



Suggestion 5

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The electorate of Corangamite is largely rural.

Following several recent AEC redistributions regarding this seat, small parts of south Ballarat and west Geelong were included in this electorate.

This had several effects that are hard to understand.

- 1) It made the electorate of Corangamite such that it included areas that had no commonality of purpose - to wit, rural and low socio-economic urban areas.
- 2) It made this electorate such that it included a larger number of electors than the neighbouring safe Labor party electorates.
- 3) It had the effect of making a safe non-Labor seat into a marginal Labor seat, with no apparent logical reason for doing so.
- 4) It had no effect on the safe Labor seats from which these electors were removed. That is to say, the Ballarat and Geelong electorates remained (very) safe Labor seats.
- 5) It had the effect of creating an unbalanced rural electorate in a manner that creates a profound suspicion in my mind that there was a political motivation, rather than pursuing an outcome consistent with the putative purpose of the AEC.