



Comment on suggestion 29

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Electoral Division – Corangamite
Proposed redistribution of boundary to exclude Colac
Proposed inclusion of Colac into the Division of Wannon

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to extend to you my objection to the removal of Colac from the Division of Corangamite. Corangamite was formed at the time of Federation and named after Lake Corangamite which lies in the rural surrounding of Colac.

My objection is on the grounds of the ties between Colac and the Greater Geelong area especially between Colac Area Health and Barwon Health. Colac's strongest ties are to the east, the greater are of Corangamite Division. Local sporting clubs are affiliated with the Geelong Region, Business deal to the east of Colac, shoppers regularly travel to Geelong and in return Colac is supported by the incumbent political party. Roads, recreation and local businesses benefit from this alliance.

To redraw the boundary of Corangamite and place Colac into the division of Wannon would be to the detriment of the town and its surrounds. Colac would become the unknown and on the outskirts of an area that does not know us well. Yes we are on the outskirts of Corangamite, but having been there for well over one hundred years we have our place within, something that should not be taken away from us.

Kind regards
Barb O'Dowd