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I write in support of the proposed boundaries of the electorate of Cox as outlined in the Proposed redistribution of Victoria into electoral divisions April 2018 for the following reasons The Colac community is a regional centre and with strong community links to the southwest region, Ballarat and Warrnambool. Colac (which will be in Wannon) and Apollo Bay (which will be in Cox) are greatly different. Apollo Bay is a costal town and has greater communities of interest with other similar towns to be located in Cox such as Lorne, Anglesea and Torquay rather than the inland town of Colac. This is why splitting the Colac Otway Shire is consistent with the provision regarding communities of interest in the Commonwealth Electoral Act. It uses the strong and readily identifiable feature of the coast and the coastal communities as a physical feature in the new Division.

Transferring the Bellarine Peninsula from the Division of Corio to the Division of Cox unites the coastal communities of the Bellarine Peninsula and the Surf Coast and it improves the existing communities of interest.

Makes an extremely strong community of interest socially and economically by putting large parts of urban Geelong into the Division of Corio, making the Division of Corio mainly represent consolidated Geelong.

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