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To the AEC,

I'm writing to object to some of the proposed new boundaries constituting the seat of Corio.

The proposed boundaries will see the electorate take in growth areas in the outer suburbs of Melbourne, outside of the Geelong local government area. The seat of Corio has, for decades, been a seat that constitutes suburban Geelong and the surrounding areas. To incorporate areas outside of the Geelong LGA is diminishing the seat as a seat that's focussed on Geelong.

Proposed alternative boundaries:

As a alternative to the current proposed boundaries, I want to propose the following changes:

- Remove the areas of the Golden Plains Shire proposed to be taken out of Corangamite and Ballarat and into Corio, and incorporate those areas into Wannon. Wannon is a predominantly rural electorate, as are the aforementioned areas, meaning they're arguably better suited to that electorate than the predominantly suburban Corio electorate.
- Keep the parts of the Wyndham LGA to be incorporated into Corio, in the Lalor electorate. This area is technically part of the Melbourne metro area and including them in Corio would take the focus of the electorate being a Geelong-centric one, away.
- Incorporate the suburbs of Waurn Ponds, Marshal, Grovedale and Wandaba Heights, in southern Geelong; and Moolap in eastern Geelong, into Corio. These suburbs already being established suburban areas are a better fit for the Corio electorate than the aforementioned areas currently in the proposed boundaries, and will help compensate for population growth in the Armstrong Creek growth corridor (in Corangamite) in future years.

I believe that the Corio electorate should remain a Geelong centric and Geelong focussed electorate.

Yours sincerely.

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