



# Objection 168

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Redistribution Secretariat for Victoria,  
Australian Electoral Commission,  
Level 1 Urban Workshop,  
50 Lonsdale Street,  
Melbourne. 3000.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re Proposed Redistribution Federal Seat of Corangamite.

As an enrolled voter for the Federal seat of Corangamite and a rate payer of Colac Otway Shire I view with both alarm and disappointment the proposed changes to the boundaries of Corangamite.

My concerns are based on two principles:-

The fact the City of Colac has been within the Corangamite seat since Federation and is linked in growing terms both geographically and economically to the Geelong region. To break this nexus would I feel place the area at a distinct disadvantage as the ties to the Western District have become weaker and will continue to progressively weaken with the passing of time

As a ratepayer the carve up of the Colac Otway Shire to two Federal seats would place a growing and unnecessary burden on the Shire Council in relation to funding negotiations and equity across the Shire as a whole. Given the costs associated with duplication this is something which is clearly untenable for both the Council and ratepayers and would if implemented lead to a drop in services or a rate increase (or both).

Whilst not a boundary issue in itself the proposed name change to the Federal seat of Cox would no doubt lead to a range of unsavoury connotations, especially with a female sitting member. I make this comment with no disrespect to the Mary Cox and her legacy after whom the renaming of the seat is proposed but do feel that some other form of recognition would be more appropriate.

I trust as both a voter and a ratepayer that due consideration will be given to the points raised and that the final decision taken will see the current status quo maintained for the benefit of the region.

Thanking You,  
Yours Sincerely,

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