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Dear AEC,

As a resident for nearly 50 years of Kingston, a small town near Creswick I wish to comment on any submissions that recommend removing Creswick and surrounds from the Ballarat electorate and putting them into Bendigo electorate. From where I live to Ballarat Town Hall is 25 minutes drive but to the Bendigo Town Hall is about 75 minutes drive. Similarly, I can get the train from Creswick Station straight through to Ballarat station – just the same as people can from Clunes. Ballarat and Creswick are so closely linked that Ballarat's local bus network includes Creswick and there are numerous services each day. This proximity means that people from the Creswick area commute to Ballarat for school, sport, work, shopping, entertainment and other social activities.

I had a business in Ballarat for over 30 years commuting daily, my wife also worked in Ballarat and my daughter attended school there.

We had and have no such links with Bendigo and I know no one who does.

Moving Creswick and the surrounding area into Bendigo makes no sense. It would be a bad decision and would place my community well outside of its community of interest.

Yours faithfully,

Jeremy Harper

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