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I am a resident of Trentham and I want to comment on any AEC submissions that recommend that my town of Trentham is moved from the Division of Ballarat to the Division of Bendigo.

I appreciate the difficulty that the AEC has in determining which electorate to put Trentham within, given that it is close to the border between Ballarat, Bendigo, McEwen and Hawke.

What I do know however is that the Shire of Hepburn should remain entirely within a single electorate and that the broader Shire of Hepburn is much closer to Ballarat than it is to Bendigo.

Trentham and the rest of the Shire of Hepburn have been within the Ballarat electorate for many years. I encourage the AEC not to change that now.

As an example of my relevance to Ballarat. I have been to Bendigo once in 2023. I have been to Ballarat at least 12 times in 2023. Most of my friends in Trentham would go to Ballarat significantly more than to Bendigo.

