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**Objection Number 24**

**Jan Farrell, Councillor for Beangalla Ward, City of Greater Geelong**

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Sent on behalf of Cr Jan Farrell

Dear Committee Members,

Please find attached my objection to the proposed 2010 Victorian Redistribution.

Please note the views contained herein are my own and in no way reflect the collective view of Greater Geelong City Council.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any queries regarding my objection.  
Yours Sincerely,

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**OBJECTION TO PROPOSED VICTORIAN REDISTRIBUTION 2010  
AUSTRALIAN ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

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**From: Cr Jan Farrell, Councillor for Beangala Ward, City of Greater Geelong**

I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed changes to the Corangamite, Lalor and Corio electorate boundaries.

I believe the Committee has failed to recognize just how cohesive regional communities are. Certainly many residents I speak to would be horrified to know that our community is being considered on the same basis as metropolitan Melbourne, rather than as a distinct region with its own identity and strong coastal and rural ties. Any attempts to change the boundaries should take this into account.

For the people of the City of Greater Geelong the proposed changes would result in the area of the municipality going from being within two electorates, namely Corangamite and Corio, to being within three electorates, namely Corangamite, Corio and Lalor. In my opinion, such a proposal would result in a further divided community and would merge communities that have no common interest.

Certainly Werribee identifies more now with Metropolitan Melbourne than it has in the past and that is evidenced by the City of Wyndham being included as a metropolitan interface Council.

The City of Greater Geelong, on the other hand, is a member of Regional Cities Victoria, and is included in the State Government's regional planning. It should be noted also that the City of Greater Geelong is a member of G21, an alliance of Councils and other organizations between the City and Borough of Queenscliffe, SurfCoast Shire, Colac-Otway Shire and Golden Plains.

The proposed change to the Lalor boundary to take in Avalon Airport is particularly untenable. Avalon is the regional airport for Geelong, serving as the air gateway for the Western District for freight and passengers. More importantly it is an employment hub for the Northern Suburbs of Geelong. It is of little or no importance to those in the Lalor electorate.

Another aspect of the proposed changes to the Lalor boundary is the inclusion of Lara, Anakie, Moorabool and parts of Lovely Banks in Lalor. I believe none of these townships have any sense of communion with the communities within Lalor. Their interests and connections are with Geelong as their local regional city.

The proposed changes to the Corio electorate boundary, further divide the Bellarine Peninsula community, in particular, Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads. Again these are communities of interest with much in common.

I would argue that the whole Bellarine Peninsula is a community of interest, and any electorate boundary changes should take this into account.

On reading the submissions and responses to submissions, it appears that there are other possibilities for redistributing the electorates without affecting the communities mentioned above. I ask that these proposals be given due consideration.