposed redistribution and the suggested renaming it as Cox and also agree that the inclusion of my home in urban Geelong as Corio makes sense to me on that basis. It is further submitted that the proposed name of Cox is appropriate for the electorate that is linked to so many coastal communities of interest given that 'Cox' is named in honour of May Cox (1883–1953), for her lasting legacy in teaching swimming and lifesaving to Victorians

I request that the Commission reject the multiple objections to the proposed boundaries that reflect the different interests of Cox and Corio as reflecting different communities of interest from an established rural community like Colac and rename Corangamite as Cox contrary to proposals such as 101 that propose alternative names.

These communities belong in separate seats, to be represented by different members who can focus on their specific needs based on the evidence submitted below for your consideration of the industrial nature of Corio, the rural and agricultural nature of Wannon and the Regional Coastal Community nature of Cox

An examination of the socio-demographic character of the electorates of Corangamite, Corio and Wannon conducted in the life of the current Federal Parliament including 83,858 interviews with electors - (conducted by Roy Morgan Research) shows the following distributions

Index = 100		CORANGAMITE	CORIO	WANNON
100	LEADING COMMUNITIES	57	22	11
200	METROTECHS	1	-	10
300	AUSSIE ACHIEVERS	118	165	150
400	TODAY'S FAMILIES	180	84	32
500	GETTING BY	1	118	19
600	GOLDEN YEARS	260	141	201

700	BATTLERS	135	207	200
	UNION HOUSEHOLDS	78	90	55
	NON UNION HOUSEHOLDS	102	100	101

These results provide evidence that the proposed boundaries provide a more realistic alignment of discrete community values that take into account of the following factors:

Corio naturally includes the urban communities that have been part of the Greater Geelong Community for most of the last century and the new boundaries are logical and should be supported..

Colac is a very rural area, and belongs in a seat like Wannon which reflects its interests, demographics and constituency with an essentially agricultural and rural community infrastructure and is properly assigned by the Commissioners...The Commission's proposed boundaries for Cox properly includes communities such as Grovedale, Armstrong Creek, Leopold and the Surf Coast are semi-urban growth corridors centred on the tourism and hospitality interests associated with coastal communities that have grown on the basis of an alternative lifestyle from that of the Geelong urban conurbation.

Accordingly I record my request that the Commission confirm the proposed boundaries that reflect the different interests of Cox and Corio as reflecting different communities of interest from an established rural community like Colac and rename Corangamite as Cox. These communities belong in separate seats, to be represented by different members who can focus on their specific needs based on the evidence submitted below for your consideration of the industrial nature of Corio, the rural and agricultural nature of Wannon and the Regional Coastal Community nature of Cox.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Colin Benjamin