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To whom it may concern,

My name is David Cadby and I am an elector within the Division of Wannon. I refer to the Melbourne Age of Saturday 28 October 2023, page 33, and the advertisement 'Share your ideas about Victoria's federal electoral divisions'.

Please note that as a periodic employee of both the Australian and Victorian Electoral Commissions it is not appropriate for me to provide a detailed submission to this process.

I do want to make a brief suggestion in reference to the troublesome naming of the Division of Corangamite however. Throughout my life I have resided in both the Division of Corangamite and the Division of Wannon. I recognise that the boundary between the two Divisions has continued to moved to the east in light of the demographic changes which have occurred over recent decades, and that this trend in boundary change is likely to continue following this redistribution.

I appreciate that there have been a number of *unfortunate* attempts to rename the Division of Corangamite in recent times which I will not detail, due to the fact that Lake Corangamite (Victoria's largest lake and a significant First Nations location) is now no longer located within the bounds of the Division which provides its name and there has been a desire to make changes so as to represent this geographic reality.

My suggestion to resolve this geographic inconsistency would be to simply rename the Division of Wannon, as the Division of Corangamite, as Lake Corangamite now can clearly be considered to be a significant geographic feature of a presumably redrawn Division of *Wannon*. This then leaves the Australian Electoral Commission to rename the former Division of Corangamite, which I gather will be based upon the Surfcoast and southern regions of an ever growing Geelong, something new and hopefully suitable.

I believe that this is the most effective solution to this challenge as it both geographically and descriptively sound as well as preserves the name 'Corangamite' which is significant to First Nations people and also to the long electoral history of the Commonwealth of Australia as this name has existed since Federation in 1901.

Please contact me via email or on if you have any questions.

Regards,

David Cadby

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