



# Objection 1

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Australian Electoral Commission

To whom it may concern,

I object to Corangamite being renamed Cox given the existing name is that of an original federation electoral division and is an Aboriginal name.

The AEC Guidelines note that the names of electoral divisions should not be changed or transferred to new areas without very strong reasons and that every effort should be made to retain the names of original federation divisions and as far as possible, existing Aboriginal electoral division names should be retained.

In paragraph 89 of the *Proposed redistribution of Victoria into electoral divisions*, these guidelines were used to justify not giving consideration to renaming two current divisions 'Fraser'.

The single justification to be inferred from the draft proposal is that Corangamite should be renamed because Lake Corangamite will no longer be located within the boundaries of the division. While Lake Corangamite will no longer be located in the division of Corangamite, the long-standing division name is now synonymous to the region, beyond the link to this landmark.

Further, May Cox's relationship to the region is somewhat tenuous, with her involvement in swimming and a connection to Queenscliff being justification for connecting her to a region that covers more than 7,000 km<sup>2</sup> and will continue to include a large proportion of inland rural voters.

Cox is a very poor choice in any consideration for a renaming of the division of Corangamite, however I would strongly urge the greatest of consideration should be retain the existing federation and Aboriginal name.

Your consideration for this feedback is greatly appreciated.



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