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Attention: Mr Tom Rogers - Electoral Commissioner

Dear Sir

I wish to object to the proposed changes to the electoral boundaries that greatly affect the Central Goldfields Shire.

It was bad enough being moved from the electorate of Bendigo to Wannon in the 2010 redistribution. Due process was not carried out at that time, as there was no opportunity for voters to challenge that distribution. Now it appears the Shire will be shifted into the federal seat of Mallee.

I consider that the Shire fits better in Bendigo rather than Mallee. Mallee is a huge rural seat. There is no way being moved into Mallee would "keep together or improve existing communities of interest". I cannot see how being some 400kms from Mildura keeps us together.

We have more "community of interest" with Bendigo, through our common heritage (Goldfields); our sporting teams and leagues; our health services. None of these are available to us within the seat of Mallee.

I recognise the value of equity in terms of numbers of each electorate, but equally important to me is the value of my vote. Other than contacting the Member by email, I would have to travel to either of the Member's offices in Mildura or Swan Hill. I am concerned that my voice will not be heard.

I consider that moving the Central Goldfields Shire into the Federal electorate of Mallee will be a retrograde step.

Yours faithfully

