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Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge an objection to the change of the name "Corangamite" to the name "Cox" after some person whose name is not well-known in this part of the state.

I was born and raised at Deans Marsh over eighty-five years ago, also living for some years in Colac, the name "Corangamite" is an historic name for the electorate, possibly since the original electorates were created. The name has always been synonymous with the area, including Colac which is the heart of the electorate. It was named after Lake Corangamite, the word Corangamite is an aboriginal word meaning "salty lake", which of itself is another reason to maintain its history.

If you are intent on destroying history I believe there are more appropriate names with greater association to the area. Well-known in the Lorne district are the Beaurepaires – Sir Frank and his sister Lill. Sir Frank represented Australia in Olympic Games (hence the name of his tyres "Olympic"). Lill was well-known for her bravery in the rescue of swimmers who got into difficulty in the surf at the local beach. The family owned a guest-house and if Lill was working in the kitchen, when the alarm bell was sounded, she would drop what she was doing and rush down to the beach and, without hesitation, go straight into the surf to rescue the person in trouble. Another person associated with Deans Marsh was Marjorie Lawrence, who became a world-renowned opera singer whose career was interrupted when she contracted polio. She overcame her disability to continue singing.

I believe the whole redistribution is wrong and should be reviewed with "Corangamite" remaining as it was because of its historic name and Colac should be included with its boundaries. History is an important aspect of Australian culture and should be considered in redistributing boundaries.

Yours faithfully,

