



Comment on objections 19

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I agree with objections submitted as follows: 13, 19, 27, 28, 33 and 51

As a resident of the Federal Electorate of Corangamite since 1959, I am writing to strongly support the objections to the proposed AEC changes to the name of Corangamite.

While fully understanding the necessity to adjust the boundaries to accommodate shifts in population numbers, I cannot understand the reason for the proposed name change.

Like many locals, I confess to being ignorant about the name Tucker being connected to the district.

I have since learnt that Margaret Tucker, or Aunty Marg, to her credit, was one of Australia's earliest female Aboriginal activists in Victoria and around Australia.

However, Corangamite takes its name from the Colijon word koraiyn. The name is historic, recognised and approved of by all the main Political parties.

I remember last time the AEC proposed changing the name of Corangamite to COX, there were many objections – notably one from the then sitting member Ms. Henderson who strenuously objected to the proposed name change to COX – a word she obviously predicted could encourage ridicule by those who would mischievously compare the name to a slang word for male genitals. Understandably Ms. Henderson was not keen to be called the Member for Cox.

The same mischief could possibly occur when one stroke of a pen could alter the name of Tucker on Advertising and signage boards to a word which may also offend some!

I also have a personal reason for this – My family and I have resided in Ocean Grove, in the electorate of Corangamite since 1959, and My Great Uncle – James Henry Scullin was twice a member for Corangamite and eventually Prime Minister of Australia 1929 – 1932 (sadly during the great the depression).