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My name is Philip Edge and I reside at [REDACTED]

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to, what I consider to be, a ridiculous change to the electoral boundaries affecting the current Corangamite electorate. Our affiliation has always been, and should remain with Geelong and the Surf Coast shire for access to the numerous government services including the very important areas of Health and Education. Towns like Birregurra and Gellibrand use health and education services in Colac but, with this proposal, would be in a different electorate to Colac. We have no connection whatsoever with towns such as Hamilton, Stawell, Halls Gap, Casterton etc. and it is ludicrous to place us in a 'no-mans land' that this change would generate.

The Federal government is currently spending many millions of dollars duplicating the Princes Highway between Colac and Geelong to enable quicker and easier commuting between the two locations and now this proposal would put us in an unwanted affiliation with towns to the west. We currently have ready access to our Federal MP, Sarah Henderson, (who I might add has been doing a great job for the citizens of Colac and surrounds), via her Waurm Ponds office and her secondary office here in Colac. Why take this away from us? The move would seriously damage our ability to attract political attention and funding for our needs. We do not deserve to be arbitrarily shunted off into the wilderness.

With no disrespect to Ms Mary Cox, no-one I have spoken to has even heard of her. I can see no good reason to change the name of the electorate from Corangamite but would reluctantly accept that if deemed necessary, but I, and I'm sure the majority of Colac citizens, am/are not willing to accept the proposed farcical changes to our electoral boundaries.

Yours sincerely,

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