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The Maryborough District Advertiser ^{2 pages}

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Additional information: Please consider our objection regarding the redistribution of the Central Goldfields

Shire to the electorate of Mallee.

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The Maryborough District Advertiser is a community newspaper that has represented the people of Maryborough and district since 1855.

It is the newspaper's interest to represent the concerns of our community members in regards to Central Goldfields Shire being allocated to the electorate of Mallee. We believe this will severely impact our local community.

Our community south-east of Bendigo maintains all facets of our lives including health, business, education and recreation. A good proportion of our community hold property or residence in the city of Bendigo, while conducting their business in Maryborough.

All levels of education that are provided to our community are facilitated from the regional offices, which are in the electorate of Bendigo.

Health Services including doctors, hospital, dental, private practitioners, visiting specialists and aged care are facilitated in the cities of Ballarat and Bendigo, meaning many of our community members travel to Bendigo for health-related requirements.

A broad range of businesses required to run our district's businesses, from agricultural suppliers and commercial enterprises to small business, are all available in the city of Bendigo.

Our community's sporting clubs, including the Maryborough Football Netball Club, utilise sporting and leisure facilities in Bendigo.

If we are to be included in the electorate of Mallee, access to our Federal Member of Parliament is almost impossible. Our area is more than 400 kilometres from Mildura, where we believe the Member representing us will be located.

In closing, we feel the community in Central Goldfields Shire would be totally disconnected from the relevant electorate if the proposed boundary changes were implemented and that there is no justification behind the decision to isolate Central Goldfields Shire from the relevant electorate of Bendigo.

We are a strong pastoral, mining and manufacturing district, and our community holds no relevance to many of the activities practiced in the electorate of Mallee.

Therefore we believe that Central Goldfields Shire should rightly be in the electorate of Bendigo.

Mike Rossi Publisher