



# Objection 246

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Please find attached my submission to the 2018 electoral boundary review of Corangamite electorate.

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Australian Electoral Commission  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Federal Electorate redistribution, boundary changes & name change for Corangamite to Cox**

I support the boundary changes to the Corangamite / Cox electorate. Lavers Hill, Apollo Bay and the Great Ocean Road region more broadly have common interests in terms of the significance of the tourism industry, association with G21 which covers the broad Geelong region, the importance of protecting the natural environment and the need, which is partly being addressed, for improved mobile phone and internet access.

I note that areas of the Bellarine Peninsula, such as St Leonards and Indented Head, are currently in Corio and the proposal is to move these areas to Corangamite/Cox. This is a very sensible proposal. Although those areas are not on the Great Ocean Road they have common interests, particularly with Barwon Heads and Ocean Grove, in terms of G21, the coastal environment and tourism.

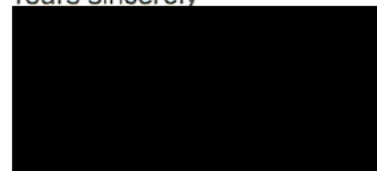
I am aware of an alternative proposal, to extend the Northern part of Wannon eastwards to include Bannockburn but exclude Colac. I do not support that proposal. To illustrate why I make the following observations:

- Bannockburn is 24 km from central Geelong. Colac is 76 km from central Geelong.
- Bannockburn's library service is provided by Geelong Regional Library Corporation. Colac's library service is provided by Corangamite Regional Library Corporation, which extends West from Colac to include Camperdown, Terang, Warrnambool and Mortlake. Apart from Colac, these towns are already in Wannon electorate.
- Whilst it can be argued that Colac has links to the Geelong region, it also has links to its West, including several businesses with offices in Colac and Warrnambool. I believe that Bannockburn would have stronger ties to the Geelong region than Colac does.

There have been some arguments about Corangamite being a "federation seat". Whilst that may be of some academic interest, it shouldn't interfere with the important work of Redistribution Committee to ensure that the revised boundaries have appropriate population numbers.

In relation to the electorate name, I agree that the name should be changed, as the change in boundaries weakens the links with the Lake Corangamite area. However, I think that a more appropriate name for the electorate would reflect the Aboriginal heritage rather than the proposed name of 'Cox'. I am not Aboriginal myself and I cannot speak on behalf of Aboriginal people, but I would suggest the name of Gadubanud, a local language group. I suggest the AEC contact the relevant local Aboriginal communities for their suggestions for a suitable name for the electorate, to reflect either a place name or to commemorate a local Aboriginal person who has made a significant contribution.

Yours sincerely



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