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Additional information: From the number of objections that have been presented the feedback is overwhelming to suggest that Colac should remain as a part of the Corangamite electorate. The petition running has 626 supporters as at 18th May which is still increasing. <https://www.change.org/p/australian-electoral-commission-keep-colac-in-corangamite>

Lets hope that common sense prevails.



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Redistribution Secretariat for Victoria,
Australian Electoral Commission,
GPO Box 768 Melbourne VIC 3001

Electoral Redistribution Objection – Movement of The Corangamite Electorate into The Electorate of Wannon

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Colac Football Netball Club we wish to lodge an objection to the proposed Federal Election Divisions for Victoria, with relation to the Corangamite boundary proposed changes and the renaming of the electorate to Cox.

Our objection comprises of the following;

1. Sporting affiliations.

Our club is entrenched in the Geelong Football & Netball League since 2001. This move to the Geelong region has allowed our club to survive with many of our young players and members either studying or working in Colac, Geelong or Melbourne. Without this relationship our club would fail to exist given the connection our youth have with the Geelong region to enable them to continue to play for our club and represent our town. We have been also fortunate to attract the Geelong Falcons, Geelong VFL and Geelong Cats to our town in recent times which again highlights the connection that has been formed in our region. Our governing body AFL Barwon is based in Geelong which allows us as a stakeholder work closely with our fellow clubs to achieve outcomes that only sporting clubs can provide for a community.

2. G21 Alliance

Further to the above item Colac Otway Shire is a key stakeholder in the G21 Alliance with strategic planning from a sporting, social and business perspective. This alliance particularly for our local businesses creates the success for these companies which in turn they invest back into local sporting clubs in Colac. The separation of this alliance on all levels would have a detrimental affect on our sporting clubs and businesses in the Colac region putting pressure on clubs to remain viable which in areas such as Colac important places for many families.

3. Renaming of Corangamite

The electorate of Corangamite was an original federation seat created almost 120 years ago, with aboriginal origins. The history of this electorate and its members is of great significance in Australia and to see the changing of this name would disregard the achievements of our elders and as mentioned lose a significant part

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of our history.

4. Separation of our Shire

Local sporting clubs rely on the close relationships with their neighbours and local Government. To split our shire into two would dissolve our ability to work together with all levels of government for a common efficient and economical goal. Regardless of who the government of the day is, having one member that understands our region and the intricacies with how small communities cooperate is critical to the ongoing viability of these towns on all levels.

5. In summary;

- a. Retain the name Corangamite for the electorate.
- b. Retain the whole Colac Otway Shire in the Corangamite Electorate which incorporates the Geelong and Surfcoast regions which would in turn allow us to be represented by one member of parliament.
- c. The decision around electorate redistribution are considered more strategically around previous relationships formed with levels of local government such as G21 which allow better outcomes from an economic, social and sporting outcome and not based purely around balancing numbers which in our opinion is an antiquated approach for Australia in 2018.
- d. An online petition has been set up and in less than a week has over 500 signatures which highlights the passion and determination of the Colac community to see its future remain prosperous and secure in the Corangamite electorate.

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Yours sincerely



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